

RESOLUTION NO. 2005 – 49

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE
GREATER CLEVELAND WATERFRONT DISTRICT PLAN

WHEREAS, in April 2002, Cleveland commenced a comprehensive lakefront planning process with an overall vision to shape the lakefront as the most vital element in the transformation of Cleveland as a place to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, over 5,000 public comments were received through a series of regional meetings, focused stakeholder discussions, small area planning charettes, and education forums; and

WHEREAS, a framework plan was developed from resident and stakeholder input that proposed an accessible waterfront, one that enhances the City of Cleveland as a great urban center, supporting a high quality of life for citizens and improving Cleveland's regional competitiveness in the global market place; and

WHEREAS, the new Greater Cleveland Waterfront District Plan yields an initial 3,000 acres for public enhancements through a systems based approach to infrastructure, parks, waterside, neighborhoods, and sustainable improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority supports the general goals of the Greater Cleveland Waterfront District Plan to:

- Improve and increase access to the lakefront for all citizens
- Improve the quality of amenities, activities, and urban design along the lakefront
- Promote development within the District to foster economic diversity, increase the city's tax base, and strengthen downtown as a regional center of economic activity
- Continue to enhance safety throughout the District
- Protect and enhance the natural systems and environmental quality of the District

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

Section 1. That the Board of Trustees hereby endorses the Greater Cleveland Waterfront District Plan and its systems approach to leveraging waterfront improvements.


Section 2. The RTA Board of Trustees encourages the continued use of transit friendly design principals, and that public transit access, both to and along the waterfront, be integral to the project.

Section 3. That the Board of Trustees recognizes that greater collaboration on shoreline strategies and broadened waterfront districts will improve the region as we better protect, utilize, enhance, and celebrate the strength of Great Lake Erie and the Cuyahoga River Valley as Northeast Ohio's most powerful natural assets.

Section 4 That the Board of Trustees endorses the vision to shape the greater Cleveland waterfronts as quality places to live, work, and play, and as a result of this endorsement, this organization will further partner on waterfront strategies aimed at enhancing Northeast Ohio's overall regional competitiveness in the 21st century.

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

Adopted: April 19 2005



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

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TITLE/DESCRIPTION: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE GREATER CLEVELAND WATERFRONT DISTRICT PLAN	Resolution No.: 2005- 49
	Date: April 14, 2005
	Initiator: Joseph Calabrese
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 indicate the Board's endorsement of the Greater Cleveland Waterfront District Plan.

2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: The Committee of the Whole Board of the GCRTA Board of Trustees viewed a presentation by the City of Cleveland at its March 15, 2005 meeting, which outlined the comprehensive lakefront planning process and general goals of the Greater Cleveland Waterfront District Plan. The Board President requested that the Board show its support of the Plan by adoption of a Board Resolution.

Adoption of this resolution will reflect the Board's support of the general goals and vision of the Greater Cleveland Waterfront District Plan to:

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3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Does not apply.

4.0 DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND: Does not apply.

5.0 POLICY IMPACT: This endorsement is consistent with the Board policy goal to provide community benefits.

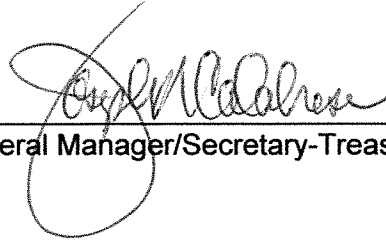
6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: Does not apply.

7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Not adopt the action.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This plan was reviewed by the Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole Board at its March 15, 2005 meeting. This resolution is recommended for adoption by the Board of Trustees.

9.0 ATTACHMENTS: None.

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



General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer