

RESOLUTION NO. 1999-25

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE EUCLID CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (ECIP) TO THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY (NOACA) RECOMMENDING THAT THE ECIP BE ADVANCED TO FINAL DESIGN AND ENGINEERING

WHEREAS; The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) has updated its Long Range Plan by Resolution 1998-23 to guide future development of region's transit system; and

WHEREAS; this Long Range Plan contains a number of major improvement projects intended to improve transit service throughout Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS; the Euclid Corridor Improvement Project (ECIP) is one of the major improvement projects contained in the Authority's Long Range Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) adopted the ECIP as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for a major transit investment in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) awarded the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) Grant No. OH-03-0151 to complete preliminary engineering of the ECIP and to develop a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS); and

WHEREAS, the NOACA Governing Board appointed an Oversight Committee to review all aspects of the ECIP preliminary engineering effort to insure that the ECIP is developed in accordance with NOACA Resolution No. 95-092; and

WHEREAS, the NOACA Oversight Committee for the ECIP met on a regular basis to insure that the design of the ECIP conforms to the LPA adopted by the NOACA Governing Board on December 8, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the GCRTA in conjunction with the City of Cleveland has completed all technical aspects of the preliminary engineering study effort of the ECIP including a Final Environmental Impact Statement.

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

Section 1. That the Locally Preferred Alternative known as the Euclid Corridor Improvement Project as developed and refined in Preliminary Engineering is hereby adopted.

Section 2. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer will present to NOACA the Authority's interest in pursuing the ECIP to Final Design and Engineering.

Section 3. That the ECIP shall be planned for implementation in a manner that enables the balanced implementation of RTA's long-range regional transit development plan throughout the entire GCRTA service area.

Section 4. That in conjunction with advancing the Euclid Corridor Improvement Project to Final Design and Engineering, RTA will also continue its efforts to increase transit options and accessibility to suburban locations with projects such as the Red Line extension to Berea and the I-X Center; the Blue Line extension to Highland Hills; the implementation of commuter rail in the Northeast, Southeast, South, Southwest, and Northwest travel corridors of the County; and the implementation of a system of transit centers, park-n-ride lots and other bus service improvements.

Section 5. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is hereby authorized to submit or execute any documents necessary to advance the Euclid Corridor Improvement Project to Final Design and Engineering.

Section 6. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: March 2, 1999



President

Attest:



General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer