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**TRAIN STATION SITE SELECTION STAKEHOLDERS TAKE
ACTION TO NARROW DOWN LIST OF POTENTIAL SITES
BEING STUDIED BY CONSULTANTS**

Buffalo – Mayor Byron W. Brown chaired a meeting of stakeholders who have been charged with selecting the site for the new Buffalo Train Station on Thursday, March 2, 2017. The members were briefed by consultants about the viability of eight potential station locations (spread out across three sites) for the new Buffalo train station. At the end of the update by WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff, the engineering consultant hired by the state Department of Transportation, the stakeholders voted to remove the Larkin site from further studies at this time, enabling the consultants to analyze and compile more detailed information on the remaining locations.

Robert Shibley, Dean of the University at Buffalo School of Architecture and Planning, who was named by Mayor Brown to serve as lead facilitator for the process, stated, “We have received very thoughtful input from multiple stakeholders, from the public hearing, and from many who have written separately. All of the input from stakeholders and from the public is accounted for in the analysis of the alternative sites being considered, and I look forward to the public review currently being scheduled for later in March.”

The Stakeholders decided to remove the Larkin site from further consideration for multiple reasons, especially factors which would currently complicate the potential for multi-modality at this location.

The public will be invited to attend an Open House event, where the same information will be shared by the consultants with the public on the viability of proposed locations later this month. At this meeting, the consultants will explain in detail why sites were eliminated and provide data summarizing the opportunities and challenges of each location.

On October 26, 2016, Mayor Brown accepted Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo’s challenge to form and lead a stakeholders committee that would work to reach a decision on a new train station location in Buffalo in six months. The committee is ‘on track’ and expected to wrap up its work in April.