



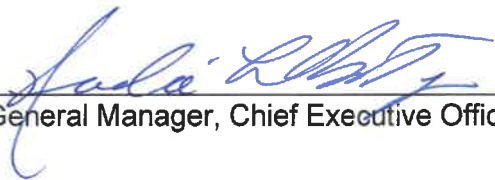
TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF TWENTY-SIX (26) AMERICAN BUS ENDERA PARATRANSIT VEHICLES VENDOR: AMERICAN BUS & ACCESSORIES, INC. AMOUNT: \$3,989,791	Resolution No.: 2026-30
	Date: May 14, 2026
	Initiator: Fleet Management Department
ACTION REQUEST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

- 1.0 **PURPOSE/SCOPE:** This action will allow the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (“Authority”) to enter into a contract for the manufacture and delivery of twenty-six (26) wheelchair-equipped, American Bus Endera paratransit vehicles through the Ohio Department of Transportation, Cooperative Purchasing Program (“Cooperative Purchasing Program”).
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** These twenty-six (26) paratransit vehicles will be used by the Authority's Paratransit District and will replace vehicles that have exceeded their useful life in age and/or mileage, according to the Authority’s vehicle replacement policy and guidelines.
- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND.** In Chapter 410 of the Codified Rules and Regulations of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (“Code Book”), the Board of Trustees has authorized the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer to utilize the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program. R.C. 5513.01(B) provides political subdivisions within the State of Ohio the opportunity to participate in cooperative purchasing contracts executed by the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation, for the purchase of equipment, materials, supplies, or other tangible assets.

 This resolution will authorize the purchase and delivery of twenty-six (26) American Bus Endera paratransit vehicles through Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract No. 248-24 at a unit price of \$153,453.50, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,989,791. The unit prices established under the Cooperative Purchasing Program result from a competitive process. A price analysis has been performed, and the Procurement Department has determined that the price is fair and reasonable to the Authority.
- 4.0 **DBE BACKGROUND:** As a result of the USDOT Interim Final Rule published in the Federal Register and made effective October 3, 2025, DBE goal setting has been suspended on Authority projects until further notice.
- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** Does not apply.
- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** This contract shall be payable from the RTA Development Fund, Fleet Management Department budget, including but not limited to Capital Grants OH-2021-009 & OH-2025-04-0307 and local advance funds of NOACA 5310 awards, and local funds for spare parts, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,989,791 (\$3,188,917.40 in federal funds, which represents 79.9% of the total cost).
- 7.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer would impair the Authority’s ability to provide reliable and timely paratransit service.

- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This procurement was discussed at the May 5, 2026 Organizational, Services & Performance Monitoring Committee meeting. It is recommended that the offer from American Bus & Accessories, Inc. be accepted and the resolution adopted authorizing the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENT: None

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


General Manager, Chief Executive Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-30

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2026-056 WITH AMERICAN BUS & ACCESSORIES, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWENTY-SIX (26) PARATRANSIT VEHICLES, AS SPECIFIED, FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,989,791 (RTA DEVELOPMENT FUND, FLEET MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority") has identified the need to purchase paratransit vehicles to replace those that have reached or exceeded their useful life; and

WHEREAS, paratransit vehicles are available through the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program ("Cooperative Purchasing Program"); and

WHEREAS, R.C. 5513.01(B) provides political subdivisions within the State of Ohio with the opportunity to participate in contracts executed by the Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of equipment, materials, supplies, or other tangible assets; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees authorized utilization of the Cooperative Purchasing Program in Resolution No. 2017-102, as set forth in Chapter 410 of the Codified Rules and Regulations of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, R.C. Section 306.43(H)(4) provides that competitive procedures are not required when an expenditure is made from another political subdivision, public agency, public transit system, regional transit authority, the state, or the federal government, or as a beneficiary under a state or federal procurement contract, or as a participant in a Department of Administrative Services contract under section 125.04 (B) of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, through Contract No. 248-24 with the Cooperative Purchasing Program, American Bus & Accessories, Inc., located at 123 City Centre Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45216, has offered to manufacture and deliver twenty-six (26) paratransit vehicles, as specified, at a unit price of \$153,453.50, for a total amount not to exceed \$3,989,791; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager, Chief Executive has determined it is in the best interest of the Authority to purchase the twenty-six (26) paratransit vehicles from American Bus & Accessories, Inc. utilizing the Cooperative Purchasing Program and recommends acceptance thereof by the Board of Trustees.

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

Section 1. That the offer from American Bus & Accessories, Inc., through the Cooperative Purchasing Program, for the manufacture and delivery of twenty-six (26) paratransit vehicles be and the same is hereby accepted.

Section 2. That the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer of the Authority be and she is hereby authorized to contract with American Bus & Accessories, Inc. for the purchase of twenty-six (26) paratransit vehicles.

Section 3. That said contract shall be payable from the RTA Development Fund, Fleet Management Department budget, including but not limited to Capital Grants OH-2021-009 & OH-2025-04-0307 and local advance funds of NOACA 5310 awards, and local funds for spare parts, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,989,791 (\$3,188,917.40 in federal funds, which represents 79.9% of the total cost).

Section 4. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority contingent upon compliance by the contractor to the specifications and addenda, thereto, if any; bonding and insurance requirements; and all applicable laws relating to contractual obligations of the Authority.

Section 5. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: May 19, 2026



President

Attest: Rajan D. Jantam
Secretary-Treasurer