

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-82

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER/SECRETARY-TREASURER TO NOTIFY IN WRITING THE DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE AUTHORITY'S INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF NOT MORE THAN \$165,000.00 TOWARD AUTHORITY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEARS 2006-2010 UPON CREATION OF SUCH SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Downtown Cleveland Improvement Corporation's Downtown Cleveland Special Improvement District Steering Committee has developed a proposal to create a special improvement district in Downtown Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority has been notified by the Steering Committee of the Downtown Cleveland Special Improvement District of their intent to secure and present to the City of Cleveland a petition for the creation of a Special Improvement District pursuant to 1710 et seq. of the Ohio revised Code; and

WHEREAS, such Special Improvement District will provide supplemental security, maintenance and other services that will benefit areas served by the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that participation in the funding for the Downtown Cleveland Special Improvement District will protect and enhance the Authority's Downtown facilities and be of great benefit to the Authority's personnel and its customers; and

WHEREAS, the area to be included in the Downtown Cleveland Special Improvement District will not include authority property, unless the Authority has specifically requested in writing that Authority property be included in the District.

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

Section 1. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to notify, in writing, the Downtown Cleveland Special Improvement District Steering Committee that the Authority desires that its property located in the proposed geographic area be included in the District as set forth in the attachments hereto.

Section 2. That the Authority hereby approves the Initial Comprehensive Services Plan for the Downtown Cleveland Special Improvement District submitted by the Downtown Cleveland Improvement Corporation as set forth in the attachments hereto.

Section 3. That the Authority hereby authorizes the expenditure of not more than \$165,000.00 to be paid in accordance with the assessment valuation in the Comprehensive Services Plan to be paid over a period of five (5) years from 2006 through 2010.

Section 4. That said assessment should be paid in the amount of \$165,000.00.

Section 5. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to take such action and execute and deliver such further documents as, acting with the advice of counsel, shall be deemed necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

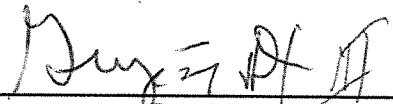
Section 6. That the Authority's participation shall be contingent upon Cleveland City Council's approval of the creation of such Downtown Cleveland Special Improvement District.

Section 7. That this Resolution shall become effective on its adoption.

Attachment A: Initial Comprehensive Services Plan for the Downtown Cleveland Improvement District Submitted by the Downtown Cleveland Improvement Corporation

Attachment B: Letter from Joseph Calabrese to Joseph Marunicci dated June 14, 2005.

Adopted: June 21, 2005



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/ Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

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	Date: June 16, 2005
	Initiator: General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
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 authorize the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer to notify the Steering Committee of the Downtown Cleveland Special Improvement District (SID) of RTA's willingness to participate in the creation of the SID and be assessed based on the proposed business plan for 2006 through 2010. A SID is a self-help tool authorized by Ohio law to allow property owners within a self-defined district to organize and assess themselves the cost of providing area-wide services. Entities such as RTA must consent in writing in order to be assessed and be a part of SID. This resolution will permit RTA participation in the creation of such a SID and is contingent upon approval by the City of Cleveland. Once the petition has been sent to the City, the appropriate legislative authority must authorize the SID.
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** The proposed district area of the SID is located in Downtown Cleveland and is an area of significant use by public transit. This use will be increased once the Euclid Corridor Project is completed. The initial plan will include enhanced public safety and security, maintenance services, including graffiti removal and Downtown-wide economic development. The assessment methodology is based on a benefits methodology and a formula that includes the certified value and lot frontage of all properties within the geographic area of the SID.
- 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:** RTA's assessment is expected to be approximately \$35,000.00 for a year, for a total of \$165,000.00 from 2006 through 2010. The assessment shall be paid in the amount of \$165,000.00, contingent upon funds for future years. The Authority will realize a cost savings through programs implemented by the SID as well as creating an environment that will be more conducive to public transit in the Downtown Cleveland area and will have a significant positive impact on Authority operations.
- 7.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** Do Not Approve the Resolution. This would not allow GCRTA to participate in the Downtown Cleveland Special Improvement District and realize cost savings through programs implemented through the Improvement District.

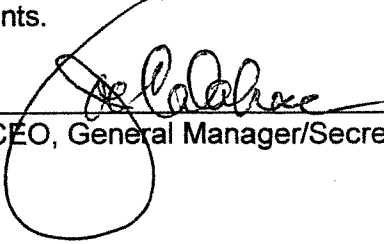
8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve this resolution.

9.0 ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Special Improvement District Petition and Initial Comprehensive Services Plan for the Downtown Cleveland Improvement District Submitted by the Downtown Cleveland Improvement Corporation

Attachment B: Letter from Joseph Calabrese to Joseph Marunicci dated June 14, 2005.

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



CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer