



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 21, 2017

Contact: Lorey Schultz

(716) 851-5545

**TRAIN STATION SITE SELECTION STAKEHOLDERS HOST
ANOTHER PUBLIC SESSION REGARDING PLANS FOR
A NEW TRAIN STATION LOCATION**

Buffalo – As Chair of Governor Andrew Cuomo’s Train Station Site Selection process, Mayor Byron W. Brown, joined by Train Station Site Selection Stakeholders, hosted another public session in an open house format, where engineers presented the pros and cons so far of the potential locations for the new Buffalo train station. The meeting took place today at the Buffalo Museum of Science.

Representatives from WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff, the engineering consultant hired by the state Department of Transportation, presented city residents with an update on the viability of the potential station locations for a new Buffalo train station, explaining in detail the opportunities and challenges associated with each location. The two locations being advanced for further evaluation include the Downtown location and Central Terminal location. Earlier this month, the Train Station Site Selection Stakeholders voted to remove the Larkin location from further studies at this time. 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 consultants based their findings on the two locations (Downtown location and Central Terminal) being advanced for further evaluation on the following: the availability of existing track infrastructure, site control/ownership, connectivity to existing multi-modal transportation options, proximity to activity centers, and readiness for development. Examples of station configurations at each location were also presented.

During today’s open house, members of the public were invited to review and comment on the two remaining locations and provide recommendations on location evaluation criteria that will be used by the Stakeholder Committee to reach its decision. Public input will be accepted by the City of Buffalo through its project website until April 14, 2017. Those wishing to comment can do so by sending an email to BuffaloRail@City-Buffalo.com.

On October 26, 2016, Mayor Brown accepted Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo’s challenge to form and lead a group of 17-stakeholders who were charged with selecting the location for the new Buffalo Train Station over a six-month period. In return, the Governor’s administration will fund up to one million dollars for the study.

###