

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-101

REPEALING CHAPTER 1098 OF THE CODIFIED RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY AND ENACTING A NEW ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT AND COMMITMENTS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 1989-176, the Board of Trustees of the Authority ("Board") codified the resolutions establishing its policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, over the years, many of the resolutions have been amended; and

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to protecting the environment as it provides public transit services throughout Cuyahoga County to create a healthier and livable environment for our customers and the community that we serve; and

WHEREAS, the Board supports environmental policies that are in accordance with the requirements of the ISO 14001 Standard for Environmental Management Systems; and

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2013, the Board approved Resolution No. 2013-108 adopting the Environmental Policy Statement and Commitments; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2014, the Board approved Resolution No. 2014-110 adopting a Revised Environmental Policy Statement and Commitments; and

WHEREAS, in the course of the Board's annual review of the Environmental Policy Statement and Commitments, the policy is being revised to be fully compliant with the new ISO 14001:2015 Standard.

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

Section 1. That Chapter 1098 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. That the attached Environmental Policy Statement and Commitments, Chapter 1098, is hereby enacted.

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


Attachment A: Environmental Policy Statement and Commitments

Adopted: November 21, 2017



President

Attest: _____



CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

ATTACHMENT A

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT AND COMMITMENTS

1098.01 POLICY STATEMENT

(a) In support of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's ("GCRTA") Mission, Vision and Values, the following environmental policy statement and commitments were developed to evolve best practices that serve GCRTA's value and vision to be a champion of sustainable transportation through environmental and sustainability management:

(b) GCRTA is committed to protecting the environment as it provides public transit services to northeast Ohio. We will utilize sound business practices that measure and improve our environmental and sustainability performance through a formal Environmental and Sustainability Management System ("ESMS"). The ESMS will be integrated throughout the Authority to create a healthier and more livable environment for the staff, customers and community we serve. GCRTA will make the following environmental commitments:

- Communicate and advance the use of environmental practices and strategic frameworks throughout GCRTA.
- Comply with all applicable local, state, federal, and other environmental laws, regulations, standards and monitoring requirements.
- Make protection of the environment an integral part of planning and decision-making processes and implement effective environmental and sustainability programs.
- Prevention of pollution and conservation of resources by reducing waste, creating better disposal options, recycling, identifying and managing renewable resource options, and procuring new and better products and technologies.
- Establish an ESMS that will be documented, implemented, and maintained.
- Commit to continual improvement by reviewing and enhancing GCRTA's ESMS program and environmental performance at appropriate intervals to meet objectives and support on-going performance excellence strategies.
- Engage and empower the workforce and community through effectively communicating GCRTA's Environmental Policy Statement and Commitments.

1098.02 APPLICATION OF POLICY

This policy applies to all employees, departments and functions throughout the Authority. Full participation by all staff is required in order to meet the commitments set forth in this policy. This policy will be communicated to all persons, including contractors and vendors, working for or on behalf of GCRTA.

(Res. 2013-108. Passed 10-22-13. Res. 2014-110. Passed 10-21-14. Res. 2017-XXX. Passed 11-21-17.)



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	Date: November 16, 2017
	Initiator: Engineering & Project Management
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 resolution will repeal Chapter 1098 and also enact a new Chapter 1098 of the Codified Rules and Regulations ("Code") of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: The Environmental Policy Statement and Commitments are being repealed and replaced to be consistent with the new ISO 14001:2015 Standard. The Authority is in the process of transitioning from the former ISO 14001:2004 Standard to the new ISO 14001:2015 Standard for its recertification in 2018.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 4.0 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Adoption of the resolution will result in an Environmental Policy Statement and Commitments that comply with the ISO 14001:2015 Standard.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: Does not apply.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Not adopting this resolution. Not adopting this resolution would result in the Code Chapter and Environmental Policy Statement and Commitments remaining out of date.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommended that this resolution be adopted. The proposed revisions to the Environmental Policy Statement and Commitments were presented to the Board's Planning and Programming Committee on November 14, 2017 and moved to the full Board for action.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENTS: Redline copy of the Environmental Policy and Commitments.

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



CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

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Adopted: XXX XX, 201X, Board Resolution No. 201X-XXX