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**MONROE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
INVITES ROCHESTER TROLLEY & RAIL TO PRESENT**

ROCHESTER, NY—The **Monroe County Council of Governments (COG)** has invited the **Rochester Trolley & Rail Corporation (RTRC)** to present at its September meeting, to be held Tuesday September 16th, 2003 at 8am in the County Legislature Chambers, 4th Floor, Monroe County Office Building, 39 West Main Street, Rochester, New York. The **COG** is the assembly of the Monroe County Executive, the Mayor of the City of Rochester, and Town Supervisors from each town in Monroe County.

“We’re delighted and honored to have the opportunity to present to such a distinguished group of local leaders. We’re seeing growing momentum behind our efforts to return trolleys and streetcars to Rochester, and we look forward to enlisting the active support and involvement of our local community leadership,” said RTRC President & CEO Christopher Burns. “We welcome the opportunity to show our community stakeholders how we’re working hard to bring new jobs, expanded tourism revenue and even an increased feeling of local pride to towns across our community.”

The RTRC seeks to have an initial trolley system in place in time to serve Fast Ferry travelers visiting Rochester from Toronto, currently scheduled for late Spring 2004. Immediate next steps for RTRC include continuing to build community and political support for the project, halting announced demolition plans for the Hojack Swing Bridge in Charlotte, seeking investments and commissioning more comprehensive feasibility and market studies in contemplation of securing larger-scale Federal investments.

The Rochester Trolley & Rail Corporation is a New York State Railroad Company formed in 2003 to return rail-based heritage trolleys and streetcars to Greater Rochester for recreational and tourism transportation. The first proposed trolley route supports Rochester’s Fast Ferry by linking Charlotte and the Port of Rochester with Downtown Rochester and Seabreeze, using the historic Hojack Swing Bridge in Charlotte and former Hojack (East-West) and Rochester Running Branch (North-South BeeBee line) railroad rights-of-way—assets which currently lay dormant. Subsequent routes focus on connecting Rochester’s local colleges, the airport, the entertainment district, museum district, public market, shopping districts, sports stadiums and the Neighborhood of the Arts.

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