

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-12

AUTHORIZING THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT
AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH
APTA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE APTA EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND
PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the United States has witnessed catastrophic events brought on by hurricanes and other critical events and that the transit industry has been eager to provide support in terms of personnel, equipment, and needed resources; and

WHEREAS, there has not been an established clear process or program for providing such support; and

WHEREAS, the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) has developed the Emergency Response and Preparedness Program (ERPP) as a voluntary industry "Mutual Aid Program" designed to assist fellow transit systems and their cities, regions, and states with emergency evacuation and temporary transit operational needs that may arise from hurricanes or other emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has partnered with APTA in this program and is making resources available to support the development and administration of this service; and

WHEREAS, APTA has requested transit properties and suppliers who are willing to participate in this program by signing up to voluntarily provide aid to fellow transit systems or communities when such a need arises in the future by creating an inventory of transit resources to include vehicles, equipment, and human resources that can be made available in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, our organization may benefit from both providing support or requesting support from the APTA Emergency Response and Preparedness Program.

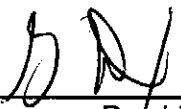
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cuyahoga County, Ohio:

Section 1. That the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority will voluntarily participate in the APTA Emergency Response and Preparedness Program and will identify vehicles, equipment and human resources that can be practically made available to this mutual aid program.

Section 2. That the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's voluntary participation will be provided to a level that will not impact our own requirements for meeting service demands.

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

Adopted: January 16, 2007



President

Attest: 

CEO General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

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| TITLE/DESCRIPTION: AUTHORIZING THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH APTA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE APTA EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM | Resolution No.: 2007-12 |
| | Date: January 11, 2007 |
| | Initiator: Operations Division |
| 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 enter into an Interagency Agreement with the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) to voluntarily participate in an Emergency Response and Preparedness Program (ERPP) to aid other transit systems and communities affected by catastrophic events.
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** There has not been an established process/program for transit systems to provide emergency evacuation support to fellow transit systems during a catastrophic event such as Hurricane Katrina. APTA, in partnership with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), developed a program utilizing a "Mutual Aid Program Plan" that provides for transit systems to volunteer their resources (i.e., vehicles, equipment and personnel resources) in the event of an unforeseen situation.
- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** Does Not Apply
- 4.0 **DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND:** Does Not Apply
- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** This program will supplement and enhance GCRTA's existing emergency preparedness program.
- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** As a member of the ERPP, the GCRTA will become part of the APTA-ERPP database that can be used as a resource for inventory needs in the wake of a disaster, and likewise, could receive support from other transit systems in the event of a disaster in our region.
- 7.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** Does Not Apply
- 8.0 **RECOMMENDATION:** The Operations Committee of the Board of Trustees reviewed this action at their January 9, 2007 meeting and recommended 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