

RESOLUTION 2006-155

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER/ SECRETARY-TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AN INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SHAKER HEIGHTS FOR THE LEE/VAN AKEN TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority owns and maintains the Blue Line rapid transit station at Lee Road and Van Aken Boulevard, located in the City of Shaker Heights for its daily rapid transit operations; and

WHEREAS, the Lee/Van Aken station, last upgraded in the late 1970's, is programmed for rehabilitation including ADA improvements within the next several years; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the City of Shaker Heights has undertaken a number of major infrastructure and traffic signal improvements in the vicinity of the Lee/Van Aken Station, with an emphasis on improved pedestrian safety and transit waiting environments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shaker Heights, through transit-supportive planning and zoning has encouraged new residential development within the Lee/Van Aken station's immediate catchment area which, when combined with the infrastructure improvements, will lead to improved transit ridership; and

WHEREAS, coordination of GCRTA's Lee/Van Aken Station rehabilitation with future new development in areas surrounding the station calls for participation by GCRTA in the City's NOACA grant-funded Lee/Van Aken Transit-Oriented Development planning study; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shaker Heights desires that GCRTA contribute funding towards the local share of the planning study.

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 of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority hereby authorizes use of RTA Capital Fund dollars for the Lee/Van Aken Transit-Oriented Development Plan and authorizes an Inter-Agency Agreement with the City of Shaker Heights for the use of these said funds.

Section 2. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to enter into an Inter-Agency Agreement substantially in the form of the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Section 3. That GCRTA funding shall not exceed \$25,000 as defined in the Agreement.

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Section 4. That said Agreement shall be payable from the GCRTA Capital Fund, Programming & Planning Department budget for a total of \$25,000, representing 25% of the \$100,000 total project cost.

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

Attachment: Draft Inter-Agency Agreement.

Adopted: August 15, 2006

President

Attest: _____
CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

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	Initiator: Programming & Planning
ACTION REQUEST: <input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

- 1.0 **PURPOSE/SCOPE:** This resolution authorizes the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer to execute an Inter-Agency Agreement with the City of Shaker Heights to provide funds for the Lee/Van Aken Transit-Oriented Development Plan.
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** The City of Shaker Heights is continuing its efforts to encourage transit use by making substantial infrastructure improvements focused around RTA bus and rail transit stops. The Lee Van Aken station is slated for rehabilitation in the 2007-2010 timeframe and RTA can leverage its \$3.175 million investment in the station by participating in the City of Shaker Heights' Lee/Van Aken Transit-Oriented Development Plan. The plan will seek to focus additional development around and adjacent to the rail station, as well as improve vehicular and pedestrian access to the station. The City of Shaker Heights has secured a NOACA Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative grant and needs RTA planning and funding participation with its study.
- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** Does Not Apply.
- 4.0 **DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND:** Does Not Apply.
- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** The project is consistent with the GCRTA's Transit-Oriented Design and Transit Waiting Environment initiatives.
- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** Said Agreement shall be payable from the GCRTA Capital Fund, Programming & Planning Department budget for a total of \$25,000, representing 25% of the \$100,000 total project cost.
- 7.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** If this resolution was not approved, RTA would not be able enter into this Inter-Agency Agreement with the City of Shaker Heights to undertake this project. This would result in uncoordinated station area planning efforts associated with the station rehabilitation and development proposed by the City.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION: Approval 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.

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer