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## **Coalition Working Group 1** **Access and Transportation**

### Working Group Goals:

- Introduce and gain understanding of the challenge
- Discuss Best Practices here and elsewhere- gather List of places/initiatives to research
- Generate List of who else needs to have input
- Create a schedule for next meetings and prep work to create a proposed plan of action to address the challenge

### Champions:

- Jennifer Tuttle, e3communications, Inc.
- Katie O'Sullivan, Go Buffalo Niagara

### Access/Transportation Challenge:

The Buffalo Niagara region is expected to have annual job growth of nearly 5,200 jobs through 2022. These jobs will be Located throughout Erie and Niagara counties across all skill Levels and industries. Ensuring a workforce can access these jobs is critical to sustain this growth. These workers will need a variety of transportation options as some will not have the resources for, or access to, a car or may choose not to own one.

While the region often ranks positively for connecting people to jobs by transit in national studies, there remains a segment of the population as well as employers who cannot connect easily by transit. Complicating this challenge is the need for second and third shift access as well as the region's history of sprawl; population and major employment centers locating outside of the traditional city centers of Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

### Next Steps:

- Collect best practices- related to ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained and Employed) population
- Gather "current condition" data on transportation system
- Survey employer needs/opportunities in conjunction with GO Buffalo Niagara effort