

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-96

AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN UPDATED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) FOR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the Authority's Transit Police Department has been involved with the FBI's multi-jurisdictional organized crime task force for more than 25 years; and

WHEREAS, the Authority continues to seek to effectively protect the Authority, its employees, and patrons from the effects of organized crime; and

WHEREAS, coordination among federal, state and local law enforcement agencies is critical to establishing an effective force against organized crime activity; and

WHEREAS, the FBI Cleveland Transnational Organized Crime Western Hemisphere Task Force, formerly known as the Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force, has changed its name to the Cartel Gang Narcotics and Laundering Task Force (CGNL); and

WHEREAS, the FBI has updated its Memorandum of Understanding with its multi-agency partners to reflect the name change and to formalize the relationship between the participating agencies to maximize inter-agency cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer has determined that the Authority will benefit by continuing its participation in the FBI's organized crime task force.

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

Section 1. The Memorandum of Understanding between the Authority and the U.S. Department of Justice, FBI, formalizing the relationship between the participating agencies of the FBI-led organized crime task force working in this area, be and the same is hereby accepted as in the best interest of the Authority.

Section 2. That the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer of the Authority be and she is hereby authorized to enter into an updated Memorandum of Understanding between the Authority and the U.S. Department of Justice, FBI.

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

Adopted: October 26, 2021



President

Attest:



Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

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	Date: October 21, 2021
	Initiator: Transit Police
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 allow the Authority to enter into an updated Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), to establish the conditions under which GCRTA Transit Police Officers may be detailed to participate in multi-agency organized crime task force.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: Transportation systems have been the target of organized crime activity. GCRTA Transit Police Officers have been assigned to the local multi-agency organized crime task force for more than 25 years. The FBI has updated its Memorandum of Understanding with its multi-agency partners to reflect the change in name of the FBI Cleveland Transnational Organized Crime Western Hemisphere Task Force, formerly known as the Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force, to the Cartel Gang Narcotics and Laundering Task Force (CGNL).
- 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: The salaries of GCRTA Transit Police Officers are paid by the GCRTA. Overtime costs, vehicle costs, training costs and associated administrative or investigative costs are borne by the FBI.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Do not adopt this resolution. The action would dissolve RTA's participation in this FBI multi-jurisdiction taskforce.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This item was discussed by the Committee of the Whole at the October 12, 2021 meeting. It is recommended that the Board adopt this resolution as proposed.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENTS: None.

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

General Manager, Chief Executive Officer