

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-123

AMENDING CHAPTER 1098 OF THE CODIFIED RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY TO UPDATE THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT AND COMMITMENTS

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to protecting the environment as it provides public transit services throughout Cuyahoga County to create a healthier and more 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, on November 21, 2017, the Board approved Resolution No. 2017-101 repealing Chapter 1098 of the Codified Rules and Regulations and adopting a Revised Environmental Policy Statement and Commitments compliant with the new ISO 14001:2015 Standard; and

WHEREAS, in the course of the annual review of the Environmental Policy Statement and Commitments, the policy is being revised as part of our continual improvement commitment.

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 amended to read as follows:

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.
- Incorporating environmental responsibility into business operations by planning for environmental protection, reviewing and developing policies, providing resources, setting targets, and reviewing and auditing performance.
- Prevention of pollution and conservation resources, by reducing energy and water consumption, increasing reuse and recycling, and procuring sustainable 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.

Section 2. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: December 17, 2019



President

Attest: 

Interim Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

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	Date: December 12, 2019
	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 amend 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 amended to be more consistent with the ISO 14001:2015 Standard and emphasize the integration into our business operation and the need for providing resources to the Program.
- This revision is consistent with our commitment to continual improvement.
- 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 and reflect our commitment to continual improvement.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: Does not apply.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Not adopting this resolution. The current Environmental Policy Statement and Commitments would be maintained.
- 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 Organizational, Services and Performance Monitoring Committee on December 3, 2019 and moved to the full Board for action.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENTS: A. Redline copy of the Environmental Policy Statement and Commitments.

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



General Manager, Chief Executive Officer

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- 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.~~
- Incorporating environmental responsibility into business operations by planning for environmental protection, reviewing and developing policies, providing resources, setting targets, and reviewing and auditing performance.
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