

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-211

AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER/ SECRETARY-TREASURER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CLEVELAND FOUNDATION FOR TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000) FOR THE UNIVERSITY-CEDAR RAPID TRANSIT STATION

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority owns and maintains the Red Line Rapid Transit station at the bottom of Cedar Hill and adjacent property located in the City of Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, the Cedar-University Rapid Transit Station was upgraded to meet ADA requirements in 2003, and is now programmed for a complete rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Foundation through its University Circle Initiative is supporting transportation improvements to the Cedar/MLK/Stearns Intersection which is proximate to the GCRTA University-Cedar Rapid Transit Station and wishes to contribute \$250,000 towards this effort; and

WHEREAS, the University-Cedar Station's location and functioning is interdependent upon the existing roadway network. GCRTA is interested in accepting the contribution from the Cleveland Foundation by including traffic analysis into its station planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, GCRTA will actively integrate the involvement of area stakeholders including but not limited to Case Western Reserve University, University Hospital Health Systems, University Circle Incorporated, City of Cleveland and the City of Cleveland Heights in its station area planning efforts.

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 a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cleveland Foundation for the use of these said funds.

Section 2. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

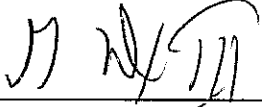
Section 3. That GCRTA funding shall be used to complete the station design.

Section 4. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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Attachment: Memorandum of Understanding.

Adopted: November 21, 2006

  
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President

Attest:   
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CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



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**Memorandum of Understanding  
between  
The Cleveland Foundation  
and  
the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority**

**November, 2006**

This Memorandum of Understanding formalizes the partnership between The Cleveland Foundation (TCF), and the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA). This document serves to outline the intent of and deliverables that will result from this partnership. Within this partnership, GCRTA, utilizing funding provided by the Foundation, will lead the land use and transportation study for the renovation and reconfiguration of the Cedar Hill rapid station and bus transfer terminal.

**I. STATEMENT OF INTENT:**

**Brief description of the Cedar Hill Project**

Since last July, 2005, The Cleveland Foundation leadership has been leading an ambitious strategy to stimulate reinvestment in Greater University Circle. The Greater University Circle Area, which includes the traditional University Circle area institutions, the Cleveland Clinic campus, the Veterans Administration Medical Center and the adjacent neighborhoods, expects to have more than \$1 billion in physical developments in the next three to five years.

The Cedar Hill Intersection and Transit Center provides an enormous opportunity to reconfigure the streets at the Carnegie and Cedar intersection into a more rational pattern. Cedar Hill is a complex traffic problem that involves integrating the Rapid station, the bus terminal and turnaround with the roadways to insure the smooth flow of all traffic through the area and to University Circle institutions. By collaboratively working with CWRU, GCRTA and the City of Cleveland there is an opportunity to truly enhance the entrance to University Circle, Little Italy and the City of Cleveland. Also, there is an opportunity to

help stimulate new housing development on Cedar Hill as well as to utilize new open space for either development or green space to enhance the experience to transit users.

Creating a rational plan for the traffic and pedestrian movements is essential to the success of the GCRTA's transit and any transit oriented development. In particular, attention is needed on the connections to the John Hay Campus and the large numbers of public school children who utilize Cedar Hill transportation to go and come from school.

In an effort to insure that the financial resources provided by The Cleveland Foundation, Case Western Reserve University, the Cleveland Clinic and University Hospitals are utilized as effectively as possible, The Cleveland Foundation will administer funds to GCRTA to contract with design and engineering professionals to complete a land use and transportation study for the renovation and reconfiguration of the Cedar Hill rapid station and bus transfer terminal.

Project objectives include:

1. Coordinating with a steering committee, that will be led by the Cleveland Foundation, to review the project scope, selection of consultant team and design development. This steering committee will be made up of representatives from the City of Cleveland, Case Western Reserve University, the University Hospitals, the Cleveland Clinic, UCI, Little Italy Redevelopment, Neighborhood Progress Inc, ParkWorks and the Cleveland Foundation.
2. Contracting with an engineering firm and an urban design firm to create a high-quality conceptual design package that has the support of the City of Cleveland and the constituents of the surrounding area
3. Working in collaboration with the Foundation and the steering committee to secure additional funding to implement the design proposal.

## **II. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

GCRTA will administer an RFP for the consultant team for this \$450,000 planning contract. TCF will provide \$250,000 in funding to the GCRTA upon execution of this MOU. GCRTA will provide an additional \$200,000 to this project. GCRTA will provide reports directly to the Foundation on the status of the project.

### **Work Plan**

#### **Deliverable**

The primary deliverable required from this effort is a conceptual design for the station elements, required concept engineering, and traffic analysis. The final report will include all of these elements as required by the Scope of Work published in the Request for Proposals for this project.

GCRTA will work collaboratively with the Cleveland Foundation on this project and also in securing additional funding for implementation from various sources.

GCRTA will provide copies of the final report to the Cleveland Foundation

#### **Term**

The final report will be completed and submitted to the Foundation eighteen months from the day the consultant team is issued Notice to Proceed on the project.

**III. ACCEPTANCE:**

GCRTA agrees to work in partnership with the Cleveland Foundation and the steering committee, as outlined, on a land use and transportation study for the renovation and reconfiguration of the Cedar Hill rapid station and bus transfer terminal.

As evidence of this commitment, the undersigned have executed this Memorandum of Understanding as of the last date signed below.


BY:

**CLEVELAND FOUNDATION**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ronald B. Richard, President and CEO  
The Cleveland Foundation

**GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

Approved As to Legal Form:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sheryl King Benford, General Counsel

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph A. Calabrese, CEO  
General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority  
**STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS**

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|   | <b>Date:</b><br>November 16, 2006           |
|   | <b>Initiator:</b><br>Programming & Planning |
| <b>ACTION REQUEST:</b><br><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 a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cleveland Foundation to accept Two Hundred Fifty thousand Dollars to fund a traffic analysis and station area planning and design for the University-Cedar Rapid Transit Station Project.
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** GCRTA upgraded the University-Cedar Rapid Transit Station to meet ADA requirements in 2003 with plans to reconstruct the station at a later date. That project is in the budget with design scheduled to begin in the first quarter of 2007. To improve the functioning of the station, the traffic and street network as well as existing land use and connections must be addressed. The Cleveland Foundation in their "University Circle Initiative" has prioritized improvements to this important intersection and is making Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand dollars available towards this effort. GCRTA will include the traffic study with the scope of its design. The contract will include the traffic analysis, station area planning, and station planning in a two-step single contract. The Request for Proposals for this project will be advertised in January 2007.
- 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 GCRTA's Long Range Plan and is listed in the GCRTA Capital Improvement Plan.
- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** Said Memorandum of Understanding will add \$250,000 to the station design budget. The 2006-2010 Capital Improvement Plan identifies \$875,000 for the design of this project and \$10,000,000 for its construction. \$200,000 of the \$875,000 design budget is considered GCRTA's contribution to the Cleveland foundation's University Circle initiative.
- 7.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** If this resolution was not approved, RTA would not be able enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to undertake the additional traffic analysis and station area planning as part of this project thereby producing a station that may not improve transit access to the University Circle area nor include potential Transit Oriented Development.
- 8.0 **RECOMMENDATION:** The Planning and Development Committee at its meeting on November 14, 2006 recommended the approval of this project to the Board of Trustees.

**Staff Summary And Comments**

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9.0 ATTACHMENTS: None.

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



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CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer