

# RTA Committee Meeting, Annual Meeting and Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority



# Organizational, Services & Performance Monitoring Committee

Chair: Rev. Charles P. Lucas

EXERCISE OF AN OPTION UNDER CONTRACT NO. 2020-046  
WITH NEW FLYER OF AMERICA, INC.  
FOR THE PURCHASE UP TO NINE (9), FIVE (5) DOOR, 60-FT  
ARTICULATED BRT COACHES

Presented to: Organizational, Services & Performance  
Monitoring Committee

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# Project Overview

- RTA operates 60' articulated, five door BRT coaches servicing the HealthLine.
- To provide reliable and cost effective service, buses must be replaced on a regular cycle.



# Project Overview

- FTA recommends replacement of transit buses at twelve years.
- The current HealthLine buses have been in service since 2008 and are beyond their useful life, operationally unreliable, and costly to maintain.

## Procurement Overview

The Board of Trustees approved Resolution No. 2020-61 on August 25, 2020, authorizing Contract No. 2020-046 with New Flyer of America, Inc. for the manufacture and delivery of up to seven (7) five (5) door 60 ft. articulated BRT coaches, spare parts, tooling and training in an amount not to exceed \$7,154,341.63 with options to procure up to twenty-one (21) additional coaches, spare parts, tooling and training to be delivered over the five (5) year contract term.

## Procurement Overview

- There is a critical need to replace additional coaches that have exceeded their useful life.
- Funding has been identified to procure up to nine (9) new coaches under a contract option.
- New Flyer, Inc. will have capacity available this summer to meet GCRTA's production need.

# Procurement Overview

## Delivery Schedule:

- Anticipated delivery of these nine (9) five (5) door 60-ft articulated BRT coaches are scheduled to be completed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2021.
- These nine (9) coaches will be in addition to the base order of seven (7) coaches, bringing the total delivery to sixteen (16) coaches by the end of September, 2021.



## Procurement Overview

Staff requests that the Organizational, Services & Performance Monitoring Committee recommend to the Board of Trustees the award of an option for the purchase and delivery of up to nine (9), of the remaining twenty-one (21), five (5) door, 60-ft articulated BRT coaches, in an amount not to exceed \$8,746,054.20 .

Questions?



# TEMPORARY LEGAL SERVICES

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## Resolution No. 2021-27

Ratifying an increase and authorizing an extension to small purchase contract to provide additional temporary legal services with Special Counsel, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$42,718.00 for a total contract amount not exceed \$112,718.00.

## Resolution No. 2021-26

Authorizing Contract No. 2021-035 with Special Counsel, Inc. to provide Temporary Legal Services, as required, for a period of six months in an amount not to exceed \$115,000.00.

# Questions?



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# RTA Board of Trustees Meeting

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# Committee Reports

## Ad Hoc Committee Reports

# Promotions and New Hires

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# March 2021 Promotions



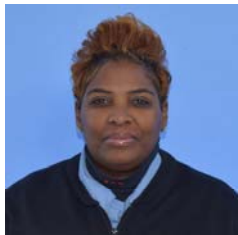
**Donald Price**  
Operating Instructor



**Debra Shaw**  
Office Manager



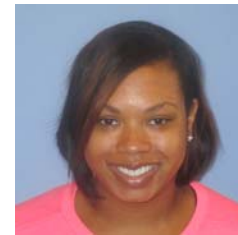
**Karen Smith**  
Manager of Payroll



**Kimberly Wright**  
Operating Instructor

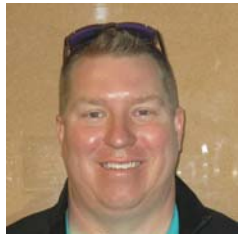


**Bridgett Sorrell**  
Substation Maintainer



**Teresa Doaty**  
Manager of Asset &  
Configuration Management

# March 2021 New Hires



**Michael Burcewicz**  
Manager - Facilities



**Brian Gutkoski**  
Associate Counsel II



**Mitchell Wondolowski**  
Construction Engineer



**Elisha Clark**  
Supply Chain  
Contract Administrator



**Natoya Walker Minor**  
Deputy General Manager of  
Administration and External Affairs

# Resolutions

# Farewell from Board Member Justin M. Bibb



# Interim Secretary/Treasurer Update

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Board of Trustees



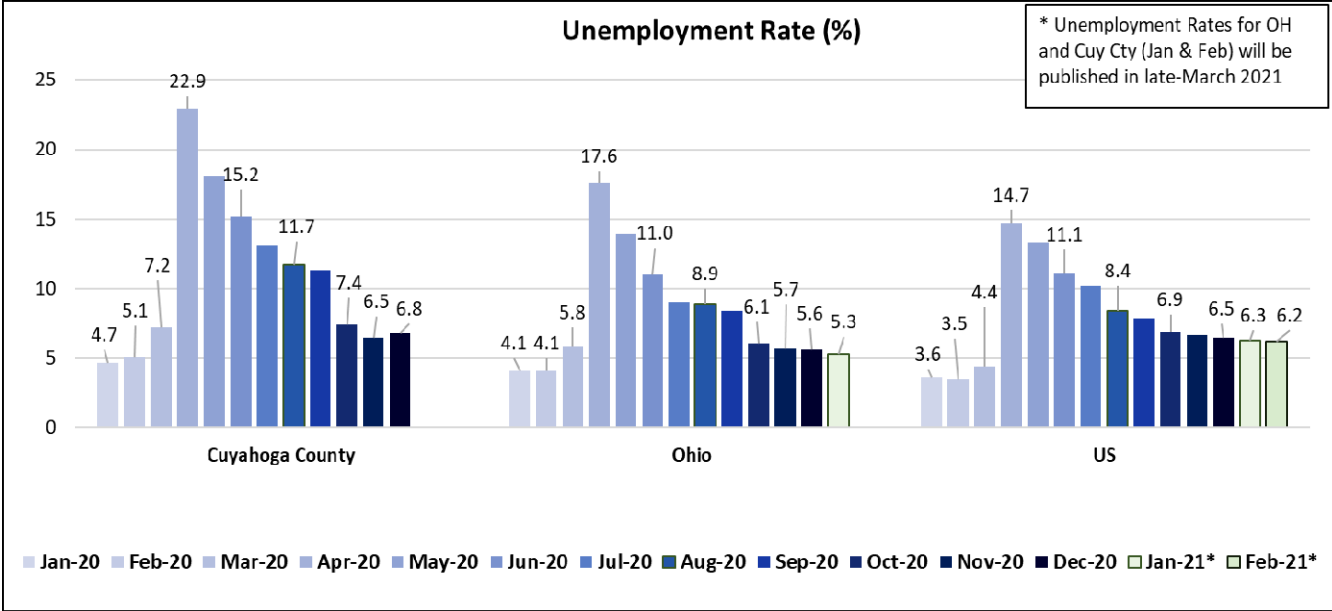


# Economic Conditions

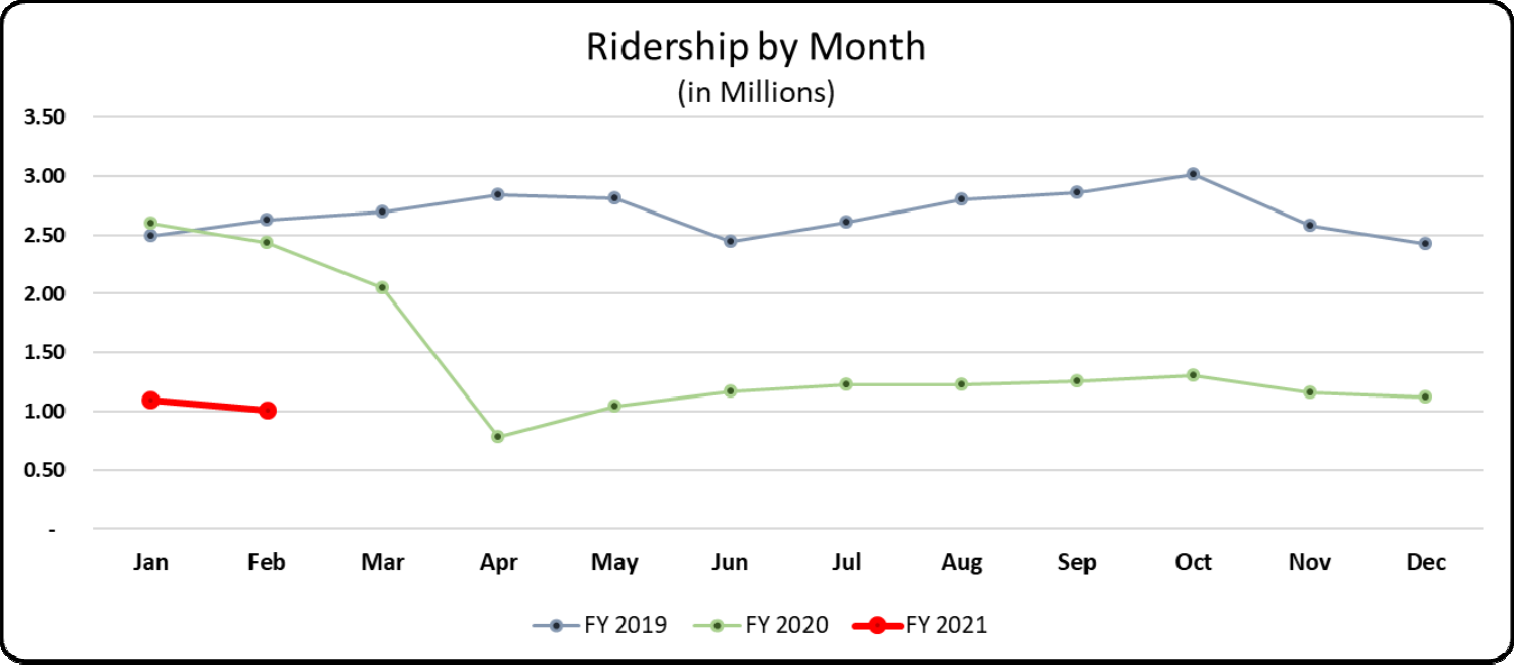
Area Unemployment Rates:

Year-end 2020

- US 6.5%
- Ohio 5.6%
- Cuyahoga County 6.8%
- City of Cleveland 7.6%
- Lake County 5.5%
- Lorain County 6.1%
- Medina County 4.6%



# Ridership

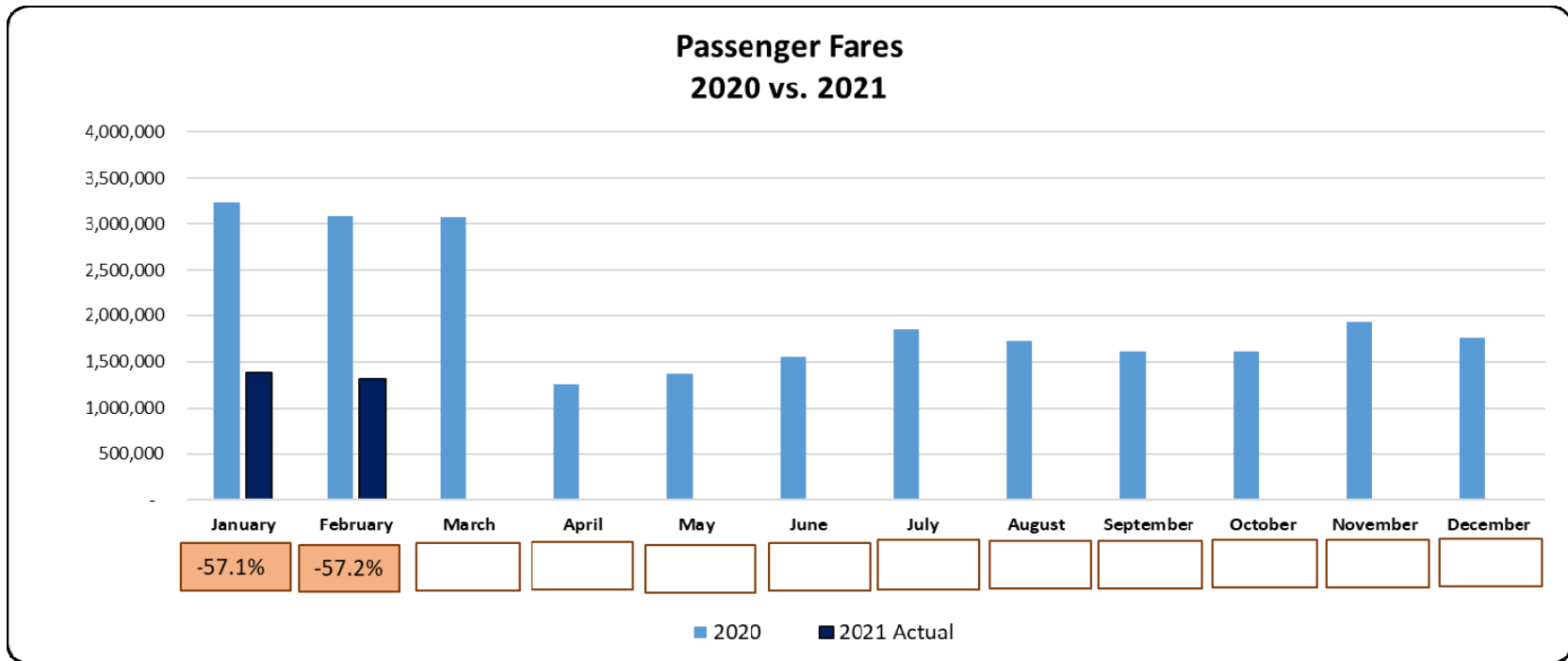


Compared to 2020

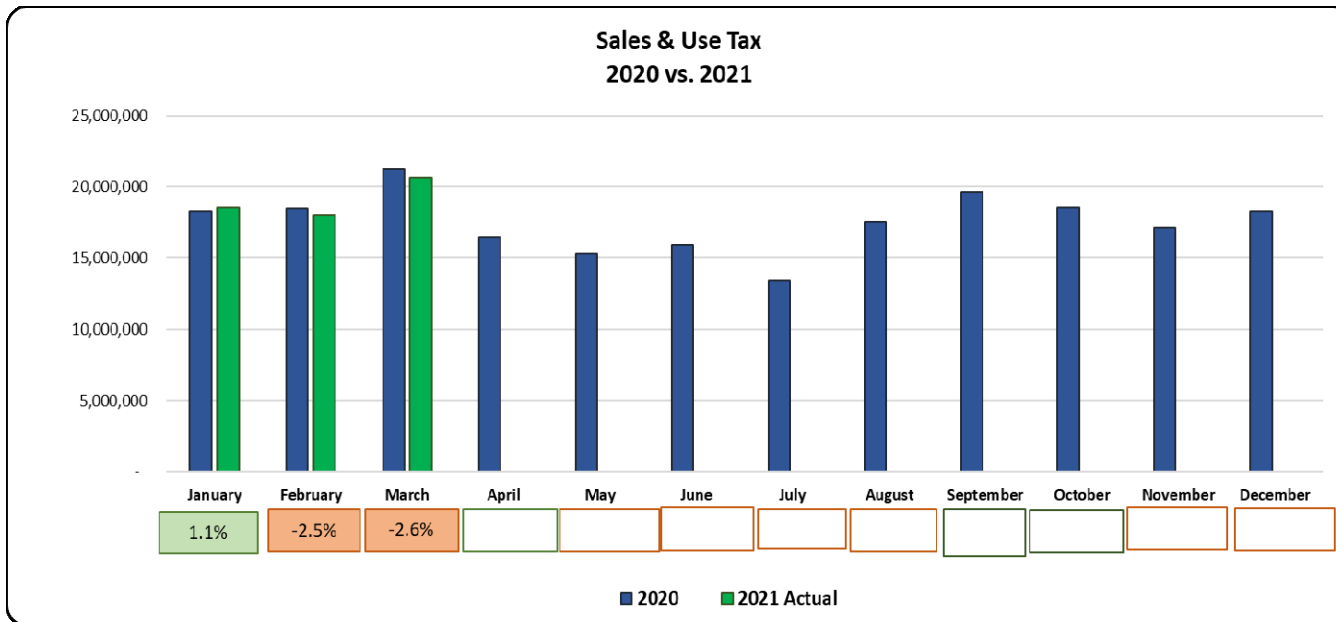
- Jan: -58.0%
- Feb: -58.6%
- YTD: -58.3%



# Passenger Fares



# Sales Tax



## February:

- Online Sales: 63.0%
- Motor Vehicles & watercraft: 4.5%
- Dept. of Liquor: 24.7%

## March:

- Online Sales: 19.8%
- Motor Vehicles & Watercraft: 5.0%
- Dept. of Liquor: 66.3%

# CRRSAA

## 2021 Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)

- 100% federal share (no local match)
- Total Awarded for Transit Agencies: \$14 billion
- Cleveland Urbanized Area (CUZA) \$74.3 million
  - Includes GCRTA, Medina County Public Transit, Laketran, Akron Metro, PARTA, Geauga County
- Greater Cleveland RTA: \$67.3 million
  - NOACA to allocate the ADA/Disability/Paratransit (5310)
  - Unsure at this time how much of the \$323,627 will be apportioned to GCRTA

# Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021

## 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act (American Rescue Plan)

- \$1.9 trillion stimulus package
- President signed into law: Friday, March 12, 2021
- Waiting for more information regarding official guidance and allocation

# Questions



# General Manager, CEO Report

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# ODOT “Rides for Community Immunity” program grant



RTA awarded \$773,000 grant from ODOT

Partnership with State of Ohio, City, County & ODH

- 10,000 All Day Passes distributed through social service agencies. Passes valid March 17 – May 8.
- Free rides to Wolstein Center from surrounding parking lots.
- Fund third party transit providers for inner-ring suburb mobility.
- Free rides for existing Paratransit customers.

# Wolstein Center



# RTA Shuttle to Vaccination Site



# RTA Micro-Transit Demonstration Program



## RTA ConnectWorks

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# RTA ConnectWorks

## Issue

- Work is the primary destination of GCRTA's customers
- Work site locations are increasingly not located in the heart of GCRTA's transit network
- There is a mismatch between where potential employees live and where jobs are available
- The first/last mile of a commute trip is not easily navigated by fixed route GCRTA services.
- Essential industries demand for employees is growing



# SOLUTION : RTA ConnectWorks

## Project Overview

- A Short term pilot program to provide a transportation connection from an GCRTA facility to their employer for the first/last mile of the work trip.
- It is a first/last mile of a commute trip is not easily navigated by fixed route GCRTA services.
- GCRTA is providing funds for partners to develop this program in collaboration with us.
- Essential industries demand for employees is growing



# RTA ConnectWorkS

## Project Description

### GCRTA Responsibilities :

- Advertise the launch of this program process
- Organize a Webinar to launch the program
- Provide up to \$200,000
- Provide technical route planning assistance
- Market, promote the program
- Seek additional funding to grow the program



# RTA ConnectWorks

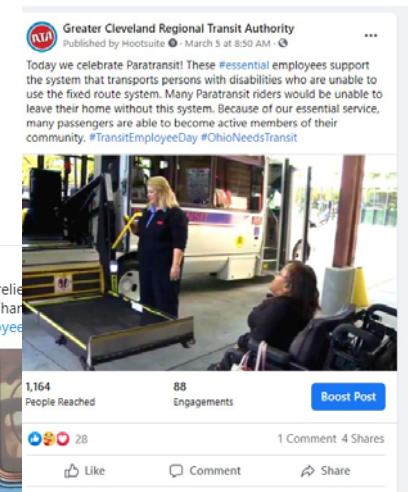
## Schedule

- March 15, 2021 Webinar
- April, 2021 Release Proposals
- April, 2021 Pre-Proposal Conference
- May, 2021 Receive & Evaluate Proposals
- July, 2021 Approve & Award Contract
- October, 2021 Institute service



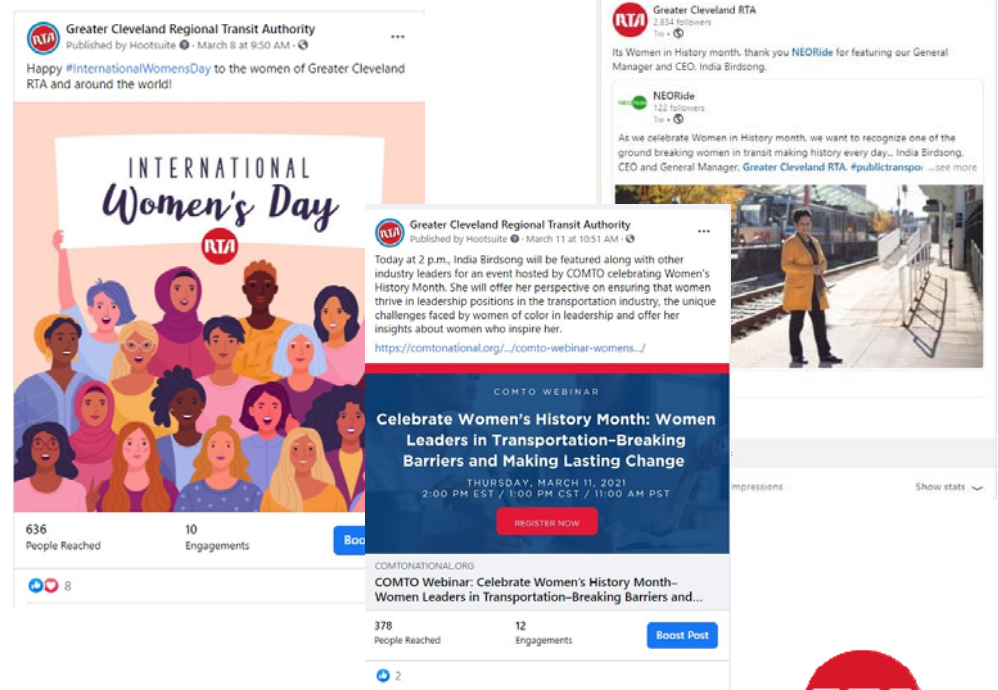
# Employee Transit Appreciation Day

- March 18, 2021
- Social Posts
- Employee Gift
  - Umbrella
- Meal at Districts



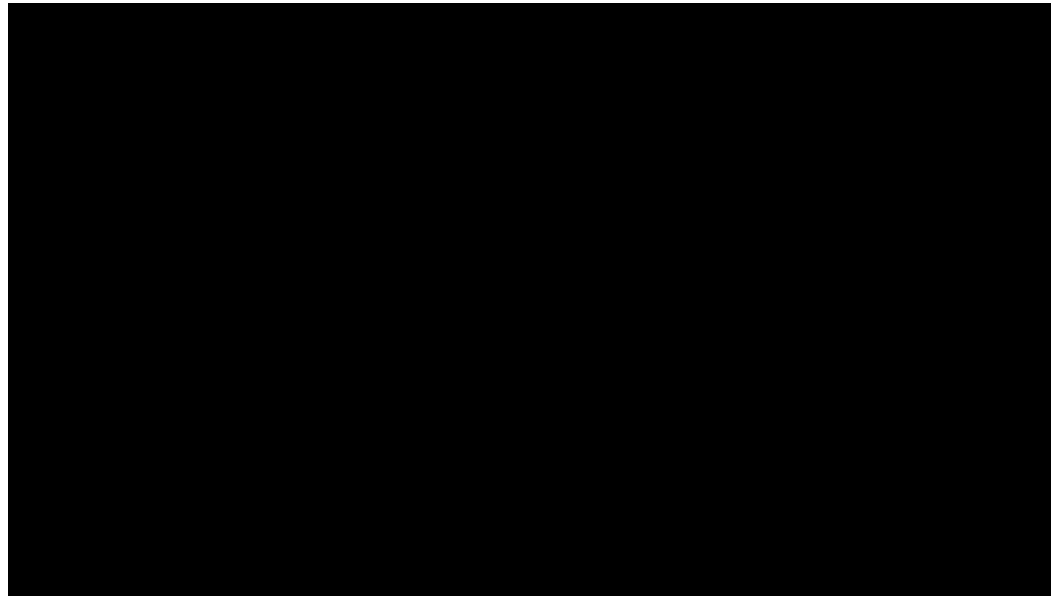
# Women's History Month

- Celebrated International Women's Day
  - March 8, 2021
- Elevating Women Together (EWT) highlighting women in Cleveland's history with group
  - Bio of Stephanie Tubbs Jones
  - Bio of Eliza Simmons Bryant
- Facts from Bio's shared to Social Pages



# 2020 Annual Report

## “You Drive Us”



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# Executive Session

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