

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-31

DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY TO APPROPRIATE PROPERTY INTERESTS FOR THE EUCLID CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECT IN ALL OR A PORTION OF THE HEREINAFTER- DESCRIBED PARCEL FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$14,900.00 (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND - EUCLID CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (the "Authority") deems it necessary and proper to acquire property in support of the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project – Bid Package C-04; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and proper for the Authority to acquire real property interests at 8400 Euclid Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, bearing permanent parcel number 119-15-008 for ECTP Parcel Number 235 SH-T from owner Si Harb, for the appraisal value amount of \$14,900.00, for the purpose of making and repairing roads and the acquisition of right-of-way in conjunction therewith; and

WHEREAS, the sum value of the portion of the lands needed by the Authority is \$14,900.00, a Review Appraiser approved this value, and negotiations were conducted in compliance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Policies Act of 1970, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Authority and the owner of the property have been unable to reach agreement concerning the Purchase of said lands by the Authority, it will therefore be necessary to commence legal proceedings to appropriate a property interest in said lands by eminent domain pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Chapters 306 and 163.

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

Section 1. That making and repairing roads and the acquisition of right-of-way in conjunction therewith for the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project requires the taking of specific property interests as detailed in Exhibit 1, which is incorporated herein by reference in 8400 Euclid Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio and that the taking of the property owned by Si Harb is both necessary and proper, and will further the objectives of the Authority.

Section 2. That in order to implement and complete improvements for the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project – Bid Package C-04, it is necessary and proper to acquire interests in the land located at 8400 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, bearing Cuyahoga County Auditor's Permanent Parcel Number 119-15-008, for ECTP Parcel Number 235 SH-T as set forth on the attached drawing labeled Attachment B depicting the parcel owned by Si Harb, which is incorporated herein by reference. This parcel shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Property."

Section 3. That the value of the interests in the Property is \$14,900.00. This amount is the value of the interests in the Property as determined by the property appraisal report and as approved by a Review Appraiser.

Section 4. That the Authority and the owner have been unable to reach agreement concerning the purchase and sale of the interests in the Property. Negotiations were conducted in compliance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Policies Act of 1970, as amended.

Section 5. That it is necessary and proper to declare an intent to appropriate the interests in this Property for the purpose of making and repairing roads and the acquisition of right-of-way in conjunction therewith for the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project – Bid Package C-04.

Section 6. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is hereby authorized to cause written notice of the adoption of this Resolution to be transmitted to the owner or persons in possession of and persons having an interest of record in the Property, and said notice shall be served by the appropriate legal officer of the Authority, and he shall make return of said service of notice in the manner provided by law.

Section 7. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is hereby authorized to institute legal proceedings to appropriate the interests in the Property in the manner provided in the Ohio Revised Code Chapters 306 and 163, and to authorize payment of the value herein determined from RTA Development Fund, Euclid Corridor Transportation Project Department Budget, including but not limited to Capital Grant OH-03-0247 in the amount of \$9,312.50 and Capital Grant OH-90-X484-01 in the amount of \$5,587.50 for a total amount of \$14,900.00 (\$11,920 in Federal funds which represents 80% of the total cost). Federal funds under Capital Grant OH-90-X484-01 are made available through the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Section 8. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is hereby authorized to execute all other documents required to acquire and transfer the interests in the Property.

Section 9. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Attachments: Map and legal description (Attachment A)
Property interest spreadsheet (Attachment B)

Adopted: _____, 2006 _____
President

Attest: _____
CEO, General Manager/Secretary –Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

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	<p>Date: February 16, 2006</p>
	<p>Initiator: Euclid Corridor Transportation Project</p>
<p>ACTION REQUEST: <input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>	

- 1.0 PURPOSE/SCOPE: The purpose of entering into eminent domain proceedings is to provide a legal right to acquire and transfer needed property rights to construct the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project – Bid Package C-04.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: This property is vital for right-of-way needed for the third phase of construction of the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project. This site must be acquired for the purpose of making and repairing roads to better improve public transportation in Cleveland and the acquisition of right-of-way in conjunction therewith. Since agreement could not be reached with property owners after fair negotiating for a minimum of 45 days, eminent domain proceedings may be initiated. Construction is anticipated to commence in third quarter 2006.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Does Not Apply.
- 4.0 DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND: Does Not Apply.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: This is consistent with GCRTA’s Real Estate Policy, which states that the Board of Trustees must approve all eminent domain proceedings. Initiating eminent domain proceedings after 45 days of fair negotiating is consistent with the ECTP Real Estate Acquisition Policy Manual (RAMP). A 30-day minimum is generally accepted under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended. These thresholds were satisfied with the subject property owner.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: The purchase price is payable from the RTA Development Fund, Euclid Corridor Transportation Project Department Budget, including but not limited to Capital Grant OH-03-0247 line item 13.75.91 in the amount of \$9,312.50 and Capital Grant OH-90-X484-01 line item 13.75.91 in the amount of \$5,587.50 for a total amount of \$14,900.00 (\$11,920 in Federal funds which represent 80% of the total cost). Federal funds under Capital Grant OH-90-X484-01 are made available through the Ohio Department of Transportation. The amount authorized by the resolution is the appraised value of the properties. A Review Appraiser approved the Fair Market Value Estimate in the appraisal report.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: There are no viable alternatives to purchasing this property because the right-of-way needs for the project require these acquisitions. Since the Authority could not reach agreement with the owner, eminent domain proceedings must be initiated in order to move forward with the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project on schedule.

- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: The Planning and Development Committee reviewed this property acquisition at their February 7, 2006 meeting. Further negotiations since February 7, 2006 have not been successful. Staff recommends that the resolution be approved to authorize the eminent domain process for this property.

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

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer