



CITY OF BUFFALO

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CITY OF BUFFALO'S 2010-11 FEDERAL AGENDA

\$7,000,000 for the Statler Intermodal Transportation Facility

This project will involve the construction of a +/-15 story mixed use commercial building with approximately 900 public access parking spaces on 11 floors and 4 floors of Class A Commercial Office Space. The project will develop a currently vacant parcel located in Buffalo's downtown government district and bring additional parking on line to support current and future development in this district, including the Historic Statler building, the new Federal Courthouse & the existing Dillon Federal Courthouse. This project will result in increased property tax revenue to the City, the creation of temporary construction jobs, permanent jobs and the ability to market space and provide parking to bring new tenants to the City of Buffalo. One of the major impediments in redeveloping the Statler Hotel is the lack of adequate parking. This project will resolve that redevelopment hurdle.

\$1,000,000 for the Mayor's Youth Employment & Training Program

Buffalo requests funds to expand the Mayor's Summer & Winter Internship Program, which will work in collaboration with the Buffalo Employment and Training Center to provide employment readiness services and job opportunities to young adults. Young adults interested in attaining employment will be required to participate in the readiness program. The Mayor's Internship Program will provide employment preparation and job opportunities year-round. Approximately 800 additional youth will be served with the funding.

\$800,000 for the African American Cultural Corridor Improvements

Funding is requested for historical assets in the Michigan Avenue African American corridor. The funds will be used to create interactive museum exhibits at the Colored Musicians Club and for interior renovations and capital projects for ADA compliance at the Michigan Street Baptist Church.

\$800,000 for City-Wide Efficiency/ Emergency Vehicle GPS Tracking Upgrades

Funding for Buffalo's City Vehicle GPS Tracking Project will provide real-time assets management mapping and coordination for emergency service response. In addition, the GPS upgrades will cut down on vehicle maintenance, fuel consumption, and Citizen Service response times. With the oversight provided by the GPS tracking system, thousands of dollars will be saved on wasted fuel and valuable staff time. Initial tests demonstrated the average use of fuel was reduced by 25% and pollution in the community. The City plans on installing the GPS tracking system in all 545 City of Buffalo vehicles, with varying monitoring capabilities based on vehicle type. The GPS tracking system will allow the Mayor and City Department Heads an unprecedented level of oversight against waste, fraud, and the abuse of city assets. The City has installed GPS units on City snow plows, the pilot project has been extremely successful in directing, mapping and locating what and when City streets have been plowed.

\$360,000 for the Purchase of (8) additional wireless video surveillance cameras

Buffalo has initiated a video surveillance system in order to prevent and respond to crime, to protect critical infrastructure, and to promote economic development. This new high tech camera system serves as a crime prevention strategy being employed by the Buffalo Police Department to bring real-time video in emergency situations and evidence in criminal proceedings. The funding being requested will allow the City of Buffalo to purchase eight additional cameras for installation in high risk, crime hot spots, thus reinforcing Buffalo's "zero tolerance crime policy," championed by local leadership and the community-at-large. Buffalo currently has 109 operational cameras throughout the city.

\$1,000,000 for Fillmore Avenue Streetscape Improvements – Phase 2

The Fillmore Avenue Streetscape project is designed to complement the Mayor's The Better Schools/Better Neighborhoods Collaborative. The Collaborative is a demonstration project that seeks to build a comprehensive, integrated model of community development in the Martin Luther King, Jr. neighborhood. The goal is to turn this troubled neighborhood into a vibrant, socially functional community that is a great place to live, work, play and raise a family. Once constructed, the model will be replicated in distressed neighborhoods in other parts of the city and region. Constructing a developmental model capable of transforming distressed urban neighborhoods into vibrant and socially functional places is central to the task of reducing poverty in the metropolitan region.

The Fillmore Ave. Streetscape Improvement project would mill & overlay the pavement; improve vehicular and pedestrian safety by installing enhanced crosswalks, provide sufficient surface drainage and interception; reduce travel delays by installing a wireless coordinated traffic signal system; improve access to businesses and residential homes with new curb, sidewalk and ADA compliant ramps; install a new street lighting system and improve the streetscape environment with the addition of trees, benches and trash receptacles throughout the project corridor. The project would reduce vehicle emissions, improve air quality, reduce energy costs and help to retain existing businesses and improve the economic condition of the area.

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