

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-91

AUTHORIZING AN ENDORSEMENT OF THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY (NOACA) AS THE DESIGNATED RECIPIENT FOR APPORTIONED FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION'S ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES (5310) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the five northeast Ohio counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transportation Act Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) has established the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (5310) program to be administered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and

WHEREAS, funds for the 5310 Program are apportioned to the designated recipient of an urbanized area (UZA), and NOACA is eligible to become a designated recipient based upon the recommendation of the Governor of Ohio, through the Ohio Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, as designated recipient for the 5310 program, NOACA would be the principal agency to develop the required comprehensive human services coordinated transportation plan, develop selection criteria, select projects, ensure federal compliance, manage grants distributions and oversee the projects receiving those federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census-defined Cleveland Urbanized Area (UZA) exists mainly within the planning area of NOACA.


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

Section 1. That the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority fully supports and endorses NOACA as the designated recipient of federal funds for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (49.USC.5310) for the five northeast Ohio counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina.

Section 2. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority shall forward a copy of this resolution to the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration.

Section 3. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: September 17, 2013



President

Attest:



CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

TITLE/DESCRIPTION: ENDORSING NOACA AS THE DESIGNATED RECIPIENT FOR FTA'S ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES (5310) PROGRAM.	Resolution No.: 2013-91
	Date: September 12, 2013
	Initiator: Finance & Administration Division
ACTION REQUEST: Approval Review/Comment Information Only Other _____	

- 1.0 **PURPOSE/SCOPE:** This action will allow the Authority to endorse the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) as the designated recipient of federal funds for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (5310) Program.

- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** The Federal Transportation Act Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) has established the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (5310) Program. The program consolidates the former New Freedom Program and the Elderly and Disabled Program. The program's intent is to enhance mobility for seniors and disabled persons through the provision of funds for programs that serve the unique needs of transit-dependent populations beyond the scope of traditional public transit services and Americans with Disabilities (ADA) complementary paratransit services. The 5310 program is administered by the Federal Transit Administration, with funds being allocated to designated recipients of urbanized areas.

 NOACA, as the metropolitan planning organization for the five northeast Ohio counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina, meets the requirements of a designated recipient and has been recommended as such by the Governor of Ohio, through the Ohio Department of Transportation.

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

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

- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** Does not apply.

- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** GCRTA will continue to apply for and receive its portion of the funds allocated to the Cleveland Urbanized Area under the 5310 Program.

- 7.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** Do not authorize the endorsement of NOACA as the designated recipient for 5310 Program funds for the Cleveland Urbanized Area. This would not allow NOACA to designate funds to GCRTA.

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- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the resolution endorsing NOACA as the federally designated recipient for FTA'S Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (5310) Program be approved.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENT: None

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



CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer