

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-156

AUTHORIZING AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY FOR THE PROVISION OF THE WORK ACCESS & TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM SERVICES AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL FUNDS TO SUPPORT THESE SERVICES

WHEREAS, The Work Access & Transportation Program, (hereinafter referred to as WATP) was developed in 1999, as a joint program between the Board of County Commissioners and GCRTA, to help eliminate transportation barriers for transitioning welfare recipients and low-income workers traveling to work in outlying and remote areas by providing specialized van pool transportation services, and by supplementing and supporting other GCRTA mainline bus and rail transportation services; and

WHEREAS, The Work Access & Transportation Program's mission is to *"support economic self-sufficiency by helping people overcome transportation barriers to work,"* primarily by providing trip planning, specialized van pool transportation, and startup support for mainline bus and rail services for work-related travel; and

WHEREAS, The GCRTA administers and manages all WATP services through a mobility office and private contractor; and

WHEREAS, the organizational mission of both Cuyahoga County and the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is to serve the population affected and that the solution to the transportation problem requires continuous collaboration between the agencies; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County and the Authority have agreed upon a cooperative program for the Authority's participation; and

WHEREAS, Federal, State and Local funds have been made available to support the Work Access & Transportation initiative; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority deems the Interagency Agreement with Cuyahoga County, to be in the best interest of the Authority.

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

Section 1. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority be and he is hereby authorized to enter into an Interagency Agreement substantially in the form set forth in Attachment A hereto with Cuyahoga County for the provision of Work Access and Transportation Services for a period of time not to exceed one year.

Section 2. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is authorized to file and execute grant applications and funding requests with the Federal Transit Administration, State of Ohio, Cuyahoga County and the Growth Association.

Section 3. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is authorized to accept funds from the Federal Transit Administration, the State of Ohio, Cuyahoga County and the Growth Association to implement the program described in the Interagency Agreement and expend such funds in furtherance of the program.

Section 4. That the terms of the Interagency Agreement shall be in substantially the form as those contained in Attachment A hereto.

Section 5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Attachment A: Work Access & Transportation Program Interagency Agreement

Adopted: August 15, 2006

President

Attested: _____
CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



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- 1.0 PURPOSE/SCOPE: This action will allow the Authority to enter into an interagency agreement with Cuyahoga County. The agreement will enable the County to contribute up to \$300,000 in Federal TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) funding to the Authority's Work Access and Transportation Program.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: The Work Access & Transportation Program, created by RTA and Cuyahoga County in 1999, supports economic self-sufficiency by helping people overcome transportation barriers to work. The program provides trip planning assistance, specialized van pool transportation, and funding for certain bus routes. The program receives Federal Surface Transportation Program funds from the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) as well as Job Access funds from the Federal Transit Administration. The proposed interagency agreement would provide up to \$300,000 in County-controlled TANF funds, thus enabling more customers to be served.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 4.0 POLICY IMPACT: This action enables customers to commute to jobs that could otherwise not be reached on public transportation.
- 5.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This action provides funding for expansion of an RTA service. Moreover, expanding employment opportunities for Cuyahoga County residents has a positive impact on the regional economy and on the Authority's sales tax revenue.
- 6.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject the agreement. Rejection of the agreement would forgo an opportunity to expand an RTA service using grant funds.
- 7.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the resolution authorizing the General Manager to enter into an interagency agreement be adopted.
- 8.0 ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Agreement.

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

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer