

RESOLUTION NO. 2001- 30

**AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE
COORDINATING AGENCY (NOACA) IN SUPPORT OF THE
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS**

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration requires transit operators to participate with metropolitan planning organizations in the transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) is the metropolitan planning organization for the Cleveland urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is one of the 37 voting members of the NOACA Governing Board and is also a member of the Transportation Advisory Committee.

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 of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is hereby authorized to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, consistent with Federal law and guidance, that defines how each party participates in the metropolitan planning process.

Section 2. That, in the absence of the General Manager, the Acting General Manager of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is hereby authorized to perform any or all of the above-described functions.


Section 3. That the General Manager be and is hereby authorized to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Federal Transit Administration as well as the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency.

Section 4. That this resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: February 27, 2001



President

Attest: 

Secretary-Treasurer

Working to Improve the NOACA Region

Memorandum of Agreement
Between the
Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency
And the
Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority

Background and Purpose

The Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) and the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) are partners in providing transportation planning and services. The purpose of this Working to Improve the NOACA region (WIN) Agreement is to define the roles and responsibilities of these entities as they work to enhance the transportation system and quality of life for the citizens of Northeast Ohio.

Points of Agreement

The agencies agree as follows:

1. NOACA is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the greater Cleveland metropolitan planning area. The MPO planning area is composed of the five Northeast Ohio counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina.
2. In adherence to planning regulations and guidance established as a result of federal transportation laws, NOACA is responsible for metropolitan transportation planning and programming in the region.
3. NOACA's Code of Regulations includes GCRTA as a voting member of NOACA's Governing Board, and voting member of NOACA's Transportation Advisory Committee.
4. NOACA will account for applicable state and federal requirements in preparing the annual Overall Work Program (OWP), the Transportation Plan (Plan), and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
5. NOACA is responsible for the air quality emissions analysis to ensure TIP and Plan Conformity, and makes the conformity determination on the TIP and Plan.
6. NOACA will be responsible for developing a financially constrained TIP and Plan.
7. NOACA has developed a formal public involvement process, including public notice and comment periods, which is followed in the development of the TIP and Plan.
8. Selection of Plan projects is done by NOACA in consultation with GCRTA. Plan projects will be selected using the Governing Board's policies. The initial list of Plan projects is developed, supplemented by, or revised by public input received during the

public comment period. All comments received are addressed by NOACA and included as part of the documentation for the Plan.

9. Selection and programming of TIP projects is done by NOACA in consultation with GCRTA. TIP projects will be selected using the Governing Board's policies. If comments are received from the TIP public involvement process, they will be addressed by NOACA and included as part of the TIP documentation.
10. When a major transportation investment may be needed and a Major Investment Study (MIS) is planned, NOACA and GCRTA, along with the Ohio Department of Transportation, will cooperatively address relevant issues regarding responsibilities and roles in developing the MIS.
11. NOACA and GCRTA by mutual agreement will coordinate public involvement activities relating to programs and projects of mutual interest. Coordination efforts will take place at the planning and project level and will include all activities directly relating to NOACA's responsibilities as the region's MPO.
12. In order to monitor projects contained in the NOACA TIP, GCRTA agrees to provide to NOACA, as part of its application process, copies of all grant applications filed, regardless of funding source, that relate to projects listed on NOACA's TIP.
13. It is the intent of NOACA and GCRTA to carry forward the planning process on a continuing basis. This agreement becomes effective upon the date of signature by the GCRTA.
14. This agreement will remain in force unless cancelled by either party. Any cancellation shall include the canceling party's reasons for canceling this agreement. The canceling party will send the written notice of cancellation not less than ninety (90) days prior to the effective date of cancellation.
15. In the event that this agreement requires modification for any reason, the required modifications may be accomplished through the execution of a letter modification or supplementary agreement by NOACA and GCRTA.

The signatures below signify the acceptance and approval of this agreement:

NORTHEAST OHIO AREA WIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

Howard R. Maier, Executive Director

Date

GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Joseph A. Calabrese, CEO, General Manager

Date