

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-21

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR AND AUTHORIZING GCRTA TO PARTICIPATE
IN AN ENTERPRISE GIS FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR CUYAHOGA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County is committed to studying the merits of building a technical and organizational infrastructure around Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technologies and evaluating the opportunities for shared service efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County, through the Department of Information Technology, would like to serve as collaborative partners with local municipalities (including, but not limited to the City of Lakewood, City of Euclid, City of Richmond Heights, City of Solon, Village of Orange, Regional Sewer District, Cuyahoga County Land Bank, and the Regional Transit Authority) to facilitate the Merger/Shared Services Study process; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County would like to seek funding from the State of Ohio, Department of Development, Local Government Innovation Fund on behalf of the County, various cities, and regional service agencies to support this Enterprise GIS Feasibility Study, particularly as it pertains to infrastructure design, data standards, process and organizational implementation; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the application procedures for the Local Government Innovation Fund, the State of Ohio, Department of Development, requests a resolution of support from the applicant's and collaborative partner's governing entity; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Innovation Fund was established to provide financial assistance to Ohio political subdivisions for planning and implementing projects that are projected to create more efficient and effective service delivery within a specific discipline of government services for one or more entities.

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

Section 1. That the Authority supports the Enterprise GIS Feasibility Study Local Government Innovation Fund application to obtain the resources necessary to study the merits of designing and developing a shared services enterprise GIS with municipalities and regional service agencies within the County and to evaluate the opportunities for shared service efficiencies.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

Adopted: March 20, 2012



President

Attest:



CEO/General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

TITLE/DESCRIPTION: AUTHORIZING GCRTA TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ENTERPRISE GIS FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR CUYAHOGA COUNTY	Resolution No.: 2012-21
	Date: March 15, 2012
	Initiator: Service Management Department
ACTION REQUEST: <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 is to support an enterprise GIS feasibility study by Cuyahoga County of local municipalities and regional service agencies. This study will assess the merits of building collaboratively, a technical and organizational infrastructure around Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technologies and evaluating the opportunities for efficiencies.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: Cuyahoga County is applying for a grant to study the feasibility of a Cuyahoga County Enterprise GIS system. An Enterprise GIS is a geographic information system that is integrated through an organization so that many people can manage, share and use geographic data. If the County is awarded this grant, the Authority, along with many other public agencies and municipalities in Cuyahoga County, would be a partner in assessing the collective GIS needs. The focus of this study will be determining how to use technology as a shared service to reduce redundancy and enhance collaboration. There is no monetary cost to the Authority for participating in this study. The outcome of the feasibility study would be to provide a road map for implementing projects that could lead to a more productive work force at the Authority and more informed customers.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 4.0 DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Does not apply.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: Adopting the resolution will have no economic impact.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject the resolution. The County will do a feasibility study without the input of the Authority. The technological, organizational and data needs of the Authority will not be taken into account for future projects.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends adoption of the resolution.
- 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