

RESOLUTION NO. 1999- 56

**EXPRESSING THE DESIRE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THAT THE
AUTHORITY CONTINUE TO UTILIZE COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS
AS FUEL FOR BUS ACQUISITIONS**

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Committee has researched and evaluated the relative advantages and disadvantages of both diesel and compressed natural gas (CNG) as fuel for buses, including the relative costs associated with each; and

WHEREAS, this evaluation has determined that CNG fuel is more costly than diesel fuel on a life-cycle cost basis for buses; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Committee has concluded that the environmental benefits of CNG offer a substantial advantage over diesel with respect to particulate matter emissions from bus engines; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's goals include providing economic, social and environmental benefits to the community and the delivery of cost-effective public transportation services; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Committee has recommended that the Board of Trustees continue to purchase CNG-powered buses in the near term.

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

Section 1. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is hereby directed to specify compressed natural gas as the fuel for the Authority's next new procurement of standard transit buses.

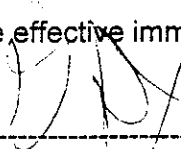
Section 2. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is hereby directed to include the capability to use compressed natural gas in the design of the rehabilitation of Triskett Garage.

Section 3. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is hereby directed to vigorously pursue initiatives and actions that will reduce the extra costs associated with compressed natural gas-powered buses.

Section 4. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is hereby directed to continue monitoring technological developments in the area of bus engine technology with the objective of reducing costs while maximizing environmental benefits and is directed to make periodic reports to the Board of Trustees on said developments.

Section 5. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: April 20, 1999



President

Attest:



General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer