

RESOLUTION NO. 1979-138

AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A CITIZENS  
PARTICIPATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE  
GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that an advisory committee of involved citizens is an effective means of obtaining citizen input as it relates to the performance of Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's operations, planning and marketing activities and to provide a formal communications link with the community; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) Circular 1160.1 requires that grant applicants document the mechanisms, procedures and components in the applicant's planning process that allow for citizen and affected community concerns to impact on Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's planning, marketing and operation of public transportation in Cuyahoga County, to be in compliance with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act; and

WHEREAS, creation of such an advisory committee will fulfill part of the UMTA C1160.1 requirements;

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

Section 1. That the Board of Trustees does hereby create a Citizens Participation Advisory Committee for the purpose of advising the Board of Trustees in its conduct of the Authority's affairs as described in Paragraph 7 below.

Section 2. That said advisory committee shall be comprised of forty (40) members. Each Trustee shall appoint four (4) committee members. Any resident of Cuyahoga County, other than elected public officials and/or employees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, shall be eligible for appointment to the committee.

The term of each committee member shall be one year, commencing with the Annual Meeting (the first meeting in March). Each Trustee's committee appointee shall reside within the geographic area represented by the appointing Trustee.

Section 3. That said advisory committee shall meet on a bi-monthly basis, or more frequently as the need arises. All committee meetings shall be conducted within the Regional Transit Authority's Headquarters. The attendance of fifteen (15) or more members at any advisory committee meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. That the officers of the advisory committee shall consist of a chairperson and a vice-chairperson, who shall be selected by the President of the Board of Trustees subject to Board approval. The chairperson and vice-chairperson shall not represent the same geographic area of the community. No member of the advisory committee shall receive compensation for serving on the committee, nor shall any expenses be incurred without explicit authorization from the Board.

Section 5. That said advisory committee may develop and implement rules for the conduct of its affairs consistent with the provisions set forth herein. Rules promulgated by the advisory committee shall be subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

Section 6. That the advisory committee may create subcommittees as the need arises. Subcommittee members need not be members of the advisory committee, but only committee members may cast votes upon issues arising before the committee.

Section 7. That from time to time, the advisory committee's advice may be sought on such matters as may be required for compliance with applicable federal regulations.

Section 8. That it is not contemplated that the advisory committee's advice will be sought on issues pertaining to personnel matters, legal matters or matters pertaining to normal day-to-day management activities.

Section 9. That any and all reports, documents, studies, etc., which may be prepared by the advisory committee shall first be submitted to the President of the Board of Trustees for consideration by the Board.

Section 10. That nothing contained herein shall be deemed a delegation or assignment of the powers and duties of either the Board of Trustees or of the General Manager, Secretary-Treasurer or General Counsel.

Section 11. That in issues that may arise concerning long-range transit planning or development, the advisory committee will cooperate and coordinate its efforts with the Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency's community involvement committee process.

Section 12. That the Authority's Director of Planning and Development shall be responsible for all coordinating and liaison efforts between the advisory committee and the Board.

Section 13. That this resolution take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Trustees.

Adopted: May 22, 1979

President

Attest:   
Secretary-Treasurer