

RESOLUTION 2005- 38

RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2003-018 AND SELECTING ALTERNATIVE 5 AS THE LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE (LPA) FOR THE PROSPECT AND E. 21ST STREET INTERMODAL CENTER ALSO KNOWN AS THE EAST SIDE TRANSIT CENTER PROJECT.

WHEREAS, The Authority is completing the local planning process for the Prospect and E. 21st Street Intermodal Center (Eastside Transit Center) required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); and

WHEREAS, After the approval of Resolution 2003-018, circumstances surrounding the scope of the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project (ECTP) changed resulting in the elimination of the Prospect and E.21st Street Intermodal Center as an ECTP component.

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2004 the Board of Trustees approved Resolution 2004-117 authorizing a contract to the Corradino Group to conduct further analysis on additional sites for the Prospect and E. 21st Street Intermodal Center required by the NEPA process; and

WHEREAS, the data provided by that analysis has demonstrated that Alternative 5 has fewer potential environmental impacts and decreased capital costs. It also provides a better opportunity for the joint development of a high quality Intermodal Center than does Alternative 4A approved by the Board in Resolution 2003-018; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees wishes to make the selection of Alternative 5 as the locally preferred alternative to undertake a major fixed facility transit improvement and advance the design of the Prospect and E. 21st Street Intermodal Center previously referred to as the East Side Transit Center.

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

Section 1: That Resolution 2003-018 selecting Alternative 4A as the locally preferred alternative for the Prospect and E. 21st Street Intermodal Center is rescinded.

Section 2: That Alternative 5 represents the least costly Transit Center Build alternative with the least number of potential environmental impact while meeting the project goals of encouraging mobility, increasing transit ridership, and providing the highest opportunity for joint development for an this important Intermodal Center.

Section 3: That Alternative 5 as defined in the Environmental Assessment Report is selected as the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Prospect and E. 21st street Intermodal Center formerly known as the East Side Transit Center to be advanced through the FTA process.

Section 4: That GCRTA will work in concert with the CSU Master Plan, the City of Cleveland, ODOT, all consulting parties and other local stakeholders that this project may potentially affect to provide the highest quality transportation investment possible.

Section 5: That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to file all grant applications and to execute all documents necessary to complete the federal process required to receive funding and approvals for the project.


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

Adopted: March 15, 2005



President

Attest:



CEO/General Manager
Secretary-Treasurer