

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-173

EXPRESSING THE CONGRATULATIONS AND APPRECIATION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY TO GEORGE F. DIXON, III, FOR HIS SELECTION AS THE 2006 AMERICAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION OUTSTANDING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEMBER

WHEREAS, George F. Dixon, III began his involvement with public transportation in 1992, when he was appointed to the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's Board of Trustees. He was elected President of the ten-member Board in 1994; and,

WHEREAS, under the exceptional leadership of George F. Dixon, III the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority has achieved three straight years of ridership growth, made significant operational improvements, and balanced the budget in a depressed economy, saving taxpayers an estimated \$25 million annually; and,

WHEREAS, George F. Dixon, III has compiled a stellar history of transportation and public service on the national, state and local levels, and has been active in organizations that represent public transit interests and support transit initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, George F. Dixon, III has given distinguished service to the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) for ten years, chairing or serving as a member on numerous APTA committees, moderating at APTA seminars and conferences, and was elected by his peers as APTA Chair in 2003; and,

WHEREAS, under his Chairmanship, APTA has successfully pushed for additional transit funding, increased professional development opportunities for members, developed a strategic five-year plan and completed a rail transit standards milestone project; and,

WHEREAS, George F. Dixon, III visited the Soviet Union, China and Spain as an ambassador for public transit and is an active member of the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials. He also served as Chairman of the Oversight Panel to Funded Projects - Public Transit System Policy Board Organization and Characteristics for the Transportation Research Board; and,

WHEREAS, George F. Dixon, III was appointed by President Clinton to represent public transportation interests on the Federal Advisory Committee to reduce greenhouse gases; and, was appointed by Governor Bob Taft in 2001 to an eight-year term on the Ohio Turnpike Commission and is a Board member, and;

WHEREAS, on the regional front, George F. Dixon, III serves on the Board of the Northeastern Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) that oversees transportation planning in a five-county area; previously served on the Board of Education of the Cleveland Municipal School District; and has been active with many local organizations that promote Cleveland's economic development; and,

WHEREAS, George F. Dixon, III is a successful entrepreneur and influential force in the community, who is well respected and admired and well-deserving of this honor.

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 extends its congratulations to George F. Dixon, III on his selection as the 2006 American Public Transportation Association Outstanding Public Transportation Board Member.

Section 2. That the Board of Trustees hereby extends its most sincere appreciation to George F. Dixon, III for his dedicated public service and best wishes for continued success.

Section 3. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: October 17, 2006

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Vice President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer