

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NIAGARA FRONTIER TRANSIT METRO SYSTEM, INC. FYE 23 BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) on **Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** This hearing will be held at the office of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority. Pursuant to legislation (S.50001/A.40001) signed by Governor Kathy Hochul relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the hearing will be held telephonically by video conference call. Only the Chief Financial Officer and essential staff of the NFTA will be permitted to be present in-person for the hearing. The public will have the ability to participate via video conference and telephone.

In order for the hearing to be conducted in an orderly manner and to assure maximum public participation, those who wish to speak should register with the Authority by November 29, 2021. Please provide your name, address, email address, telephone number and name of organization (if applicable) to NFTA:

Email: budget.2223@nfta.com
Phone: (716) 855-7300 (ext. 7238)

Upon confirmation of registration, you will be provided with telephone and Microsoft Teams access code information for the hearing.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comment and testimony on the proposed Operating and Capital Budgets for NFTA Metro System, Inc. for fiscal year ending 2023.

NFTA will afford the opportunity for all interested persons to be heard. Evidence and comments may be submitted telephonically or in writing.

Copies of the NFTA Metro System, Inc. budget will be available on November 22, 2021 at the Buffalo and Erie County Main Library, Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York and at the Niagara Falls Public Library, 1425 Main Street, Niagara Falls, New York.

This document will be available for examination at the offices of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, Second Floor, Metropolitan Transportation Center, Buffalo, New York, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on November 22-December 1, 2021.

This document will also be available electronically on the NFTA website: www.nfta.com

To facilitate an orderly procedure during the public hearing, the following rules will be in effect:

1. Those who wish to speak must file their registrations with the offices of the Authority by November 29, 2021.
2. Any individual may speak on the subject of the meeting for themselves or, if authorized in writing, for any group, organization, committee, association or firm. Any speaker representing more than one civic group, organization, club or association will be permitted to speak on behalf of all organizations represented.
3. Each speaker must limit his/her telephonic presentation to five (5) minutes. Speakers will be allowed to use their time to the best advantage without interruption. The presiding officer may ask a speaker for clarification at any time. Relinquishing of time from one speaker to another will not be permitted.
4. A prepared statement may be submitted in writing, prior to the hearing. Such written material must be legible on normal business size paper (8½" x 11").

After all registered speakers have been heard, the presiding officer will allow additional telephonic statements by other persons (identification required) between 10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.