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National Leaders in Transit in Rochester

Many Have Built Downtown Transit Centers

Six national leaders in public transportation joined Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority Chairman of the Board, William R. Nojay and Chief Executive Officer Donald J. Riley for a luncheon today at the Crowne Plaza.

The six leaders, three of which have recently built downtown transit centers in their respective communities, spoke to an audience of nearly 250 regarding the economic benefits of a transit center. In Charlotte, North Carolina, 700 market-rate housing units including single-family homes, condominiums and apartments have been built one block from their transit center. In Spokane, Washington, significant retail space has been built immediately adjacent to their transit center with anchor tenants like Nordstrom's, Eddie Bauer and The

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Pottery Barn. Condominiums are in the midst of construction three blocks from the Spokane Transit Center.

“We are very proud that these six leaders took the time to come to Rochester and speak to our community regarding the experiences that they have had with downtown transit centers,” said Donald J. Riley, Chief Executive Officer.

“We have heard the same message over and over again from our own business community. The infusion of \$25 million to build a downtown transit center in that area of Main Street will serve as a catalyst for economic redevelopment,” said Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle. “Finally after 30 years of studies the administration at the Transportation Authority is eliminating the current problems and helping the local economy.”

The transit leaders in Rochester to address our community included:

Bill Millar	President of the American Public Transit Association Washington, DC
Michael Melaniphy	General Manager of Charlotte Transit Charlotte, North Carolina
Allen Schweim	Executive Director of Spokane Transit Spokane, Washington
Barry Goodman	President, Goodman Corporation Houston, Texas
Joel Volinski	Deputy Director, Center for Urban Transportation Research Tampa, Florida
Fred Haley	Director of Service Development Regional Transportation Authority Corpus Christi, Texas