

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-19

DEMONSTRATING SUPPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO PROCEED WITH THE DESIGN PHASE FOR THE E.79th STREET RED LINE RAPID TRANSIT STATION AS RECOMMENDED IN THE E.34TH/E.79TH STATIONS TRANSIT SERVICES ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

WHEREAS, GCRTA's July 17, 2013 ADA Key Station Voluntary Compliance letter committed to an implementation schedule for bringing the remaining eight key rail stations into ADA Compliance; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2013-83, adopted August 20, 2013, approved Capital improvement Funds for 2014 and the 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) consistent with the Voluntary Compliance letter; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2014-72, adopted August 19, 2014, approved Capital Improvement Funds for 2015 and the 2015-2019 CIP consistent with the Voluntary Compliance letter; and

WHEREAS, the E. 79th Street Red Line Rapid Transit Station design phase costs of \$1,795,972 are included in the 2015 budget of the CIP's; and

WHEREAS, GCRTA has completed a Transit Services Alternative Analysis and is recommending proceeding with the design phase of the E. 79th Street Red Line Rapid Transit Station; and

WHEREAS, the GCRTA Board of Trustees Planning and Development Committee requested a resolution of support for this action by the full Board of Trustees.

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

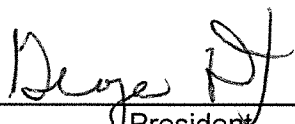
Section 1. That the Board of Trustees support proceeding with the design phase of the E. 79th Street Red Line Rapid Transit Station as recommended in the Transit Services Alternatives Analysis.

Section 2. That RTA will continue to work with the City of Cleveland to promote transit-oriented development in the station area and identify construction funding for the station.

Section 3. That the funds required for this activity are included in the GCRTA 2014-2018 and 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Programs that were approved by the Board of Trustees on August 20, 2013 and August 19, 2014.

Section 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: February 17, 2015



President

Attested: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

TITLE/DESCRIPTION: SUPPORTING THE DESIGN PHASE OF THE E. 79 TH STREET RED LINE RAPID TRANSIT STATION	Resolution No.: 2015-19
	Date: February 12, 2015
	Initiator: Programming and Planning
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 taken at the request of the RTA Board of Trustees' Planning and Development Committee to demonstrate the support of the Board of Trustees for proceeding with the design phase of the E. 79th Red Line Rapid Transit Station. This is one of eight RTA key stations that are not ADA compliant. The expense is included in the RTA 2014-2018 and 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Plans and budgeted in 2015.

- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** Beginning on May 27, 2014, RTA undertook a Transit Services Alternatives Analysis study for the E. 79th Street Red Line Rapid Transit Station. This study included a comprehensive review of the ridership, development, operating costs, capital costs, and other transit services in the E. 79th Street station area. The study recommended that the Board of Trustees proceed with the design phase of the E. 79th Street Rapid Transit Station as outlined in the RTA 2014-2018 and 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Plans. It also recommended that RTA continue working with the City of Cleveland to promote transit oriented development in the station area, and identify construction funding for the station.

 At its meeting on February 3, 2015, the Planning and Development Committee of the Board of Trustees recommended that a resolution of support be prepared for action by the Board of Trustees.

- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** N/A

- 4.0 **DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND:** N/A

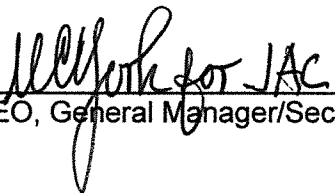
- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** The capital expenditures described in this resolution of support are included in the RTA Development Fund Budget, the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). This action is also consistent with RTA's July 17, 2013 Voluntary Compliance Agreement with FTA for ADA improvements to key stations with the system. This station is designated as a key station with a deadline for ADA compliance of December 31, 2015.

- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** The funding of \$1,795,972 required for the design phase of the station was included in the RTA 2014-2018 and 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Plans.

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- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject the resolution of support. Withholding support will delay the ability of the Authority to design the station. This could potentially delay the Authority from complying with its Voluntary ADA Compliance Agreement with FTA and achieving ADA compliance at this station.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This resolution of support was requested by the Planning and Development Committee and recommended for approval by the Board of Trustees. It is recommended that this resolution be passed.
- 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