











# RTA Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

#### **Public Comments**

# Agenda and Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes)

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# **Committee Reports**

# Ad Hoc Committee Reports















## **New Hires and Promotions**

October 2024



Lee Ward Operator



Cordero Hildreth Operator



Ryan Morrison Operator



Tonya May Operator



Kismet Vinson Operator



Gwendolyn Varnadore Operator



Cierra McCoy Operator



Michael Parham Operator



Aretha Johnson Operator

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority



Darnita Manigault Operator



Darlene Young Operator



Pamela Jones Operator



Gregory Bates Operator



Philecia Brooks Operator



Jamell Carter Pittmon
Operator



Tiffany Hamrick Operator



James Williams Operator



Durward Hughes Operator

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Latisha Bowen Operator



HollyAnne Jackson Operator



Nickole Boose Operator



Maurice Sadler Operator



Joshua Ortiz Operator



Aaron Reynolds Operator



Phoenix Daniels Operator



Bernard Jackson Operator



Jimmy Darby Operator

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James Rodgers Jr. Operator



George Rice Operator



Robert Anderson Operator



Mario Jones Sr. Operator



Jazzman Williams Operator



Davonya Walker Operator



Andrea Curry Operator



Robyn Bagley Operator



Durward Hughes Operator

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Reginald Palmore Rail Operator



Taria Smith Rail Operator



Matthew Orr Rail Operator



Tameisha Black Rail Operator



Keith Madison Rail Operator



Kimiko Blackmon Rail Operator



Maurice Harris Laborer



Edward Boyce Laborer



Christian Watson District Business Analyst

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority



Joseph Turner Central Communications Specialist



Derrick Perdue Equipment Servicer

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority

#### **October Promotions**



Griffin Bayle Equipment Maintainer



Wayne Chalker Equipment Maintainer



Joseph Bryan Lean Signal Technician



Carl Repenning, Jr. Line Maintainer



Pamela Murphy Crew Chief



Carolyn Young
Director of Grants
Management & Treasury



David Rapp Quality Assurance Warranty Specialist I

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# Resolutions



### GCRTA - Retirees 3<sup>rd</sup> QTR. 2024



Katherine Underwood Rail Operator



Sheila Johnson Bus Operator



Joseph Mocilnikar Bus Operator



Edward Isakov Bus Operator



Sharon Giles Bus Operator



Rickie Buck Assistant Supervisor-Equipment



Paul Hudy Signal Technician



Audie Rivers Line Maintainer



Michael Capek Engineering Program Manager-Facilities

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority

# Resolutions













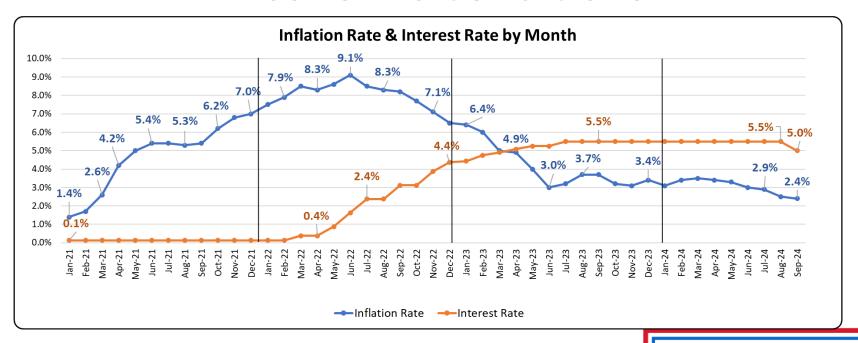


# Secretary/Treasurer Update

**Board of Trustees** 

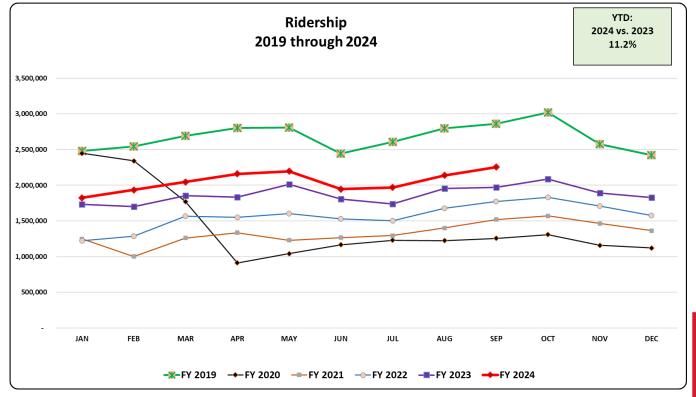
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### **Economic Conditions**



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## Ridership through September 2024



YTD Ridership (in millions)

2019: 24.0

2020: 13.4 (44.3%)

2021: 11.6 (13.7%)

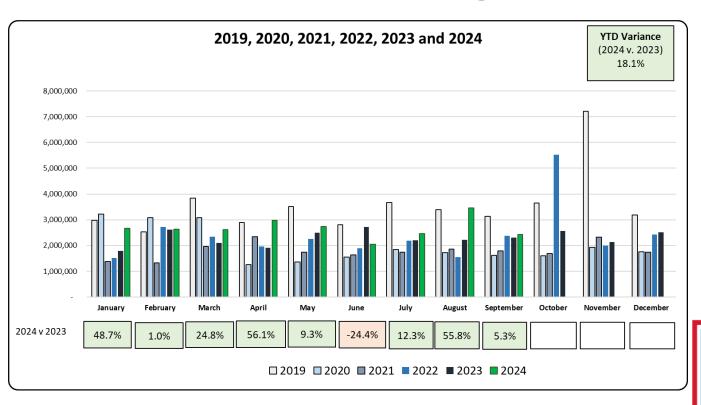
2022: 13.7 18.6%

2023: 16.6 21.1%

2024: 18.5 11.2%

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## Passenger Fares



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## YTD Passenger Fares (in millions)

2019: \$28.7 2020: 18.7 (34.8%)

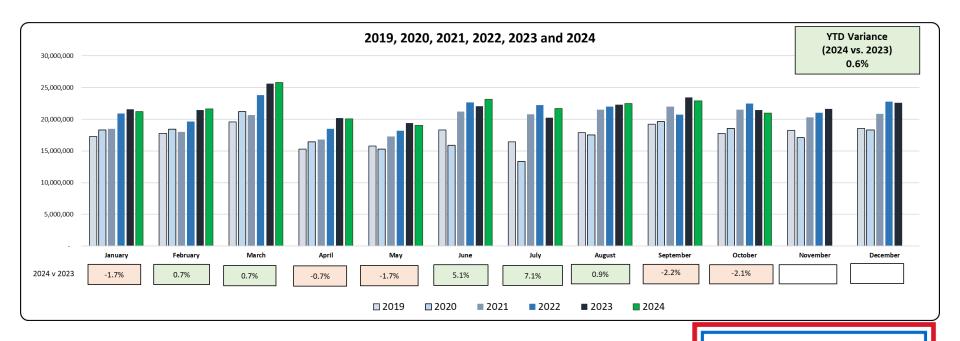
2021: 15.8 (15.8%)

2022: 18.8 19.2%

2023: 20.4 8.2%

2024: 24.1 18.1%

### Sales Tax



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### Selected Data

Total Long-Term Debt – 12/31/2023

Average Investment Yield – YTD

Cash and Investments

Unrestricted (General Fund)

Restricted

TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS

\$ 30.3 million

4.50%

\$ 29.4 million

<u>344.7 million</u>

\$374.1 million

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# Questions













# General Manager, CEO Report

India L. Birdsong Terry October 29, 2024

## Casey Blaze Elected to Secretary of the APTA Light Rail Technical Form



#### September 29, 2024 | APTA Committee Meeting

- The Forum studies and discusses the technical and operational issues inherent in light rail systems
- As Secretary, Mr. Blaze will be part of a committee that oversees a multitude of nationwide Light Rail Transit topics
- Mr. Blaze will serve a two-year term ending in 2026



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# American Public Transportation Association TRANSform Conference and Expo



Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 2024 | Anaheim, CA

The event brings together public transit industry leaders, policymakers, and innovators for education, networking, and collaboration

Greater Cleveland RTA Attendees: India L. Birdsong Terry, Dr. Natoya Walker Minor, and Miles Varga Greater Cleveland RTA Board Member Attendees: Mayor Paul A. Koomar, Stephen M. Love and Deidre Y. McPherson

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# Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) Regional Hearing



Mike Schipper, Mary Flannery, Jose Feliciano & Teresa Muti

#### **October 2nd | Canton Akron Airport**

- Our Funding Request: Seeking \$23.7M in TRAC funding for the \$70 M Light Rail Track Reconstruction Program
- **Investment Focus:** A long-term investment in replacing 44-year-old infrastructure
- Transit-Oriented Development (TOD): Supports and promotes economic development along the corridor

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## **GCRTA Bus Rodeo**



#### October 5, 2024 | West Park Station

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Todd Reeves Triskett District
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place James Cintron Triskett District
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Simon Rosado Matos Triskett District

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## Paratransit Website Update



#### October 7, 2024 | riderta.com

- Removed the digital barriers faced by customers with visual and auditory disabilities
- Functional and aesthetically pleasing on devices of different sizes

paratransit.gcrta.org

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#### Ride Free And Vote Press Conference



Mayor Koomar, Erika Anthony, India Birdsong Terry and Lillian Kuri

## October 8, 2024, | Tower City Rapid Station

 Announcement that all riders will ride free from 3:00 a.m. on November 5, 2024 until 3:00 a.m. on November 6, 2024

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# Cleveland Leadership Institute (CLI) Fall 2024 Regional Economy Session

#### October 25, 2025 | GCRTA Main Office

#### **Speakers:**

Bishara Addison – The Fund for our Economic Future

Jacob W. Duritsky – Team NEO

Kay Sutula, Maribeth Feke and Joel Freilich – Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority

#### **Key points of discussion:**

- Basic overview of the Northeast Ohio regional economy-components
  - Players in eco-system
  - Performance, challenges and opportunities

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## **GCRTA Fall Town Hall**



- Attended by 220 employees
- State of GCRTA
- Fireside Chats
- Hosted Semi-Annually

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## Elevate the East Mural



#### October 25, 2024 | Woodhill

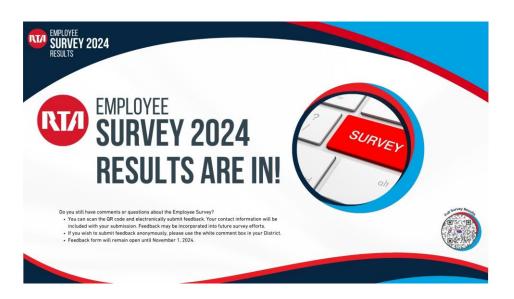
This mural is a continuation of the "Elevate the East" public art plan, a community process to guide public art investments in Cleveland's Eastside neighborhoods

This 728-foot-long wall project was supported by grants from Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority and the National Endowment of the Arts, along with an in-kind contribution by the Greater Cleveland RTA

Cleveland artists Derek Brennan and Chad Fedorovich lead the design and completion of the mural project, and they were helped by artists Alicia Vasquez, Christa Freehands, Isaiah Williams and Dayz Whun

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# 2024 Employee Survey



- 1,004 (47%) out of the 2,035 active employees responded
- 2,000+ written responses resulted in three action items

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# 2024 Employee Awards Banquet



#### October 25, 2024 – Holiday Inn, Rockside

- Over 250 Attendees
- 150 employees from all areas were recognized and awarded

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# 2024 Edition of the 100+ Latinos You Should Know Meet & Greet Celebration



Jose Feliciano, Pablo Santiago, Jorge Lozada, Ismael Flores, Ruben Morgan, Albert Johnson, Jessica Vicens, Edward Oviedo, Edly Oviedo

#### October 25, 2024 | Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

Two GCRTA employees were honored:

- Jorge Lozada and Ismael Flores both active members of our Latinos Unidos FRG
- Multiple business units as well as operators showing their support were in attendance
- Provides an opportunity for networking and showcasing our commitment to the community

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## **Executive Session**

