

## Minutes

### RTA Audit, Safety Compliance & Real Estate Committee Meeting

9:45 a.m., March 4, 2025

**Committee Members:** Welch (Vice Chair), Elder, Pacetti, Sleasman

**Not present:** Weiss (Chair)

**Staff/Other:** Biggar, Birdsong Terry, Caver, Dangelo, Feke, Fesler, Fields, Fleig, Fogliano, Freilich, Garofoli, Gautam, Harris, Hlavacs, Jones, Jupina, Kirkland, Maddox, Marotta, Martin, Miller, Miranda, Mothes, Polly, Reed, Schipper, Sutula, Tarka, Wright, Young

**Public:** Gibbons, Loh, Wilkins, Sustarsic, Ronaldson, Gibson

The meeting was called to order by Welch (Vice Chair) at 9:45 am. Three (3) committee members were present having a quorum.

A presentation for the Port Connector Track Easement – a Permanent easement for the construction, use, operation and maintenance of a connector track, delivery switch and related facilities at the Port of Cleveland for the delivery of replacement rail cars. Jim Reed, Property Manager, gave the presentation.

This is a proposed permanent easement agreement with the Cleveland Cuyahoga County Port Authority for the construction, use, operation and maintenance of a connector, track delivery switch and related facilities at the Port of Cleveland for the delivery of the replacement railcars.

It is located at the Port of Cleveland, which is in an existing freight rail corridor. It is conveniently located adjacent to the GCRTA tracks. The easement is 40 feet wide and 450 feet in length.

#### Permanent Easement with Port of Cleveland Connector Track

- New railcars arrive by freight rail to the Port of Cleveland in Mid-2026
- Siemens transfers railcars from freight line to the Waterfront Line and moves via locomotive to GCRTA's Brookpark Yard.
- New railcars are to be commissioned at the Brookpark site off the Red Line near the Airport.

The terms, conditions and rights to be acquired by GCRTA will be memorialized in a permanent easement agreement which has been fully negotiated by staff and Port Authority. The terms include:

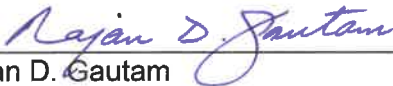
- Bib-exclusive – GCRTA has priority of use
- 40 Feet Wide / 0.3932 acre / 17,128 square feet
- No cost to GCRTA for easement rights
- Construction cost of connector \$900,000

*Recommendation*

Staff requests that the Audit, Safety Compliance & Real Estate Committee recommend approval of a Permanent Easement Agreement with the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority for the construction, use, operation and maintenance of a connector track, delivery switch and related facilities at the Port of Cleveland for delivery of replacement railcars to the full Board of Trustees for approval.

It was moved by Mr. Sleasman, seconded by Ms. Elder and approved to move to the full Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 am



Rajan D. Gautam  
Secretary/Treasurer

/s/ Theresa A. Burrage

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Executive Assistant