

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-10

AUTHORIZING THE SUPPORT FOR A GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF CLEVELAND FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BEYOND TRAFFIC: SMART CITY CHALLENGE COMPETITIVE GRANT OPPORTUNITY

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) has issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Beyond Traffic: Smart City Challenge Grant for mid-sized cities with existing transit systems; and

WHEREAS, by this grant, USDOT hopes to improve the safety and enhance the mobility of surface transportation in cities, and address climate change, by utilizing advanced data and intelligent transportation systems technologies and applications; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland is one of sixty-four cities included in the mid-sized city criteria for the grant; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is the primary public transit provider in the City of Cleveland and in Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority supports the efforts of the City of Cleveland and the USDOT to improve surface transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority:

Section 1. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is hereby authorized to support the City of Cleveland's application as required and to execute agreements on behalf of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority with the City of Cleveland for the Beyond Traffic: Smart City Challenge Grant.


Section 2. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to furnish such additional information as the City of Cleveland and USDOT may require in connection with this application.

Section 3. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is authorized to accept the funds resulting from the USDOT Beyond Traffic: Smart City Challenge Grant.

Section 4. That, in the absence of the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, the Acting General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is hereby authorized to perform any and all of the above-described functions.

Section 5. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: January 26, 2016

  
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President

Attest:   
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CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority  
**STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS**

<b>TITLE/DESCRIPTION:</b> SUPPORTING OF A GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF CLEVELAND FOR THE USDOT BEYOND TRAFFIC: SMART CITY CHALLENGE COMPETITIVE GRANT OPPORTUNITY	<b>Resolution No:</b> 2016-10
	<b>Date:</b> January 21, 2016
	<b>Initiator:</b> Finance & Administration Division
<b>ACTION REQUEST:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

- 1.0 **PURPOSE/SCOPE:** This action will allow the Authority to support the grant application of the City of Cleveland for the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Beyond Traffic: Smart City Challenge Grant.
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** On December 7, 2015 the USDOT issued a Notice of Funding Availability for the Beyond Traffic: Smart City Challenge Competitive Grant Opportunity. The City of Cleveland is one of sixty-four cities which meets the size criteria for the grant which also requires that the city have an existing public transit system. The City of Cleveland and GCRTA are working together to prepare our "Vision for a Smart City." If the application is successful, the grant funds will significantly upgrade the City of Cleveland and GCRTA technology and ability to communicate across a number of platforms.
- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** Does not apply.
- 4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION / DBE BACKGROUND:** Does not apply.
- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** This action is consistent with Board policy to take advantage of all available federal grant programs for capital improvements, including USDOT grants and Federal Highway Administration Programs as well as the programs of the Federal Transit Administration.
- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** Funding available through this grant may be up to 100% of the total project cost.
- 7.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** Do Not Submit Grant Applications - This would not allow the Authority to pursue funding available through this USDOT grant for transportation improvements.
- 8.0 **RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the resolution supporting the City of Cleveland's USDOT Beyond Traffic: Smart City Challenge Grant application be approved.
- 9.0 **ATTACHMENT:** None

Recommended and certified as appropriate to the availability of funds, legal form and conformance with the Procurement requirements.



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CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer