



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

TITLE/DESCRIPTION: APPROPRIATING THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY'S EXPENDITURES OR OUTLAYS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2027 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET	Resolution No.: 2026-26
	Date: May 14, 2026
	Initiator: Office of Management & Budget
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 action will authorize appropriations for Fiscal Year 2027 ("FY 2027") for the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's ("Authority") Capital Improvement Budget covering locally funded and grant-funded projects.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: FY 2027 begins January 1, 2027 and ends December 31, 2027. There is a six-month process to incorporate new or revised grant funded capital projects into the Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency's ("NOACA") Transportation Improvement Plan ("TIP") and Ohio's State Transportation Improvement Plan ("STIP") prior to their inclusion in any current and future federal and non-federal grant programs. In order to advance the availability of capital grant funds for the upcoming fiscal year, the development of the FY 2027 Capital Improvement Budget began in September 2025 and involved extensive staff analysis and preparation as well as one meeting of the Board's Operational Planning and Infrastructure Committee on May 5, 2026. One public hearing was held on May 5, 2026 to discuss the proposed FY 2027 Capital Improvement Budget. The Capital Improvement Budget proposed for adoption herein represents the Authority's spending plans for capital improvements throughout the transit system in FY 2027.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 4.0 DBE BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: The FY 2027 Capital Improvement Budget provides for the upkeep of the Authority's existing infrastructure, facilities, equipment, vehicle replacement programs and also provides for the implementation of projects included in the Long-Range Plan.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: The proposed FY 2027 Capital Improvement Budget provides the budget authority for the spending of \$183,393,885 for capital improvement projects, of which \$179,113,885 is for the RTA Development Fund and \$4,280,000 is for the RTA Capital Fund.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Modify the proposed FY 2027 Capital Improvement Budget by adding or subtracting expenditures or revenues for specific capital projects, or delay adoption of the proposed Capital Improvement Budget, which would delay the availability of grant funds in the upcoming fiscal year.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: The proposed FY 2027 Capital Improvement Budget was reviewed May 5, 2026 by the Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee and is recommended for adoption by the Board of Trustees. It is recommended that the Board approve the proposed FY 2027 Capital Improvement Budget as proposed herein.

9.0 ATTACHMENTS:

- A. 2027 – 2031 Combined Capital Improvement Plan
- B. 2027 – 2031 RTA Development Fund Capital Improvement Plan
- C. 2027 – 2031 RTA Capital Fund Capital Improvement Plan
- D. Capital Improvement Fund Balance Analysis
- E. RTA Development Fund Balance Analysis
- F. RTA Routine Capital Fund Balance Analysis

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

2027 - 2031 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

COMBINED BUDGET

PROJECT CATEGORY						TOTAL
	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2027-2031
Bus Garages	\$5,200,000	\$250,000	\$2,550,000	\$2,550,000	\$4,050,000	\$14,600,000
Buses	\$23,826,750	\$26,658,438	\$27,220,484	\$23,826,750	\$23,826,750	\$125,359,172
Equipment & Vehicles	\$10,395,000	\$12,870,000	\$10,395,000	\$10,370,000	\$15,370,000	\$59,400,000
Facilities Improvements	\$33,300,000	\$7,510,000	\$19,746,006	\$9,406,006	\$9,700,000	\$79,662,012
Other Projects	\$18,241,576	\$2,950,000	\$3,691,576	\$3,391,576	\$3,391,576	\$31,666,304
Preventive Maint./Oper. Reimb.	\$5,168,059	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$65,168,059
Rail Car Program	\$29,250,000	\$42,026,004	\$29,377,867	\$6,302,867	\$1,250,000	\$108,206,738
Rail Projects	\$57,637,500	\$50,045,491	\$58,369,000	\$45,806,045	\$37,779,918	\$249,637,954
Transit Centers	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$1,875,000
TOTALS	\$183,393,885	\$157,684,933	\$166,724,933	\$117,028,244	\$110,743,244	\$735,575,239

Attachment B

2027 - 2031 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND

PROJECT CATEGORY						TOTAL
	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2027-2031
Bus Garages	\$5,200,000	\$250,000	\$2,550,000	\$2,550,000	\$4,050,000	\$14,600,000
Buses	\$23,826,750	\$26,658,438	\$27,220,484	\$23,826,750	\$23,826,750	\$125,359,172
Equipment & Vehicles	\$8,350,000	\$10,850,000	\$8,350,000	\$8,350,000	\$13,350,000	\$49,250,000
Facilities Improvements	\$31,065,000	\$5,425,000	\$17,686,006	\$7,346,006	\$7,640,000	\$69,162,012
Other Projects	\$18,241,576	\$2,950,000	\$3,691,576	\$3,391,576	\$3,391,576	\$31,666,304
Preventive Maint./Oper. Reimb.	\$5,168,059	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$65,168,059
Rail Car Program	\$29,250,000	\$42,026,004	\$29,377,867	\$6,302,867	\$1,250,000	\$108,206,738
Rail Projects	\$57,637,500	\$50,045,491	\$58,369,000	\$45,806,045	\$37,779,918	\$249,637,954
Transit Centers	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$1,875,000
TOTALS	\$179,113,885	\$153,579,933	\$162,619,933	\$112,948,244	\$106,663,244	\$714,925,239

Attachment C

2027 - 2031 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**RTA CAPITAL**

PROJECT CATEGORY	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	TOTAL 2027-2031
Bus Garages	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment & Vehicles	\$2,045,000	\$2,020,000	\$2,045,000	\$2,020,000	\$2,020,000	\$10,150,000
Facilities Improvements	\$2,235,000	\$2,085,000	\$2,060,000	\$2,060,000	\$2,060,000	\$10,500,000
Other Projects	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Preventive Maint./Oper. Reimb.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Rail Car Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Rail Projects	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transit Centers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTALS	\$4,280,000	\$4,105,000	\$4,105,000	\$4,080,000	\$4,080,000	\$20,650,000

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-26

APPROPRIATING THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT
AUTHORITY'S EXPENDITURES OR OUTLAYS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
("FY") 2027 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET

WHEREAS, there are both legal and managerial requirements to establish the revenues to be received for the upcoming fiscal year, including all taxes, user fees, and other types of revenues, as well as estimates of all expenditures or outlays for the capital improvement program of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority") to be paid or met from said revenues, during each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet those requirements, a Capital Improvement Budget for the Authority for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2027 ("FY 2027") has been prepared; and

WHEREAS, said budget has been made available for public inspection for at least ten (10) days by having at least two (2) copies thereof on file in the Authority's Office of Management and Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee of the Board of Trustees discussed the proposed FY 2027 Capital Improvement Budget on May 5, 2026 and one public hearing was held on May 5, 2026 with public notice given by publication in the Cleveland Call and Post on April 15, 2026 and April 17, 2026, publication in the Cleveland Plain Dealer on April 18, 2026 and April 19, 2026, and (3) postings in the Authority's Main Office Building, at the Customer Service Center in the Tower City Rotunda, on the Authority's social media pages, and on the Authority's website.

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

Section 1. That the appropriations for the current expenditures or outlays of the RTA Capital and RTA Development Funds during FY 2027 are as indicated below and the amounts to be expended and encumbered in each classification during FY 2027 are hereby set aside and appropriated:

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

RTA Capital Fund	\$ 4,280,000
RTA Development Fund	179,113,885
Total Capital Appropriation	<u>\$183,393,885</u>

Section 2. That transfers of funds may be made in this capital appropriation budget from one project to another, or from one department to another, or from one line item to another, but not from one fund to another without Board of Trustees approval.

Section 3. That this budget may be amended from time to time in order to appropriate additional capital grant funds that may be received in FY 2027.

Section 4. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: May 19, 2026



President

Attest: 

Secretary-Treasurer