## RESOLUTION NO. 1998 - 23

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE LONG RANGE PLAN OF THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, in April 1993, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority adopted <u>Transit 2010</u>, the Authority's Long Range Plan; and

WHEREAS, <u>Transit 2010</u> was developed through extensive technical and community participation activities conducted in cooperation with the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority to perform periodic review and updating of its Long Range Plan so that it remains responsive to the changing needs of the Greater Cleveland community; and

WHEREAS, current and projected land use plans and travel patterns in Greater Cleveland demonstrate the present need for updating the coordinated program of long-term, multi-modal improvements to the region's public transit system, which comprise the Long Range Plan; and

WHEREAS, in updating the Long Range Plan, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority conducted an extensive system level review of the current and projected public transit needs of citizens in its service area, with assistance from its employees, the community, business leaders, and public officials; and

WHEREAS, the system level review process culminated in specific project recommendations for future multi-modal transit improvements to the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority system, which comprise the Long Range Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Long Range Plan will help meet Federal, State, and local government goals and mandates regarding mobility, clean air, road congestion, and access to jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Long Range Plan will significantly expand mobility options via public transit for urban and suburban residents of Cuyahoga County communities by improving access between and within Greater Cleveland's employment, entertainment, tourist, recreational, and residential areas; and

WHEREAS, the Long Range Plan will provide viable options to the automobile that will improve Greater Cleveland's air quality, reduce congestion delays, promote more efficient use of land and energy resources, and thereby contribute to the social and economic growth and development of the region; and

WHEREAS, implementing the coordinated program of long-term, multi-modal improvements to the region's public transit system, which comprise the Long Range Plan, will bring quantifiable benefits to the Cuyahoga County economy; and

WHEREAS, the Long Range Plan reflects and embodies the vision of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, as contained in its Mission and Priority Policy Goals.

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

- Section 1. That the Long Range Plan of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority be adopted, and serve as a framework and guide for future long- and short-term public transit plans and improvements in Cuyahoga County.
- Section 2. That Long Range Plan elements be incorporated into the transit element of the region's long-range transportation plan, developed and updated by the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency.
- Section 3. That the Long Range Plan shall receive periodic reviews/updates in order to reflect GCRTA priorities with respect to emerging travel needs.
- Section 4. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is hereby authorized to take those steps necessary to carry out the implementation of changes and improvements called for in the Long Range Plan, subject to budgetary appropriations and project authorizations by the Board of Trustees.
- Section 5. That this resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED: February 17 , 1998

President

ATTEST:

Secretary-Treasurer