

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-82

LICENSE AGREEMENT TO ALLOW DEVELOPMENT OF A PUBLIC PARK ON
LAND LOCATED ON THE COLUMBUS PENINSULA OF THE FLATS IN
THE CITY OF CLEVELAND

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority") is the owner of three (3) parcels of real property located on or near Leonard Street, French Street and British Street in the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio and known as being Cuyahoga County Permanent Parcel Numbers 101-19-001, 101-17-005 and 101-17-003, respectively, comprising approximately 1.3 acres of land (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Property is located below the Viaduct on what is known as the Columbus Road Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District ("Metroparks") has acquired rights to several adjacent or nearby parcels of real property on the Columbus Road Peninsula which it intends to develop into a public park; and

WHEREAS, Metroparks has made a request to incorporate the Property into its park development; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration and applicable federal regulations authorize the incidental use of the Authority's real property including non-income generating uses that benefit transit as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Metroparks intends to develop and maintain the Property as a public park in conjunction with its other developed parcels and has agreed to develop, operate and maintain the Property at its sole cost; and

WHEREAS, the proposed public amenity is determined to be an appropriate use for the Property and is a general benefit to the Authority and transit as a whole; and

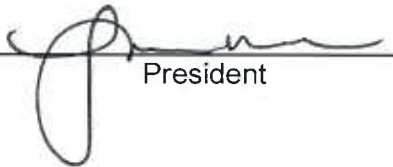
WHEREAS, in exchange for Metroparks' substantial expenditures for development, operation and maintenance of the Property, the Authority intends to offer the license for a term of ten (10) years with an option for one (1) additional ten (10) year term at no cost to Metroparks.

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, Chief Executive Officer be and she is hereby authorized to enter into a License Agreement with Metroparks for the development, operation and maintenance of the Property as a public park for the period commencing upon the full execution of a License Agreement for a term of ten (10) years, with the authority to exercise the option for one (1) additional ten (10) year term.

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

Adopted: July 15, 2025



President

Attest: 

Secretary Treasurer



TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: LICENSE AGREEMENT TO ALLOW DEVELOPMENT OF A PUBLIC PARK ON AUTHORITY LAND LOCATED ON THE COLUMBUS PENINSULA OF THE FLATS IN THE CITY OF CLEVELAND VENDOR: CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT TERM: TEN (10) YEARS WITH AN OPTIONAL TEN (10) YEAR EXTENSION TERM	Resolution No.: 2025-82
	Date: July 10, 2025
	Initiator: Programming & Planning
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 enter into a License Agreement ("License") with the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District ("Metroparks") granting to Metroparks the use of certain real estate owned by the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority") for the development, operation and maintenance of a public park for a term of ten (10) years with an option for one (1) additional ten (10) year term.

2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** The Authority owns three (3) parcels of real property located on or near Leonard Street, French Street and British Street in the City of Cleveland, comprising approximately 1.3 acres of land (the "Property"). The three (3) parcels are located on the Columbus Road Peninsula in the Flats, as depicted on the attached Location Map. The Property was acquired by the Authority from Cleveland Union Terminals in 1988.

Metroparks has acquired rights to several parcels of real property on the Columbus Road Peninsula which it intends to develop into public parks. This development would provide contiguous park space connecting Rivergate Park to the south, as depicted on the attached Location Map. Metroparks has made a request to include the Property in this development. The proposed License will grant non-exclusive occupancy and use of the Property to Metroparks to develop, operate and maintain the Property as a public park at its sole cost.

The Authority will retain exclusive access and use of the Property for maintenance and repairs to the Viaduct and the five (5) piers supporting it that are located on the Property. The License may be terminated by either party upon ninety (90) days' written notice.

The term of the proposed License is ten (10) years with an option for Metroparks to extend the License for another ten (10) years. There is no cost to Metroparks for the License; however, Metroparks assumes all development, operational and maintenance costs for the entire term which will enable the Authority to redirect its maintenance and security efforts at the Property to other transit purposes.

3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** Does not apply.

4.0 **DBE BACKGROUND:** Does not apply.

5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** Pursuant to the Section 470.03 of the Codified Rules & Regulations of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Code Book"), the Authority's Board of Trustees must approve of the License because the term of the License will exceed three (3) years.

- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: Metroparks will perform all development activities and assume all maintenance obligations for the Property at its sole cost.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject the proposed License. The Property will remain in its present condition with its present use.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that this resolution be adopted and the License Agreement approved.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENTS:
A. Location Map
B. Conceptual Plan

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



General Manager, Chief Executive Officer

Attachment A to Staff Summary - Location Map

