

RESOLUTION NO. 1980-200

EXPRESSING GRAVE CONCERN REGARDING THE LEVEL OF FEDERAL TRANSIT FUNDING FOR BOTH CAPITAL AND OPERATING ASSISTANCE AND REQUESTING A POSITIVE ACTION BY THE CONGRESS IN PROVIDING ADEQUATE FUNDING TO ENABLE THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY TO ASSIST EFFECTIVELY IN SOLVING THE ENERGY CRISIS

WHEREAS, dramatically increased costs of operation of private automobiles have motivated increased numbers of Greater Clevelanders to use the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority for transportation to work, shopping and for leisure activity; and

WHEREAS, in the face of this increased ridership the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is also experiencing, because of inflation, spiraling increases in operating costs for fuel, electricity, tires and other materials and supplies necessary for operation; and

WHEREAS, the principal source of revenue for the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, the 1% Sales and Use Tax imposed throughout Cuyahoga County, is not generating sufficient revenues to keep pace with inflation because of forced reductions in spending caused by layoffs and the decline in real spendable income; and

WHEREAS, the appropriations for Fiscal Year 1980 have been below the levels authorized in the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1978, making it even more difficult for the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority to meet the increasing mass transit needs of the residents of Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, the Administration and the Congress have indicated their intentions to appropriate funding for transit operating expenses in Fiscal Year 1981 at levels lower than the levels authorized in the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1978; and

WHEREAS, the Senate has expressed its intention to consider cutting the funding levels of capital programs for public transportation in Fiscal Year 1981 below the amounts recommended by the Administration; and

WHEREAS, this reduction in funding is not consistent with the country's energy conservation program which is aimed at more efficient and effective use of fuels because it limits rather than helps public mass transit which is in fact a part of the solution and not a part of the problem; and

WHEREAS, up to 15% of the Windfall Profit Tax Revenues can be used to increase transit funding assistance immediately;

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

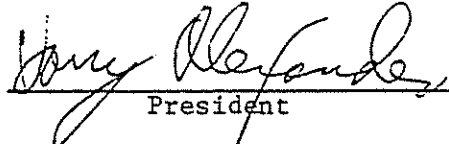
Section 1. That the Congress of the United States is urgently requested on behalf of the citizens of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority to appropriate Transit Operating Funding Assistance for Fiscal years 1980 and 1981 at levels no less than those authorized by the Surface Transportation Act of 1978.

Section 2. That the Congress of the United States is urged to approve the Administration Request for additional Transit Capital Funding Assistance of One Billion Dollars per year to provide new and/or replacement vehicles and facilities essential to serve the increasing demand for public transit service. Further, that the funding for such increase should be provided from Windfall Profit Tax Revenues.

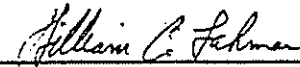
Section 3. That the Congress of the United States is requested to provide additional operating assistance funding using Windfall Profit Tax Revenues so as to allow those transit systems presently receiving less than 25% of their operating funds from Federal assistance to receive increases in operating assistance in steps leading to an equitable level of 25% Federal operating assistance for all transit systems nationally.

Section 4. That this Resolution is effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: May 6, 1980



President

Attest: 

Secretary-Treasurer