

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-67

ADOPTING A POLICY STATEMENT AND COMMITMENT ON SUSTAINABILITY

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("GCRTA") seeks to evolve best practices on sustainability at the GCRTA; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees ("Board") is committed to protecting the environment as it provides public transit services throughout the County to create a healthier and livable experience for our customers and the community we service; and

WHEREAS, The Board supports sustainability policies that are in accordance with the APTA Sustainability Commitment Program where the GCRTA is a signatory committee member; and

WHEREAS, The Board supports this vision to develop a policy statement and commitment on sustainability to promote environmental preservation and reduce our overall carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Board wants to adopt sustainability policies and practices to guide employees, vendors, customers, and the community in a sustainable capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that such a policy statement and commitment will improve our overall operating costs and promote long-term efficiencies through sustainable approaches and practices.

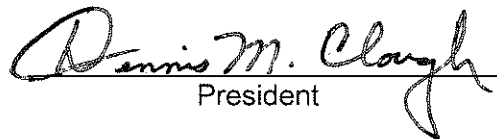
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cuyahoga County, Ohio:

Section 1. That the Board adopts the Policy Statement and Commitment on Sustainability, as set forth in Attachment A and incorporated herein, to affirm its longstanding commitment toward sustainability within the GCRTA.

Section 2. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Attachment A: Policy Statement and Commitment on Sustainability

Adopted: September 21, 2010

  
President

Attest:   
CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

## ATTACHMENT A

### POLICY STATEMENT AND COMMITMENT ON SUSTAINABILITY

The following sustainability statement and commitments were developed to evolve best practices on sustainability at the GCRTA:

***GCRTA is committed to protecting the environment as it provides public transit services to northeast Ohio. We will provide sound business practices that integrate sustainable principles throughout every level of operation to create a healthier and livable environment for our customers and the community we serve. We will strive to provide the following environmental commitments:***

- Communicate and advance the use of environmental practices throughout GCRTA.
- Make environmental concerns an integral part of our planning and decision-making processes and implement effective environmental programs.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiencies throughout its transit operations and facilities.
- Prevent pollution and conserve resources by reducing waste, creating better disposal options, recycling and procure new and better products and technologies.
- Educate the community and our customers on the environmental benefits of public transit, and encourage biking, walking, carpooling and van pooling.
- Provide quality sustainable public spaces and amenities around our transit stations and bus shelters to promote walking and bicycle accessibility for link trip options.
- Encourage the use of transit as a viable, environmentally friendly, sustainable commuting choice.
- Incorporate sustainability and green building principles throughout the planning, design, construction and operations of our facilities.
- Continue to explore and implement renewable energy solutions to reduce energy consumptions at our facilities.
- Adhere to all state and federal EPA regulations, standards and monitoring methods regarding environmental quality.

This policy applies to all employees, departments and facilities throughout the Authority. Participation of everyone is required in order to meet the commitments set forth in this policy.



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

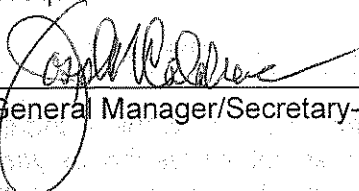
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| TITLE/DESCRIPTION:<br><br>POLICY STATEMENT AND COMMITMENT ON SUSTAINABILITY  | Resolution No.:<br>2010-67                  |
|  | Date:<br>September 16, 2010                 |
|  | Initiator: Engineering & Project Management |
| ACTION REQUEST:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |   |

- 1.0 **PURPOSE/SCOPE:** This action will allow the Authority to take an organizational approach that will lead to measurable greenhouse gas emission reductions throughout every business level to achieve a lifetime cycle of environmental preservation, cost savings and financial performances.
  
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** The policy and commitment will be administered by the Executive Management Team along with the oversight, implementation and monitoring by the Sustainability Coordinator. Divisional leaders and Sustainability Coordinator will identify specific strategies to achieve the goals as illustrated in the policies. A carbon management plan will be developed to report all sustainability and emission reductions  
  
 The Board of Trustees is committed to protecting the environment as it provides public transit services throughout the County to create a healthier and livable experience for our customers and the community we service and supports this vision to develop a policy statement and commitment on sustainability to promote environmental preservation, reduce our overall carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions.
  
- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** Does not apply.
  
- 4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION / DBE BACKGROUND:** Does not apply.
  
- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** This action is consistent with Board policy to improve our overall operating costs and promote long-term efficiencies through sustainable approaches and practices.
  
- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** Long-term cost savings and emission reductions from energy, water, fuel, facility maintenance will be achieved through sustainable practices.
  
- 7.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** Without a formal policy the RTA will not be as cost effective or efficient with administering our operations.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the resolution for the policy statement and commitments be approved to promote long- term efficiencies through sustainable practices/

9.0 ATTACHMENT: 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