## **RESOLUTION NO. 2002 - 196**

AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF \$39,976.00 DUES FOR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP IN THE OHIO PUBLIC TRANSIT ASSOCIATION BY THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY FOR THE 2003 CALENDAR YEAR (GENERAL FUND - EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Ohio Public Transit Association (OPTA) represents the interests of public transit in the State of Ohio, primarily with the state administration and state legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, through its predecessor the Cleveland Transit System, is a charter member and has supported its efforts throughout OPTA's 33 years of existence; and

WHEREAS, largely through OPTA's efforts, state support for public transit has consistently been increased in each biennium budget; and

WHEREAS, dues to OPTA are levied on a calendar basis;

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 authorized to pay the Ohio Public Transit Association the sum of \$39,976.00 as the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority dues for active membership in said Association for the calendar year 2003 from the General Fund (Executive Department Budget), based upon appropriation of the 2003 Budget.

Section 2. That said amount shall be paid out of the General Fund.

Section 3. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: December 17, 2002 President

Attest:

General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

## Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

TITLE/DESCRIPTION: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF \$39,976.00 DUES FOR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP IN THE OHIO PUBLIC TRANSIT ASSOCIATION BY THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY FOR THE 2003 CALENDAR YEAR	Resolution No.:2002- 196  Date: December 12, 2002
	Initiator: Taras Szmagala
ACTION REQUEST:	
Approval □ Review/Comment □ Information Only □ Other	

- 1.0 PURPOSE/SCOPE: This action will allow the GCRTA to remain an active member in the Ohio Public Transit Association (OPTA) during 2003.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: OPTA represents the interests of public transit in the State of Ohio, primarily with the state administration and state legislature. Regulatory and legislative issues at the state level are becoming more and more critical to the Authority.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 4.0 DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND: Does not apply
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Does not apply.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: The \$39,976.00 in annual OPTA dues is provided for in the 2003 Budget. Dues are based on the following formula: All properties having a total of 100 or more active vehicles annual membership is \$1,000 per year plus assessment of \$42.00 per operating vehicle. Funding from Department No. 12 Executive, Object Class 509.000.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: <u>Do not approve payment of OPTA dues for 2003</u> This would result in GCRTA no longer being a member of OPTA and receiving the benefits therefrom.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board adopt this resolution as proposed
- 9.0 ATTACHMENTS: Does not apply.

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

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer