

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-91

AUTHORIZING AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF  
SHAKER HEIGHTS FOR A STATION AREA PLAN AND TRAFFIC ANALYSIS  
FOR THE WARRENSVILLE/VAN AKEN STATION

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority operates the Blue Line Rapid Transit Station at Warrensville Center Road and Van Aken Boulevard, located in the City of Shaker Heights, for its daily rapid and bus transit operations; and

WHEREAS, the Warrensville/Van Aken Station is a very important hub in GCRTA's transportation network at the end of the Blue Line and an important area of bus/rail transfers and high ridership. The station was last upgraded in 1993, and its land in its current configuration offers few amenities for GCRTA patrons; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the City of Shaker Heights, GCRTA and RMS Corporation have undertaken a number of studies and plans to incorporate additional transit-oriented development and redevelopment around the station to increase transit use as well as transit-oriented development and connections; and

WHEREAS, the Interagency Agreement requires that GCRTA contribute funds in an amount not to exceed Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00). These funds have been provided to GCRTA by the Cleveland Foundation for Transit Oriented Development and for this use.

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 of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority be and is hereby authorized to enter into an Interagency Agreement with the City of Shaker Heights for the completion of this Station Area Plan and Traffic Analysis.

Section 2. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to use up to Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) in funds received from the Cleveland Foundation for this effort, to reimburse the City of Shaker Heights when the plan is completed.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: September 16, 2014

  
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President

Attested:   
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CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



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

<b>TITLE/DESCRIPTION:</b> <b>CONTRACT:</b> INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SHAKER HEIGHTS FOR A STATION AREA PLAN AND TRAFFIC ANALYSIS FOR THE WARRENSVILLE/VAN AKEN STATION  <b>VENDOR:</b> CITY OF SHAKER HEIGHTS  <b>AMOUNT:</b> UP TO \$40,000.00	<b>Resolution No.:</b> 2014-91
	<b>Date:</b> September 11, 2014
	<b>Initiator:</b> Programming and Planning
<b>ACTION REQUEST:</b> <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 enter into an Interagency Agreement with the City of Shaker Heights for the development of a Station Area Plan and Traffic Analysis for Warrensville/Van Aken.
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** The City of Shaker Heights, GCRTA, and RMS Corporation are continuing their planning efforts to encourage Transit Oriented Development (TOD) at the Warrensville/Van Aken Station. This area is the end of the Blue Line and a significant bus/rail transfer node in GCRTA's service network. The plan will seek to focus additional development and redevelopment around and adjacent to the rail station, improve vehicular and pedestrian access to the station, and facilitate development.
- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** N/A
- 4.0 **DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND:** N/A
- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** This project builds upon previous studies including the Blue Line Extension Study, the Warrensville/Van Aken TOD Plan, and the Warrensville/Van Aken Intermodal Transit Center Program.
- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** Up to forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) will be contributed by GCRTA for the funding of this Station Area Plan and Traffic Study. The funds used are Cleveland Foundation funds granted to GCRTA for Transit Oriented Development. The Cleveland Foundation has concurred that the funds can be used for this study.
- 7.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** Reject the interagency agreement. Rejection of this agreement will inhibit the Station Area Plan and Traffic Analysis from being completed. This would impact the TOD potential of the area and the function of the bus/rail interface for GCRTA customers.

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- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the interagency agreement be accepted and the resolution passed.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENTS: Attachment A - Form of the agreement is attached.

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

**INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT  
FOR  
WARRENSVILLE/VAN AKEN STATION AREA PLAN AND TRAFFIC ANALYSIS BETWEEN  
THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
AND  
THE CITY OF SHAKER HEIGHTS**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, by and between **THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY** (hereinafter "GCRTA"), a regional transit authority and a political subdivision of the State of Ohio pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 306.35, pursuant to the authority of GCRTA Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ adopted on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and **THE CITY OF SHAKER HEIGHTS** (hereinafter "City"), a municipality and a political subdivision of the State of Ohio, pursuant to the authority of its Charter and Ordinances.

WHEREAS, the GCRTA provides public transportation within the City, including at and about the Warrensville/Van Aken rapid transit station; and

WHEREAS, the City is undertaking the Warrensville/Van Aken Station Area Plan and Traffic Analysis (hereinafter the "Plan") for the Warrensville/Van Aken GCRTA station area, and will hire a consultant or consultants to conduct the analysis and develop the Plan ("Consultants"); and

WHEREAS, the GCRTA and the City wish to improve station access and safety, provide better service to public transit passengers within the City, and enhance economic development opportunities within the City; and

WHEREAS, the results from the analysis and Plan shall allow both parties to obtain results necessary and beneficial to public transportation within the City; and

WHEREAS, GCRTA, RMS Investment Corporation, and the City have agreed to jointly fund the hiring of the Consultants to develop the Plan at an estimated cost of up to \$80,000, with \$40,000 paid by GCRTA, \$30,000 paid by RMS Investment Corporation, and \$10,000 paid by the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. The City and its hired Consultants shall conduct the Warrensville/Van Aken Station Area Plan and Traffic Analysis.
2. GCRTA shall participate in all aspects of the project.
3. Funding for the analysis and Plan shall be provided by GCRTA in the amount of up to FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$40,000) to be paid as the work is completed, with 50% to be paid within thirty (30) days after the Consultants have completed half of the deliverables, and 50% to be paid within thirty (30) days after the Consultants have completed all deliverables.
4. The results of the Plan shall be provided to GCRTA upon completion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands as of the dates and year set forth below.

Signed in the presence of:  
WITNESSES:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

**THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL  
TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph A. Calabrese  
CEO, General Manager/ Secretary-Treasurer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sheryl King Benford, General Counsel  
Deputy General Manager-Legal Affairs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESSES:

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**THE CITY OF SHAKER HEIGHTS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Earl M. Leiken, Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

And

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew J. Rubino, Director of Finance

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: William M. Ondrey Gruber, Director of Law

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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