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Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: RATIFICATION OF THE CHANGE ORDER TO CONTRACT NO. 2023-155 FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO TOWER CITY TRACK 7 AND REINSTATEMENT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S SIGNING AUTHORITY VENDOR: THE GREAT LAKES CONSTRUCTION CO. AMOUNT: \$417,329.95	Resolution No.: 2026-60
	Date: September 17, 2026
	Initiator: Engineering & Project Development Department
ACTION REQUEST: ☒ Approval ☐ Review/Comment ☐ Information Only ☐ Other _____	

- 1.0 **PURPOSE/SCOPE:** This action will allow the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority") Board of Trustees to ratify Change Order No. 23, an emergency change order to Contract No. 2023-155 with The Great Lakes Construction Co., and to reinstate the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer's change order signing authority.
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** On April 7, 2026, the Authority's Engineering Department, in conjunction with the Operations Division and Legal Affairs, determined that the ability of the Authority to safely deliver transportation services was compromised by a broken rail on Track 7 at Tower City Station. Revenue service was stopped on that day to perform the emergency repairs. Revenue service resumed Monday, May 4, 2026 after repairs were completed. Change Order No. 23, authorizing the emergency repairs to Track 7, must be ratified by the Board of Trustees because the cost of the change order exceeded the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer's remaining change order signing authority.
- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** On April 7, 2026, the need for the emergency work was presented to the President of the Board of Trustees by the Authority's Director of Procurement through delegation by the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer. Competitive solicitation is not required when, pursuant to R.C. 306.43(H)(1)(a), an emergency exists affecting safety, welfare, or the ability to deliver transportation services. When a request for an emergency procurement is made the Procurement Department, in accordance with the policies and procedures outlined in the Procurement Manual, will determine whether similar services are currently under contract. If a contract is already in place, the Procurement Department will contact the contractor to ascertain whether they can handle the scope of the emergency work. The Great Lakes Construction Co. was already under contract with the Authority for similar work and agreed to work with the Authority's internal personnel to perform emergency actions to repair the broken rail.
- Approval was given by the President of the Board of Trustees to proceed with the emergency change order to Contract 2023-155 with The Great Lakes Construction Co., pending ratification by the Board of Trustees.
- This action also seeks reinstatement of the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer's change order signing authority in the amount of \$500,000.
- 4.0 **DBE BACKGROUND:** Not applicable. DBE goals are not established on emergency procurements.

- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Does not apply.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This change order shall be payable through the RTA Development Fund, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to Capital Grants OH-2023-042-337, OH-2023-042-307 and OH-2024-011-337, in an amount not to exceed \$417,329.95 (\$333,863.96 in federal funds which represents 80% of the total cost).
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this change order ratification. Rejection of this action will prevent the Authority from remitting payment to The Great Lakes Construction Co. for the emergency repairs made to the broken rail on Track 7.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees ratify Change Order No. 23 to Contract No. 2023-155 with The Great Lakes Construction Co.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENTS: Change Order Log

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



General Manager, Chief Executive Officer

CHANGE ORDER LOG
Project 52N Tower City East Portal Rehabilitation

Change Order No.	Change Order Description	Approval Date	Change Order Amount	Approval Authority	Contract Value
1	Embankment Emergency	04/09/2024	\$55,655.16	General Manager/CEO	\$15,795,288.16
2	TP Office Renovation Credit	05/23/2024	(\$12,080.20)	General Manager/CEO	\$15,783,207.96
3	Rail Replacement 39'	10/15/2024	\$15,547.72	General Manager/CEO	\$15,798,755.68
4	Ballast Clean Up	11/04/2024	\$31,028.01	General Manager/CEO	\$15,829,783.69
5	Rail Replacement 40'	11/12/2024	\$16,915.93	General Manager/CEO	\$15,846,699.62
6	Additional Catenary Supports	12/02/2024	\$22,200.00	General Manager/CEO	\$15,868,899.62
7	Rail Replacement at Cut/Throw	12/18/2024	\$265,507.59	General Manager/CEO	\$16,134,407.21
8	Exterior Section of Portal 7	12/18/2024	\$76,056.51	General Manager/CEO	\$16,210,463.72
9	Drainage Structure Repair	01/21/2025	\$98,554.40	Board of Trustees	\$16,309,018.12
10	Expose and Clean Manholes 7 & 8	01/28/2025	\$2,940.53	General Manager/CEO	\$16,311,958.65
11	Additional Signal Testing	04/07/2025	\$18,153.28	General Manager/CEO	\$16,330,111.93
12	Bearing Plates and Beam Flange	04/07/2025	\$11,177.04	General Manager/CEO	\$16,341,288.97
13	Quantity Reconciliation	05/20/2025	\$381,955.00	General Manager/CEO	\$16,723,243.97
14	Quantity Reconciliation	06/17/2025	\$1,194,167.77	Board of Trustees	\$17,917,411.74
15	Soil Nail Modifications	06/25/2025	(\$38,250.00)	General Manager/CEO	\$17,879,161.74
16	Sheet Piling	06/30/2025	\$45,000.00	General Manager/CEO	\$17,924,161.74

17	Track Removal Extension	06/25/2025	\$15,781.73	General Manager/CEO	\$17,939,943.47
18	Signal Requirements	07/21/2025	\$98,162.00	General Manager/CEO	\$18,038,105.47
19	Soil Nail Obstruction	10/16/2025	\$15,188.98	General Manager/CEO	\$18,053,294.45
20	Top of Wall Concrete	10/28/2025	\$84,863.00	General Manager/CEO	\$18,138,157.45
21	Drainage Cleaning	10/28/2025	\$129,606.78	General Manager/CEO	\$18,267,764.23
22	Additional Ties	05/26/2026	\$88,670.28	General Manager/CEO	\$18,356,434.51

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-60

RATIFYING CHANGE ORDER NO. 23 TO CONTRACT NO. 2023-155 WITH THE GREAT LAKES CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO TRACK 7 AT TOWER CITY STATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$417,329.95 FOR A NEW TOTAL CONTRACT VALUE OF \$18,773,764.46 AND REINSTATING THE GENERAL MANAGER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S CHANGE ORDER SIGNING AUTHORITY IN ITS ENTIRETY (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, ENGINEERING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2024, the Board of Trustees approved Resolution No. 2024-006 authorizing Contract No. 2023-155 with The Great Lakes Construction Co., located at 2608 Great Lakes Way, Hinckley, Ohio 44233, for Project 52N – Tower City East Portal Rehabilitation in an amount not to exceed \$15,739,633; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority") deemed it necessary to acquire emergency construction services under Project 52N – Tower City East Portal Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.C. 306.43(H)(1)(a), competitive solicitation is not required when an emergency exists affecting the safety, welfare, or ability to deliver transportation services; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with emergency procedures specified in the Authority's Procurement Manual, an agreement was reached with The Great Lakes Construction Co. to perform emergency track repairs to Track 7 under Contract No. 2023-155; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2026, the President of the Board of Trustees gave approval to staff to proceed with emergency repairs, subject to ratification by the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, The Great Lakes Construction Co. performed the emergency repairs at a cost of \$417,329.95; and

WHEREAS, ratification of Change Order No. 23 by the Authority's Board of Trustees is needed.

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

Section 1. That the Board of Trustees hereby ratifies the track 7 repair work under Contract No. 2023-155 with The Great Lakes Construction Co. in the amount of \$417,329.55, on an emergency basis without competitive procedures, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 306.43(H)(1)(a).

Section 2. That the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer of the Authority be and she is hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 23 in the amount of \$417,329.55 with The Great Lakes Construction Co. for the emergency repair of Track 7, thereby increasing Contract 2023-155 to an amount not to exceed \$18,773,764.46.

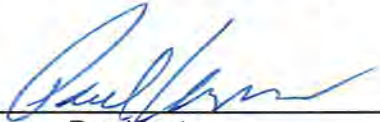
Section 3. That said contract shall be funded through the RTA Development Fund, Engineering & Project Development Department budget, including but not limited to Capital Grants OH-2023-042-337, OH-2023-042-307 and OH-2024-011-337, in an amount not to exceed \$417,329.95 (\$333,863.96 in federal funds which represents 80% of the total cost).

Section 4. That the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer's change order authority be reinstated in its entirety in the amount of \$500,000.

Section 5. That all other terms and conditions of this contract will remain unchanged.

Section 6. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: SEPTEMBER 22, 2026



President

Attest: 

Interim Secretary-Treasurer