

RESOLUTION NO: 2007-2007-125

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER/SECRETARY-TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SHAKER HEIGHTS FOR A WARRENSVILLE/VAN AKEN TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLAN WITH A TRANSPORTATION FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE (TLCI) GRANT

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority operates the Blue Line rapid transit station at Warrensville Center Road and Van Aken Boulevard, located in the City of Shaker Heights for its daily rapid and bus transit operations; and

WHEREAS, the Warrensville/Van Aken station was last upgraded in 1993, and it's location adjacent to a commercial shopping center, is not an ideal transit location. Also, the station offers few amenities for RTA patrons and the bus/rail interface is limited and less than ideal; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the City of Shaker Heights has undertaken a number of major infrastructure and traffic signal improvements in the vicinity of the Warrensville/Van Aken Station with an emphasis on improved pedestrian safety and transit waiting environments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shaker Heights, through a Master Development Agreement with a developer, supports the redevelopment of this area in a transit-supportive manner that encourages improvements that maximize development and improves the functioning of the transportation system of roadways, intersections, pedestrian and bikeways, bus and rapid transit within the Warrensville/Van Aken station area. These improvements will lead to improved transit ridership; and

WHEREAS, coordination of GCRTA's Warrensville/Van Aken Station Rehabilitation with future new development in areas surrounding the station calls for participation by GCRTA in the city's NOACA grant-funded Warrensville/Van Aken Transit-Oriented Development planning study; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shaker Heights desires that GCRTA contribute funding towards the local share of the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) planning study grant. The NOACA grant totals \$75,000 with the city and other stakeholders funding the remaining balance.

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 use of GCRTA Development Fund dollars for the Warrensville/Van Aken Transit-Oriented Development Plan and authorizes an Inter-Agency agreement with the City of Shaker Heights for the use of these said funds.

Section 2. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to enter into an Interagency Agreement substantially in the form of the Agreement attached hereto as Attachment A.

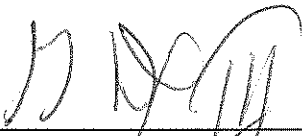
Section 3. That GCRTA funding shall not exceed \$25,000 as defined in the Agreement.

Section 4. That said Agreement shall be payable from the GCRTA Development Fund, Programming & Planning Department budget for a total of \$25,000, representing 12.5% of the \$200,000 total project cost with the City of Shaker Heights and Stakeholders donating towards the project.

Section 5. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Attachment: Interagency Agreement.

Adopted: August 21, 2007



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

**INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT
FOR
WARRENSVILLE/VAN AKEN GCRTA STATION PLANNING STUDY
BETWEEN
THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
AND
THE CITY OF SHAKER HEIGHTS**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2007, by and between THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (hereinafter "GCRTA"), a regional transit authority and a political subdivision of the State of Ohio pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 306.35, pursuant to the authority of GCRTA Resolution No. _____ adopted on _____, 20____, and THE CITY OF SHAKER HEIGHTS (hereinafter "City"), and a political subdivision of the State of Ohio, pursuant to the authority of Ordinance No. 07-53 adopted on May 29, 2007.

WHEREAS, the GCRTA provides public transportation within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is undertaking a Transit-Oriented Development Planning Study for the Warrensville/Van Aken GCRTA station and surrounding area under the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the GCRTA and the City wish to improve station access and safety, provide better service to public transit passengers within the City, and enhance economic development opportunities within the City; and

WHEREAS, the results from City's Transit-Oriented Development Planning Study shall allow both parties to obtain results necessary and beneficial to public transportation with the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. The City and its hired consultants shall conduct a Transit-Oriented Development Planning Study for the Warrensville/Van Aken GCRTA station and surrounding area

pursuant to the terms and conditions as set forth by the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency.

2. GCRTA shall participate in that portion of the project that involves the design of station improvements, station access, right-of-way development and other tasks mutually agreed upon.
3. Funding for this Planning Study shall be provided by the GCRTA in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) when a contract with the consultants is signed by the City of Shaker Heights.
4. The results of this Planning Study shall be provided to the GCRTA upon completion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands as of the dates and year set forth below.

Signed in the presence of:

THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL
TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WITNESSES:

1. _____

By: _____

Joseph A. Calabrese
CEO, General Manager/
Secretary-Treasurer

2. _____

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM: *ASW*

By:

Sheryl King Benford, General Counsel
Deputy General Manager-Legal Affairs

Date: _____

WITNESSES:

1. KRPetrowsky
2. Mary Murphy

THE CITY OF SHAKER HEIGHTS

By: J. Rawson
Judith H. Rawson
Mayor

Date: JUL 30 2007

And

By: John M. Lehman
John Lehman
Director of Finance

Date: 7/27/07

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: William M. Ondrey Gruber
William M. Ondrey Gruber
Chief Counsel

Date: 7-27-07

ORDINANCE NO. 07-53

BY: Lynn Ruffner

Authorizing the City's application for and acceptance of a \$75,000 grant from Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency's ("NOACA") Transportation for Livable Communities ("TLCI") program for support in funding the planning and re-design of the Warrensville/Van Aken redevelopment area, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the City desires funding from NOACA, under the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI), for support in funding the planning and re-design of the Warrensville/Van Aken redevelopment area; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation for redevelopment of the Warrensville/Van Aken area was made in the City's Strategic Investment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City's Director of Planning has recommended that the City apply to NOACA for support in funding the planning and re-design of the Warrensville/Van Aken redevelopment area, in the total amount of SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000); and

WHEREAS, this grant requires a 20% minimum match from the project co-sponsors, and the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA) and Stark-RMS (a joint venture to be formed) are co-sponsors on this project; and

WHEREAS, if awarded the NOACA funds, the grant requires matching funds from the City in the total amount of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000); and matching funds will be provided by RTA in the amount of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000) and Stark-RMS in the amount of SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000), for a total amount of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Shaker Heights, State of Ohio:

Section 1. This Council hereby authorizes the Mayor, Director of Finance, and Director of Planning to apply for and accept a grant from the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, Transportation for Livable Communities program, in a total amount of up to SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000) for support in funding the planning and re-design of the

Warrensville/Van Aken redevelopment area in Shaker Heights, and hereby authorizes the Mayor and Director of Finance to accept any related grant awards for the purposes set forth in the authorized grant application. The grant requires matching funds from the City in the total amount of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000); and matching funds will be provided by project co-sponsors, Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA) in the amount of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000) and Stark-RMS (a joint venture to be formed) in the amount of SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000), for a total amount of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000).

Section 2. The Mayor, the Director of Finance, and the Director of Planning are hereby authorized and directed to work cooperatively with NOACA, abide by all NOACA polices, and to enter into such agreements with NOACA and other agencies as may be necessary for the application for and receipt of NOACA grant funds and related funding, as provided by law. Said agreements shall be in the form as approved by the Director of Law.

Section 3. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare for the reason that it is necessary in the current operation of the City, and further, that the supporting legislation for grant funds authorized herein must be provided by June 22, 2007, and, therefore, this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its enactment and approval by the Mayor.

Enacted May 29, 2007.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2007.

JUDITH H. RAWSON, Mayor

Attest:

JERI E. CHAIKIN
Clerk of Council

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Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

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	Date: August 16, 2007
	Initiator: Programming & Planning
ACTION REQUEST: <input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

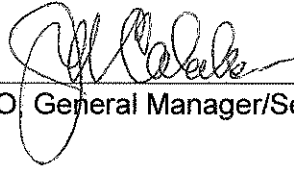
- 1.0 **PURPOSE/SCOPE:** This resolution authorizes the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer to execute an InterAgency Agreement with the City of Shaker Heights to provide funds for the development of a Transit-Oriented Development Plan for the Warrensville/Van Aken Station.
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** The City of Shaker Heights is continuing its efforts to encourage transit use by making substantial infrastructure improvements focused around RTA bus and rail transit stops. The City is working on redevelopment in the commercial areas near the Warrensville/Van Aken Station. The plan will seek to focus additional development around and adjacent to the rail station, improvement of vehicular and pedestrian access to the station and possible construction of an Intermodal Facility. The City of Shaker Heights has secured a NOACA Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative grant and needs RTA planning and funding participation with its study along with the other Stakeholders for \$75,000.
- 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 the GCRTA's Transit-Oriented Design and Transit Waiting Environment initiatives.
- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** Said Agreement shall be payable from the GCRTA Development Fund, Programming & Planning Department budget, including but not limited to 100% Local funds for a total amount of \$25,000, representing 12.5% of the \$200,000 total project cost. The NOACA grant totals \$75,000 with the city and other stakeholders funding the remaining balance.
- 7.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** If this resolution was not approved, RTA would not be able enter into this InterAgency Agreement with the City of Shaker Heights to undertake this project. This would result in uncoordinated station area planning efforts associated with the station rehabilitation and development proposed by the city.
- 8.0 **RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval by 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.



CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer