

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-119

SUPPORTING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION THROUGH THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF RAIL VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("GCRTA") receives Federal Formula Grant Funding for Section 5337 for State of Good Repair; and

WHEREAS the Board established a Rolling Stock Reserve Fund to provide the local matching funds for this grant; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration as made funds available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ("IIJA") (49 U.S.C. 5337) for a Rail Vehicle Replacement Program; and

WHEREAS, eligible recipients for the Rail Vehicle Replacement Program are state and local government authorities in urbanized areas (UZAs) that are eligible for State of Good Repair Formula Funding (Section 5337); and

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is the primary transit operator in Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, the GCRTA provides transit service and observes all federal and state rules under all Federal and State of Ohio programs; and

WHEREAS, the GCRTA is in the Procurement process of replacing its rail vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the GCRTA will be filing a grant application for the replacement of the rail vehicles through the IIJA Rail Vehicle Replacement Program; and

WHEREAS, as of November 30, 2022, the GCRTA has set aside \$61,676,406 of local match funding for the rail vehicle replacement program; and

WHEREAS, the GCRTA has budgeted to set aside an additional \$10,000,000 of local match funding in fiscal year 2023 and plans to set aside \$10,000,000 for future fiscal years 2024 and 2025 for the rolling stock reserve fund.

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

Section 1. That the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized to file applications, as required, and to execute contracts on behalf of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority with the Federal Transit Administration for financial assistance.

Section 2. That the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is authorized to accept the funds resulting from the Federal Transit Administration financial assistance programs.

Section 3. That, in the absence of the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer the Acting General Manager, Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is hereby authorized to perform any and all of the above-described functions.

Section 4. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: December 20, 2022



President

Attest: 

Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

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	Date: December 15, 2022
	Initiator: Finance Division
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 Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("GCRTA") to submit a grant application through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ("IIJA") through the Federal Transit Administration for the replacement of rail vehicles.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: The GCRTA has a need to replace its rail vehicles, which are over their useful life. The GCRTA receives Federal Formula Funding through the Federal Transit Administration for State of Good Repair Formula Grant Funds (Section 5337). The IIJA has a competitive grant available for the Rail Vehicle Replacement Program to help fund capital projects to replace rail rolling stock. Eligible recipients are state and local government authorities in urbanized areas ("UZAs") that are eligible for State of Good Repair Formula Funding (Section 5337).
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 4.0 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION / DBE BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: The action is consistent with the policy stated at Section 460.04 (d) of the Codified Rule and Regulations of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority to take advantage of all available State and Federal Grant programs, including State of Ohio Urban Transit Program grants and Federal Highway Administration Programs, as well as the programs of the Federal Transit Administration.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: Funding available through the Federal Transit Administration may be up to 50% of the total project cost. Local match funding has been set aside through the Reserve Fund for Rolling Stock. As of November 30, 2022, \$61,676,406 has been set aside for Rolling Stock replacement, specifically for the rail vehicles. An additional \$10,000,000 is budgeted for 2023 and planned for future fiscal years 2024 and 2025 for the Rolling Stock Reserve Fund.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Do not submit this grant application. This would exclude the Authority from utilizing funding available through the Federal Transit Administration for the rail vehicle project.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the resolution asking for the support of the Board of Trustees be approved.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENT: None

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

General Manager, Chief Executive Officer