

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-80

AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN AND THE PAYMENT OF DUES OR COMMITMENT OF IN-KIND SERVICES FOR THE NORTHEAST OHIO SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES CONSORTIUM ("NEOSCC") FOR THREE (3) YEARS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$23,000.00 PER YEAR (RTA CAPITAL FUND, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium ("NEOSCC") was convened in 2010 to engage citizens, governments, and institutions in twelve (12) counties within northeast Ohio to develop a plan for sustaining the economy, environment, and quality of life in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("GCRTA") has been asked to become a member of the NEOSCC with a seat on the NEOSCC Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the GCRTA has an interest in advocating for increased and enhanced transit service throughout the northeast Ohio region; and

WHEREAS, the NEOSCC received a Sustainable Communities Planning Grant from the US Department of Housing & Urban Development ("HUD") to prepare the regional sustainability plan; and

WHEREAS, the HUD grant requires a local match to be funded by membership dues in the NEOSCC.

WHEREAS, NEOSCC membership dues may either be paid directly through cash contribution or indirectly through in-kind staff services.

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 enter into a Membership Agreement and also authorized, at his discretion, to pay membership dues to NEOSCC either directly in the amount of \$23,000.00 per year for three (3) years or indirectly through the contribution of in-kind staff services for three (3) years.

Section 2. That, if the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer opts to pay dues directly, then the payment of the Authority's dues to NEOSCC will be payable from the RTA Capital Fund, Executive Department Budget, in the amount of \$23,000.00 per year for three (3) years.

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

Adopted: September 20, 2011

  
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President

Attest:   
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CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



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

TITLE/DESCRIPTION: AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP AND DUES FOR THE NORTHEAST OHIO SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES CONSORTIUM.	Resolution No.: 2011 - 80
	Date: September 15, 2011
	Initiator: Executive
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 allow the Authority to join the Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium ("NEOSCC").
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: The NEOSCC is a collaboration of citizens, governments, and institutions in a twelve (12) county region of Northeast Ohio which intend to develop a plan for sustaining the economy, environment, and quality of life in the region. Participation in the NEOSCC will give the Authority a voice in advocating for transit-friendly policies and practices. Through this membership, the Authority will have a voice in decisions affecting regional transit plans.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: N/A.
- 4.0 DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND: N/A.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Membership in the NEOSCC will give the Authority the ability to influence strategic plans affecting public transit in the twelve county region.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: Membership dues are paid either through direct cash contribution in the amount of \$23,000/year for three (3) years or indirectly through in-kind staff services. The cash contribution amount is based on a percentage of local match of federal grant dollars received from HUD. The Member is given discretion to either pay dues directly or indirectly.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Not authorize membership and payment of dues. This would result in the NEOSCC having no direct advocate for public transit.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees authorize a three (3) year membership in the NEOSCC and authorize the General Manager, at his discretion, to either pay dues directly in the amount of \$23,000/year for three (3) years or indirectly through the contribution of in-kind staff services.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENTS: 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