

RESOLUTION NO. 2003- 006

AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SHAKER HEIGHTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SHAKER HEIGHTS TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADE PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$720,000.00 – RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND (SAFETY DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the City of Shaker Heights is a political subdivision of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Authority operates its Blue and Green light rail lines in roadway medians within the City of Shaker Heights; and

WHEREAS, the interaction of rail cars with vehicles using said roadways has caused numerous accidents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shaker Heights is currently designing a city-wide upgrade to its traffic signal system; and

WHEREAS, integration of the light rail signal system with the City's traffic signal system will enhance the operational safety of the light rail lines; and

WHEREAS, The City of Shaker Heights has agreed to the Authority's participation in the project at a cost not to exceed \$720,000.00; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 306.43(H)(4) of the Ohio Revised Code, the purchase of goods or services from political subdivisions of the State of Ohio are exempt from the competitive procurement process; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager deems the offer of the City of Shaker Heights to be advantageous to the Authority, and recommends acceptance thereof by the Board of Trustees.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cuyahoga County, Ohio:

Section 1. That the offer of the City of Shaker Heights for Authority participation in its Traffic Signal Upgrade Project is hereby accepted.

Section 2. That the General Manager of the Authority is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute an interagency agreement with the City of Shaker Heights for said participation.

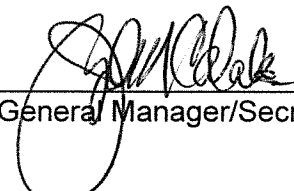
Section 3. That said agreement shall be payable from the RTA Development Fund, Safety Department Budget, including but not limited to Capital Grants OH-03-0178 and OH-03-0161, in an amount not to exceed \$720,000.00 (576,000.00 in Federal Funds, which represents 80% of the total cost), contingent upon Federal Transit Administration approval of financial assistance.

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Section 4. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority contingent upon compliance by the contractor to the Specifications and Addenda, thereto, if any; the Affirmative Action Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees in Resolution 2002-120; bonding and insurance requirements and all applicable laws relating to the contractual obligations of the Authority.

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

Adopted: January 21, 2003   
President

Attest:   
CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



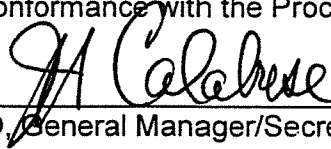
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	Date: January 16, 2003
	Initiator: Safety Department
ACTION REQUEST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

- 1.0 PURPOSE/SCOPE: This action will allow the Authority to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Shaker Heights for Authority participation in the City's Traffic Signal Upgrade Project.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: Shaker Heights is currently designing a comprehensive upgrade of its traffic signal system. Since the system will affect the at-grade operations of the Green and Blue light rail lines, the Authority desires to participate in the project in order to ensure that the upgrades provide a more sophisticated interface with its rail signal system, to reduce the number of rail car-automotive vehicle collisions that have been experienced (approximately one per month). Among the initiatives being considered are an extended green light period to allow rail cars to move through intersections more efficiently, and a "no left turn" roadway signal activated when rail cars are approaching intersections. The proposed agreement with the City will address the design and construction process, and maintenance of the system when completed.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Ohio Revised Code Sec. 306.43(H)(4) exempts purchases of goods and services from the state or federal government, other political subdivisions, or agencies of the state from the requirement for competitive procurement. Federal Transit Administration Circular 4220.1D encourages the use of intergovernmental agreements for such purchases, providing that the acquisition conforms to the FTA's procurement standards as defined in the Circular.  

The Shaker Heights project is funded through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), which will administer the construction bidding process. ODOT is a grantee of the U.S. Department of Transportation through both FTA and the Federal Highway Administration, and has verified that its procurement process conforms to these requirements. The Authority will review the ODOT process as appropriate to verify compliance.
- 4.0 DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND: Since this will be a city of Shaker Heights procurement, the Office of Business Development does not establish DBE goals or conduct Affirmative Action reviews. However, the Office of Business Development will assure that DBE participation will be utilized on this solicitation.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: None
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This agreement will be funded through the Authority's Development Fund, Safety Department Budget, including but not limited to Capital Grants OH-03-0178 (\$240,000.00), Line Item 12.63.01 and OH-03-0161 (\$480,000.00), Line Items 12.63.01 and 12.61.01, in an amount not to exceed \$720,000.00 (\$576,000.00 in federal funds, which represents 80% of the total cost). Grant funding is contingent upon Federal Transit Administration approval of financial assistance.

- 7.0. ALTERNATIVES: Reject this proposal. Rejection of this proposal would prevent the Authority from upgrading its light rail signal system and obtaining the benefits of coordinating its system with that of the City.
- 8.0. RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the offer of the City of Shaker Heights for Authority participation in its Traffic Signal Upgrade project be accepted and the resolution passed authorizing the General Manager to enter into an intergovernmental agreement.
- 9.0. ATTACHMENTS: None.

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



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CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer