

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-3

AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF DUES TO THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY (NOACA) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,834.00 (RTA CAPITAL FUND, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) conducts comprehensive transportation planning and functions as the metropolitan planning organization for the region in accordance with Federal transportation regulations; and

WHEREAS, Federal transportation policy provides the flexibility of using highway funds for transit projects with the metropolitan planning organizations in urban areas playing a key role in making decisions on such funding matters; and

WHEREAS, NOACA has provided the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority with a position on the NOACA Policy Board; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is obligated to pay annual dues as a condition of having a position on the NOACA Policy Board; and

WHEREAS, the dues payment along with the dues from other participating government units are used to help fund NOACA's activities and to match Federal and State grants used for transportation planning activities.

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

Section 1. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay NOACA the Authority's SFY 2009 (July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009) dues in the amount of fifty-four thousand eight hundred thirty-four and 00/100 dollars.

Section 2. That the payment of the Authority's SFY 2009 dues to NOACA will be payable from the RTA Capital Fund, Executive Department Budget, in the amount of \$54,834.00.

Section 3. That this Resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: January 13, 2009



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

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	Date: January 8, 2009
	Initiator: Executive Department
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 action will approve the payment of SFY 2009 (July 1, 2008- June 30, 2009) dues to the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA).

- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** NOACA functions as the regional planning agency for the five-county area including Cuyahoga, Lorain, Medina, Geauga and Lake Counties. In this capacity, NOACA is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Cleveland urbanized area under Federal transportation regulations. As the MPO for our region, NOACA conducts regional transportation activities and must approve our Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and its listing of projects before Federal and State grants can be received. NOACA also serves as the OMB Circular A-95 review agency for our region and undertakes comprehensive environmental planning activities in both the air and water quality areas.

Federal surface transportation policy makes the Authority's seat on the NOACA Policy Board very important. Federal law provides the flexibility to use highway funds for transit projects in urban areas. The forum for making such decisions is the MPO for an urban area, in our case NOACA. Having a seat on the NOACA Board greatly enhances GCRTA's ability to obtain flexible funds for buses, park-n-ride lots, rail extensions and other transit projects.

Having a seat on the NOACA Policy Board will require that the Authority pay annual dues similar to other local governmental units. As indicated in Attachment A (letter from Howard Maier and Mary E. Samide of NOACA), these dues are used to help fund NOACA activities and match Federal and State grants. Each member county's dues bill is based upon NOACA's annual work program and expected grant revenues.

NOACA's total local dues amount is divided among the five counties according to county population size, using the 2000 census. Within each county, the Board of County Commissioners determines the dues requested from each community or other jurisdiction. As shown in Attachment B, GCRTA's SFY 2009 NOACA dues amount to \$54,834.00.

- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** Does not apply.

- 4.0 **DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND:** Does not apply

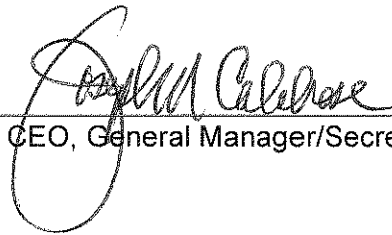
- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** Active GCRTA participation on the NOACA Policy Board will give the Authority a forum for advocating local policies and practices that encourage greater transit usage. It will assist the Authority in the adoption and implementation of long-range transit plans and in obtaining funding for same, particularly from non-traditional sources such as Federal and State highway funds.

- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: Payment of the Authority's SFY 2009 dues to NOACA will be payable from the RTA Capital Fund, Executive Department Budget, in the amount of \$54,834.00.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Not authorize payment of NOACA dues. This would result in GCRTA losing its seat on the NOACA Policy Board and the advantages it affords.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board approve the payment of NOACA dues for SFY 2009 in the amount of \$54,834.00 in calendar year 2009 for the Authority.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENTS:

A - Letter from Howard Maier, NOACA Executive Director, and Mary E. Samide, NOACA President, dated August 13, 2008.

B- NOACA's invoice for SFY 2009.

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



CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY
 Planning For Greater Cleveland
 Serving Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain & Medina Counties

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Executive Director

August 13, 2008

Mr. Joseph A. Calabrese, General Manager
 Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
 1240 West 6th Street
 Cleveland, OH 44113

AUG 14 2008

Dear Mr. Calabrese: *Joe*

Each year the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) asks its members for annual financial support in the form of local dues. The dues serve as vital matching funds for federal and state apportionments and allocations that NOACA receives as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina counties.

In 2006 the NOACA Board adopted a three-year dues increase strategy to sustain NOACA's water quality program. This provided for a local dues increase of 5.25 percent for fiscal year (FY) 2009, the final year of the approved strategy. On August 8, 2008 the Board unanimously agreed to defer the dues increase to a future fiscal year. We are sensitive to the difficulties our members are having this year with very tight budgets, and believe we can manage our water quality programs efficiently at the FY 2008 funding level while continuing to provide valuable services. The enclosed invoice represents the same dues amount paid in 2007.

NOACA's transportation and environmental planning work is essential to the region's economy, infrastructure and environment. In addition to selecting federal-aid projects, the NOACA Board also directs programs such as the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI), the Regional Pavement Management System program, Ridesharing, Stormwater, and Water Quality and Air Quality outreach programs. We are proud of the fact that this year NOACA is the recipient of a Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration Transportation Planning Excellence Award for the Regional Pavement Management System (RPMS). This program helps local governments assess and plan for improvements on federal aid routes.

Enclosed is an "OWP News" brochure that summarizes the agency's work activities for the fiscal year that began on July 1, 2008. The full Overall Work Program (OWP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) information, agency services (including the Pavement Management Program), and other information about NOACA are available on our website at www.noaca.org.

If you have questions about the OWP or budget please call us directly (Howard at 216-241-2414, Extension 380 or Mary at (440-285-2222, Extension 1666). Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Samide
 President, Governing Board

Howard R. Maier
 Executive Director

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As always, thanks for your leadership on the Governing Board



Invoice

Invoice Number: 60
Date: AUGUST 13, 2008

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YOUR P.O. #	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
	2009 NOACA DUES ALLOCATION	\$54,834.00
	FISCAL YEAR 2009 (JULY 1, 2008 JUNE 30, 2009)	

THANK YOU!