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Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 3:53 PM
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Good afternoon, Olivia!

Last month, I spoke before the county legislature during its public comment period regarding the lack of progress on transforming the DL&W Terminal into an entertainment and retail hub. I had called upon Legislator Meyers to invite a member of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority to speak before the legislature, updating it on its progress. Unfortunately, they declined his invitation. I, too, reached out to Chris Fahey, Director of Consumer and Government Affairs for the NFTA. I would like my correspondence with Mr. Fahey and his response (found below) included under "Correspondence from the People and Other Agencies" on next week's agenda, please. I would like the legislators to learn of my efforts to get someone to address a project, funded with county taxpayer money, that is lagging far behind schedule. Perhaps someone else will have better luck than I! Thank you for your assistance.

Regards,

Todd Hariaczyi

From: Chris Fahey <Chris.Fahey@nfta.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 2:40 PM
To: Todd Hariaczyi <toddhariaczyi@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Erie County Legislature/DL&W Terminal

Hi Mr. Hariaczyi:

Thank you very much for reaching out. Unfortunately, because of pending litigation, at this time the NFTA can offer no comment in response to your inquiry.

Chris Fahey
Director, Consumer & Government Affairs
NFTA

From: Todd Hariaczyi <toddhariaczyi@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 9:02 AM
To: Chris Fahey <Chris.Fahey@nfta.com>
Subject: Erie County Legislature/DL&W Terminal

Good morning, Mr. Fahey!

My name is Todd Hariaczyi, and I frequently attend the Erie County Legislature sessions inside Old County Hall. On Thursday, December 4, 2025, I spoke before the county legislature during its public comment period about my concern on the lack of progress of transforming the second floor of the DL&W Terminal into an entertainment and retail hub. During my address to the county legislature, I called upon its chair, Legislator Tim Meyers, to invite a representative from the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority to come before the legislature to provide an update on its progress. As you are aware, as a state government authority, the NFTA greatly benefits from the use of county taxpayer money with little oversight from those same taxpayers. An invitation to speak before the Erie County Legislature on such a transformational project was an opportunity for your office to be more transparent to the public.

Regrettably, according to Legislator Meyers, your office declined his invitation to speak due to pending litigation with Mr. Samuel Savarino. My interest in this matter has nothing to do with the NFTA's decision to terminate its agreement with the project developer (as much as I may disagree with that decision). But as this project has been beset with one problem after another, I am gravely concerned that it will never cross the finish line. The public—whose dollars were used to reopen the first floor of the DL&W Terminal—is owed a thorough explanation of the plan for the second floor going forward. In particular, the NFTA should be able to adequately answer the following questions:

1. Will the opening of the second floor of the DL&W Terminal be further delayed as the NFTA seeks a new developer to replace Mr. Savarino? How soon does the authority expect to name his replacement?
2. Will the opening of the second floor of the DL&W Terminal be further delayed as there is no more funding in place for HVAC, electric, and plumbing for the second floor, as well as additional shoreline repair?
3. Will any development of the second floor of the DL&W Terminal include Mr. Savarino's collaboration with Project for Public Spaces and Buffalo Electric Glass anchoring 15,000 square feet, or will a new developer have a completely clean slate thus further delaying its opening?

If the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority is unwilling to come before the Erie County Legislature to speak on such a transformational project for our region, I am respectfully requesting that your office provide a written response to the aforementioned questions to me by Monday, February 2, 2026. I will then submit both my email and your reply to the county legislature's clerk so that it may be entered into the public record in time for their next legislative session (Thursday, February 5, 2026). Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Regards,

Mr. Todd Hariaczyi

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