

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-84

AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ("FBI") ESTABLISHING THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH TRANSIT POLICE OFFICERS MAY BE DETAILED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCE AND/OR ASSOCIATED LOCAL JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCE CREATED BY THE FBI

WHEREAS, major terrorist attacks on public transportation facilities in London, England and Madrid, Spain underscore the unique vulnerability of public transportation facilities to terrorist actions; and

WHEREAS, the Authority seeks to effectively protect the Transit Authority, its employees, and transit passengers from the threat of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, coordination among federal, state and local law enforcement agencies is critical to establishing an effective counterterrorism effort; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") is the lead domestic agency directing the nation's counterterrorism effort; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to national policy on counterterrorism as set forth in Presidential Directives, the FBI has established the National Joint Terrorism Task Force (NJJTTF) and local Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTFs) for the purpose of coordinating the counterterrorism activities of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager has determined that the Transit Authority will benefit by participating in the JTTF as a participating agency and by having one or more transit police officers assigned to work with the JTTF as required.

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

Section 1. That the Memorandum of Understanding between the Authority and the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, establishing the parameters for the detail of transit police officers from the Authority to the FBI-led JTTF working in this area be and the same is hereby accepted as in the best interest of the Authority.

Section 2. That the General Manager of the Authority be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Authority and the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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

Adopted: June 19, 2007



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

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	Date: June 14, 2007
	Initiator: Chief of Police/Director of Security
ACTION REQUEST: X Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

- 1.0 PURPOSE/SCOPE: This action establishes the conditions under which Transit Police Officers may be detailed to participate in the National and/or local Joint Terrorism Task Force.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: Transportation systems have been the targets of international terrorists as evidenced by the attacks on the Madrid, London, and Mubai systems. The Federal government has described the Joint Terrorism Task Force as the foremost law enforcement weapon against terrorism. A Transit Police Officer has been assigned to the local JTTF since March 27, 2006. This Agreement formalizes the conditions for this assignment.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: None.
- 4.0 DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND: None
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: None.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: The salary of the Transit Police Officer is paid by the GCRTA. Overtime costs, vehicle costs, training costs, and associated administrative or investigative costs are borne by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: None.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the resolution be passed authorizing the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENTS: None

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

General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer