

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-99

AUTHORIZING GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
MEMBERSHIP IN NEORIDE, A REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, Section 167 of the Ohio Revised Code provides that a political subdivision may, pursuant to the extent that it considers necessary, join with other political subdivisions in establishing and maintaining a regional council of governments for the purpose of, including but not limited to, promoting cooperative arrangements and coordinating actions among its members; and

WHEREAS, an opportunity has been identified to plan, promote, and enhance future transportation options within the State of Ohio and between transportation agencies, by encouraging cooperative arrangements and coordinating actions among such agencies, and between such agencies and other governmental agencies, private persons, corporations and agencies; and

WHEREAS, on or about November 19, 2014, Portage Area Regional Transit Authority (PARTA), Metro Regional Transit Authority (Summit County) (METRO) and Stark Area Regional Transportation Authority (SARTA), pursuant to Section 167 of the Ohio Revised Code, established the NEORide Regional Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, in addition to PARTA, METRO and SARTA, current members of NEORide include Laketrans (Lake County), MCPT (Medina County Public Transit), WRTA (Western Reserve Transit Authority) and TARTA (Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) to join the NEORide Regional Council of Governments to explore coordination options and join with other political subdivisions to benefit all involved.

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

Section 1. That the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is hereby authorized to join the NEORide Regional Council of Governments (NEORide).

Section 2. That the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority authorizes the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer or her designee to execute agreements and documents necessary to effectuate membership in NEORide, and to represent GCRTA and participate in NEORide initiatives.

Section 3. That the prorated 2019 NEORide membership dues in the amount of \$2,499.00 shall be payable from the General Fund, Executive Department budget.

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

Adopted: September 24, 2019


President

Attest: 
Interim Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

TITLE/DESCRIPTION: AUTHORIZING GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP IN NEORIDE, A REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	Resolution No.: 2019-99
	Date: September 19, 2019
	Initiator: External Affairs
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: To establish the authority for Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority") to join and participate in NEORide, a Regional Council of Governments, to plan, promote, further and enhance transportation options within the jurisdictions of members and in the State of Ohio.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: The Authority has the opportunity to join NEORide, a Regional Council of Governments, for the purpose of, including but not limited to, promoting cooperative arrangements and coordination of actions among its members. Membership benefits include: 1) being a voting member of the NEORide Board; 2) option to participate in EzFare; 3) joint procurement opportunities; 4) joint grant/funding requests; and 5) integrated route planning.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 4.0 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: This will support the Authority's many policies, including our vision to be the transportation mode of choice for those who have options and the lifeline for those dependent upon our services.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: Membership dues will be based on NEORide's applicable dues structure. Funds shall be payable through the General Fund, Executive Department budget. Annual membership dues for 2019 are \$10,000. However, the Authority's Fiscal Year 2019 membership dues will be pro-rated and will cost \$2,499.00.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Not join. If the Authority does not join, it will miss the opportunity to participate in forums to prioritize local and county transportation issues.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This matter was discussed by the Board of Trustees at the September 10, 2019 External and Stakeholder Relations & Advocacy Committee meeting. It is recommended that the Authority join NEORide, a Regional Council of Governments and that the Board of Trustees authorize the General Manager, CEO or her designee, to represent the Authority and participate in the council initiatives.
- 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