

RESOLUTION NO. 1995-186

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE OHIO SIERRA CLUB LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES
CONFERENCE GOALS FOR NORTHEAST OHIO TRANSPORTATION PROJECT PRIORITIES**

WHEREAS, during 1995, the Ohio Chapter of the Sierra Club (Ohio Sierra Club) hosted a series of conferences statewide on creating liveable communities; and

WHEREAS, the stated purpose of the Ohio Sierra Club Liveable Communities Conferences was to "enhance regional economic development with environmental integrity, through transportation and urban planning strategies which are sensitive to public participation and which make a commitment to social equity;" and

WHEREAS, the Sierra Club Northeast Ohio Urban Sprawl Committee is recommending a statement of goals to the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) for consideration when setting transportation project priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Sierra Club Northeast Ohio Urban Sprawl Committee transportation project priority goals are consistent with the mission, goals, long-range plans, and market strategies of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, particularly with regard to encouraging transit-oriented development; and

WHEREAS, NOACA, as the region's metropolitan planning organization, is in a position to develop and implement policies and program action that will help control urban sprawl.

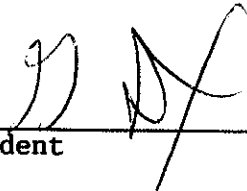
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority:

Section 1. That the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority endorses the statement of goals for transportation project priorities recommended to NOACA by the Sierra Club Northeast Ohio Urban Sprawl Committee.

Section 2. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.


Attachment: Goals For Transportation Project Priorities to Be Recommended to NOACA
By the Northeast Ohio Sierra Club Urban Sprawl Committee

Adopted: December 19, 1995



President

Attest:



Secretary-Treasurer

For endorsement by Liveable Communities Conference speakers and sponsors: Goals for transportation project priorities to be recommended to NOACA by the Northeast Ohio Sierra Club Urban Sprawl Committee

The value of what we build is measured in our quality of life. To create liveable communities and a healthy regional economy will mean investing our public will to provide convenient access to resources and opportunities for everyone, instead of just more lanes for more traffic.

To maximize the return on this investment, priority for funding in the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency's (NOACA) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) should go to those projects that show they will:

- preserve a sense of neighborhood community.
- not contribute to further erosion of the tax base of any urban community.
- reduce the need for travel by promoting compact, mixed-use development.
- decrease miles traveled in single-occupant automobiles by encouraging walking, cycling, and mass transit.

This strategy will yield long-term gains for all of us; urban and rural, rich and poor, young and old. We can also profit spiritually as we learn to measure how our lives are enriched by the places we create, rather than how fast we can travel between them.