

RESOLUTION NO. 1996 -54

**AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A GRANT UNDER SECTION
5309 OF THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ACT OF 1964, AS AMENDED --
1997 BUS DISCRETIONARY PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation is authorized to make grants for transit projects; and

WHEREAS, the Congress has begun to develop the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) budget for fiscal year 1997; and

WHEREAS, the FTA is seeking to inform the Congress about the aggregate needs of U.S. transit agencies for FY 1997 bus-related discretionary grants under Section 5309 of the Federal Transit Act; and

WHEREAS, the FTA has taken the unusual step of requesting early submittal of FY 1997 grant applications under Section 5309, for the purpose informing the Federal budget process; and

WHEREAS, an application submitted in response to the FTA request can, and likely will, be revised by the applicant in late 1996 to reflect the FY 1997 appropriation and any changes to the applicant's own funding strategy; and

WHEREAS, FTA grant contracts impose certain obligations upon the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, including the provision by it of the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, it is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of applications for assistance under the Federal Transit of 1964, as amended, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority give an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with these projects, and that definitive procedures shall be administered to ensure that minority businesses shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment contracts, or consultant and other services.

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

Section 1. That the General Manager of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is hereby authorized to execute and file a grant application on behalf of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority with the U.S. Department of Transportation for capital assistance under the Section 5309 program.

Section 2. That the General Manager of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is hereby authorized to execute and file with such application, assurance or other documents required by the U.S. Department of Transportation effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Section 3. That the General Manager of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is authorized to furnish such additional information as the U.S. Department of Transportation may require in connection with the application or the projects.

Section 4. That the General Manager of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the projects' procurement needs.

Section 5. That the General Manager of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is authorized to accept the Federal funds from FTA, received pursuant to the grant for which this application is made, and to expend such funds for specific projects as authorized by the Board of Trustees.

Section 6. That, in the absence of the General Manager, the Acting General Manager of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is hereby authorized to perform any or all of the above-described functions.


Section 7. That this resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: April 16, 1996



President

Attest:



Secretary-Treasurer