

PUBLIC HEARING

This is the official public hearing on the proposed Capital Fund Budgets for the calendar year 2019 for the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority. As required by the Ohio Revised Code, the information concerning the capital budget is available for public inspection in the Office of Management and Budget of this Authority. Public notice of this hearing has been given by publication of a legal advertisement in the Cleveland *Plain Dealer* on April 13, 2018, as well as by posting of notice.

The Operational Planning and Infrastructure Committee of the RTA Board of Trustees reviewed the capital budget today and will vote on May 15th adopting the capital budget.

The Capital Improvement development process was started and completed earlier than in recent years to comply with NOACA's revised Project Planning Review Schedule. This will allow the Authority lead time to ensure funding will be aligned with the programmed budget. If any adjustments are needed, they will be made and considered by the Board at the appropriate time.

The current five year plan totals \$367 million. This amount includes projects that are not fully funded with funding sources to be determined. Total unfunded identified projects are approximately \$540 million. Those needs have been studied and rated through the Capital Planning Working Group & the Capital Planning Oversight Committee.

As was discussed during this presentation, sales tax is a major funding source for our capital projects. Due to elimination of the Medicaid Managed Care Organizations from the sales tax base resulting in an annual loss of \$20 million, we must continually assess our capital improvement program and exercise fiscal agility to maintain a sustainable budget in both our capital and operating funds.