

RESOLUTION NO. 2002 – 148

AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF APPLICATIONS WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION FOR TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS.

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio through its FY 2003 programs has made available funds to assist public transportation systems in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is the primary transit operator in Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is providing transit service and observing all federal and state rules regarding these programs.

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

Section 1. That the CEO/General Manager is hereby authorized to file applications and execute contracts for the FY 2003 Ohio Elderly and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance Program and the FY 2003 through FY 2005 Ohio Public Transportation Grant Program on behalf of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority.

Section 2. That the CEO/General Manager is authorized to execute and file such applications, any assurances or any other documentation required by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

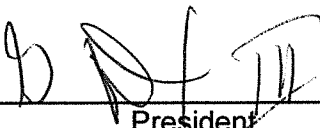
Section 3. That the CEO/General Manager is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Ohio Department of Transportation may require in connection with these applications.

Section 4. That the CEO/General Manager of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is authorized to accept the funds resulting from the FY 2003 Ohio Elderly and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance program and the Ohio Public Transportation Grant Program.

Section 5. That, in the absence of the CEO/General Manager, the Acting CEO/General Manager of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is hereby authorized to perform any and all of the above-described functions.

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

Adopted: August 20, 2002



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



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	Date: August 15, 2002
	Initiator: Executive
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1.0 PURPOSE/SCOPE:

This action will allow the Authority to submit grant applications to, enter into funding agreements with and accept funds from the State of Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for eligible transit projects.

2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:

GCRTA is eligible to receive funds under the Ohio Elderly and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance Program because it offers no more than one-half the regular peak-hour adult fare to elderly and disabled persons.

Under the Ohio Public Transportation Grant Program (OPTP) GCRTA is eligible to receive formula and discretionary funds for eligible projects. Eligible projects include planning studies (expenditure period January through December 2003) and capital projects for which matching Federal funds were appropriated on or after October 1, 2000. (Expenditure period for capital costs is July 1, 2002 through July 1, 2005). Capitalized maintenance, project administration and force account work are not eligible projects.

ODOT's Discretionary Capital program is a competitive program. Contracts must be awarded between July 1, 2002 and June 30, 2003.

So that ODOT and transit systems may plan for future capital needs, ODOT has requested submission of State discretionary projects that will be implemented during SFY 2004 and SFY 2005. In this regard GCRTA will request ODOT funding for Parmatown Transit Center (SFY 2004) and Brecksville Transit Center (SFY 2005).

3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Does not apply.

4.0 DBE BACKGROUND: Does not apply

5.0 POLICY IMPACT:

This action is consistent with Board Policy to take advantage of all available State and Federal Grant programs for capital improvements, including State of Ohio Public Transportation grants and Federal Highway Administration Programs as well as the programs of the Federal Transit Administration.

6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT:

GCRTA is eligible for State matching funds between 10% and 20% for the discretionary program and up to 80% of the non-federal share under the formula program.

ODOT amounts allocated and/or requested in FY 2003 are as follows:

Elderly and Disabled Program	\$ 570,871
Formula Program	\$2,540,904
Discretionary Program	\$3,000,000 (Triskett Bus Garage)

ODOT FY 2004 Discretionary funds (\$552,000) will be requested for Parmatown Transit Center. The total project cost is \$3,060,000 and the total ODOT eligible project cost is \$2,760,000 (force account, administration and contingency costs are not ODOT eligible costs).

ODOT FY 2005 Discretionary funds (\$790,000) will be requested for Brecksville Transit Center. The total project cost is \$4,275,000 and the total ODOT eligible project cost is \$3,950,000 (force account, administration and contingency costs are not ODOT eligible costs).

7.0 ALTERNATIVES:

Do Not Submit Grant Applications - This would not allow the Authority to utilize State funding available to the Cleveland Urbanized Area for transportation improvements.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION:

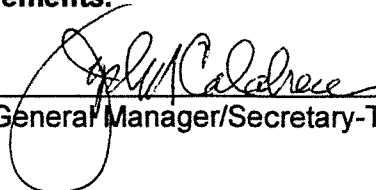
It is recommended that the Resolution for State financial assistance be approved.

9.0 ATTACHMENT:

None

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Recommended and certified as appropriate to the availability of funds, legal form and conformance with the Procurement requirements.



CEO/General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer