## **RESOLUTION NO. 1995-**60

## AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH STARK COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO DEVELOP THE CANTON-AKRON-CLEVELAND COMMUTER RAIL DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation has identified the Canton-Akron-Cleveland travel corridor as suitable for a regional commuter rail service demonstration project, known as the "Canton-Akron-Cleveland Commuter Rail Demonstration Project" (CRDP); and

WHEREAS, regional commuter rail service between Akron and Cleveland is among the top priority projects of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's (GCRTA) long-range plan, TRANSIT 2010; and

WHEREAS, Stark County Regional Planning Commission (SCRPC) has received an Ohio Department of Transportation grant to pay a consultant to prepare a detailed operating plan for the CRDP, for which a scope of work has been jointly prepared by GCRTA and SCRPC staff; and

WHEREAS, GCRTA has retained outside consultant services to evaluate an alternative railroad line for the Akron-Cleveland segment of the CRDP; and

WHEREAS, given GCRTA's and SCRPC's mutual commuter rail project interests, it makes sense for GCRTA and SCRPC to cooperate in advancing development of this important public transportation project using GCRTA's consultant.

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

Section 1. That the General Manager of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority be and is hereby authorized to execute an Interagency Agreement with the Stark County Regional Planning Commission of Canton to evaluate the viability of an alternative railroad line for the Canton-Akron-Cleveland CRDP.

Section 2. That the executed Interagency Agreement shall remain in effect throughout the period required for the consultant to prepare the evaluation.

Section 3. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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