

RESOLUTION NO. 1986- 211

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION OF DIESEL-POWERED RAILCARS IN REVENUE SERVICE UTILIZING EXISTING RAILROAD TRackage WITHIN, AND INTO CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO.

WHEREAS, it is desirable to improve transit accessibility for residents of Cuyahoga County and persons employed within; and

WHEREAS, the Mentor Railbus Demonstration has effectively shown that there is public and private interest in the use of existing railroad trackage to improve transit accessibility; and

WHEREAS, there are major activity centers, industries, land and growing communities directly adjacent to existing rail trackage countywide which could benefit from direct transit accessibility; and

WHEREAS, proven technology exists, as in the BRE-Leyland Railbus, for providing high volume rail passenger service with operating and maintenance costs which approximate those of standard transit buses more so than those of electrified railcars; and

WHEREAS, there is potential in the funding, operation and maintenance of such service with private sector participation ("privatization"), an approach which has been emphatically endorsed by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the cost of instituting such service should not require federally-funded major capital investment.

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

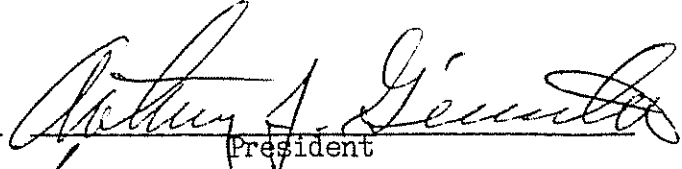
Section 1. That the Department of Procurement be and is hereby authorized to advertise a Request for Proposals for a contract providing for revenue operation of diesel-powered railcars on existing railroad trackage within, and into, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

Section 2. That the proposals shall be to implement service, where feasible, on existing railroad trackage within each or any of the following corridors of major travel emanating from downtown Cleveland: West, Southwest, South, Southeast and Northeast.

Section 3. That the proposer shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary agreements and permits to operate on any proposed Railroad right of way and to pay the consideration therefor.

Section 4. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: July 1, 1986


President

Attest: July 1, 1986
Secretary-Treasurer

