

RTA Committee Meetings

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Ad Hoc Nominating Committee

Chair: Mr. Stephen M. Love

Organizational, Services & Performance Monitoring Committee

Chair: Ms. Emily Garr Pacetti

Summary of Proposed Award
Furnishing of Vehicle Towing and Flat Tire
Replacement Services
For a Period of Five Years

Presented to: Organizational, Services & Performance
Monitoring Committee

March 4, 2025

Project Overview

- The Authority requires approximately 600 vehicle tows and/or on-site flat tire repairs per year.
- Towing services address a need for mechanical failures, collision recovery and safety measures.
- On-site tire repairs ensure minimal service interruption for our riders.

Project Overview

J Ross Express Inc. is the current provider of these services.

In April, 2020, the Board of Trustees authorized the current contract to J Ross Express Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$338,280.00 for the base three-year period and in amounts not to exceed \$112,760.00 for each option year for a five-year total not to exceed \$563,800.00.

Project Overview

- In partnering with the Transit Police, this contract also provides a public safety service allowing for the removal and recovery of vandalized vehicles from our properties.
- This contract provides towing and flat tire services for all Authority-owned vehicles.

Procurement Overview

- The Invitation for Bid was issued on January 5, 2025.
- Nine interested parties downloaded the solicitation.
- Two responsive bids were received on February 7, 2025.
- A summary of those bids is as follows:

Procurement Overview

Bid Summary				
Bidder	Base Three Year Total	Option Year One	Option Year Two	Contract Total
J. Ross Express Inc.	\$596,805.00	\$198,935.00	\$198,935.00	\$994,675.00
Interstate Towing & Transport	\$1,178,895.00	\$392,965.00	\$398,315.00	\$1,970,175.00

Procurement Overview

- J Ross Express, a local Ohio company, was determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
- A 0% DBE participation goal was assigned to this procurement by the Office of Business Development.

Procurement Overview

Recent experience:

- Metro RTA (Akron)
- Penske/Hogan
- American Iron and Metal
- Iron Mountain Recycling
- Wall Street Recycling

Procurement Overview

Recommendation:

- Staff requests that the Organizational, Services & Performance Monitoring Committee recommend to the Board of Trustees the award of a contract to J. Ross Express Inc., for the furnishing of Motor Vehicle Towing and Flat Tire Replacement Services for a three-year period in an amount NTE \$596,805.00 and in amounts not to exceed \$198,935.00 for each of two option years, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$994,675.00.

Questions

Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee

Chair: Mr. Jeffrey W. Sleasman

Warrensville Van Aken Station Reconstruction

Operational Planning & Infrastructure
Committee

March 4, 2025

Project Overview

- The station serves GCRTA Light Rail system at the end of the Blue Line and GCRTA busway transfer point for 14,14A, 41 and 41A bus routes.
- GCRTA partnered with the City of Shaker Heights and the Van Aken District owners, RMS, to rehabilitate and enhance the station site.
- Purpose of Project:
 - Create strong connection to GCRTA train station, busway, commercial district, and neighborhoods.
 - Create architectural space to uplift and inspire community.
 - Provide quality service.
 - Update ADA accessibility and security.

Project Team

Design was produced primarily by GCRTA staff.

- Project Consultants:
 - HWH Architects Engineers Planners, Inc. - Structural, Mechanical, Plumbing Engineering
 - WSP USA, Inc.— Train Track Realignment Engineering
 - KS Associates, Inc. – Site Survey
 - K&J Safety and Security Consulting Services, Inc. – Safety and Security Certification

Design coordination with The City of Shaker and RMS

Van Aken District - Transit Oriented Development

Phase 1: Mixed Use Development

- \$100 million, completed 2019.
- 100,000 SF of new commercial space
- 65,000 SF of new office space
- 103 new apartments



Phase 1

Phase 2: RAYE - Apartment Towers

- Multi-million, substantial completion 2024
- 226 new apartments



Phase 2

Phase 3: Future Office Building

- 100,000 SF of proposed office space.
- Cost and schedule unknown

City of Shaker Heights - Transit Oriented Development

Van Aken District - Public Realm Project:

- The City undertook the project to incorporate GCRTA's station projects.
- Streetscape and Plaza Site Improvements around the station to unify the Development.
- \$1.5 million, Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds from (NOACA)
- Construction completion, anticipated 2025.



Van Aken District - Public Art - Community

- City of Shaker Heights - Public Realm Project in partnership with GCRTA & RMS.
- Public Art Selection Process:
 - Art committee of residents, art professionals, City staff, & GCRTA.
- Signature artwork to help activate & beautify space around GCRTA station.
- Artwork serves as a shade structure for the new plaza.



Project Location





Existing Conditions



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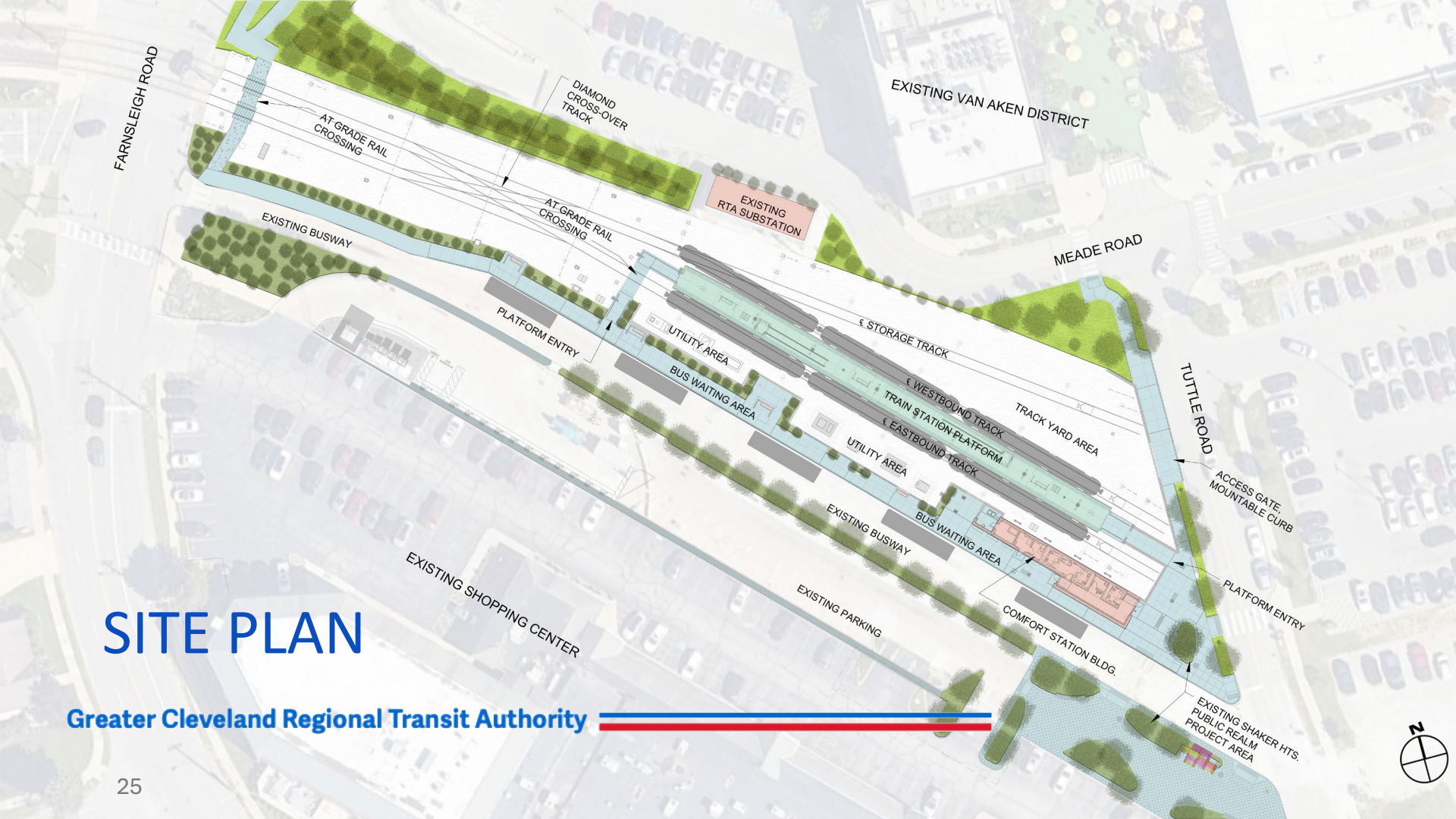
Project Overview

Scope of Work

- Demolition of the existing station.
- Replacement of GCRTA Comfort Station.
- Construction of new ADA compliant train station waiting platform for modified rail track.
- Install new retaining walls and decorative fences to restrict access to areas around site infrastructure.
- Upgrade security, lighting and signage.

SITE PLAN

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority



EXISTING SHOPPING CENTER

EXISTING PARKING

COMFORT STATION BLDG.

EXISTING SHAKER HTS.
PUBLIC REALM
PROJECT AREA

PLATFORM ENTRY

ACCESS GATE,
MOUNTABLE CURB

TUTTLE ROAD

TRACK YARD AREA

WESTBOUND PLATFORM
EASTBOUND TRACK

UTILITY AREA

BUS WAITING AREA
UTILITY AREA

PLATFORM ENTRY

EXISTING BUSWAY

AT GRADE RAIL
CROSSING

DIAMOND
CROSS-OVER
TRACK

EXISTING
RTA SUBSTATION

EXISTING VAN AKEN DISTRICT

MEADE ROAD

FARNSEIGH ROAD

AT GRADE RAIL
CROSSING



Busway and Tuttle Road - Aerial View



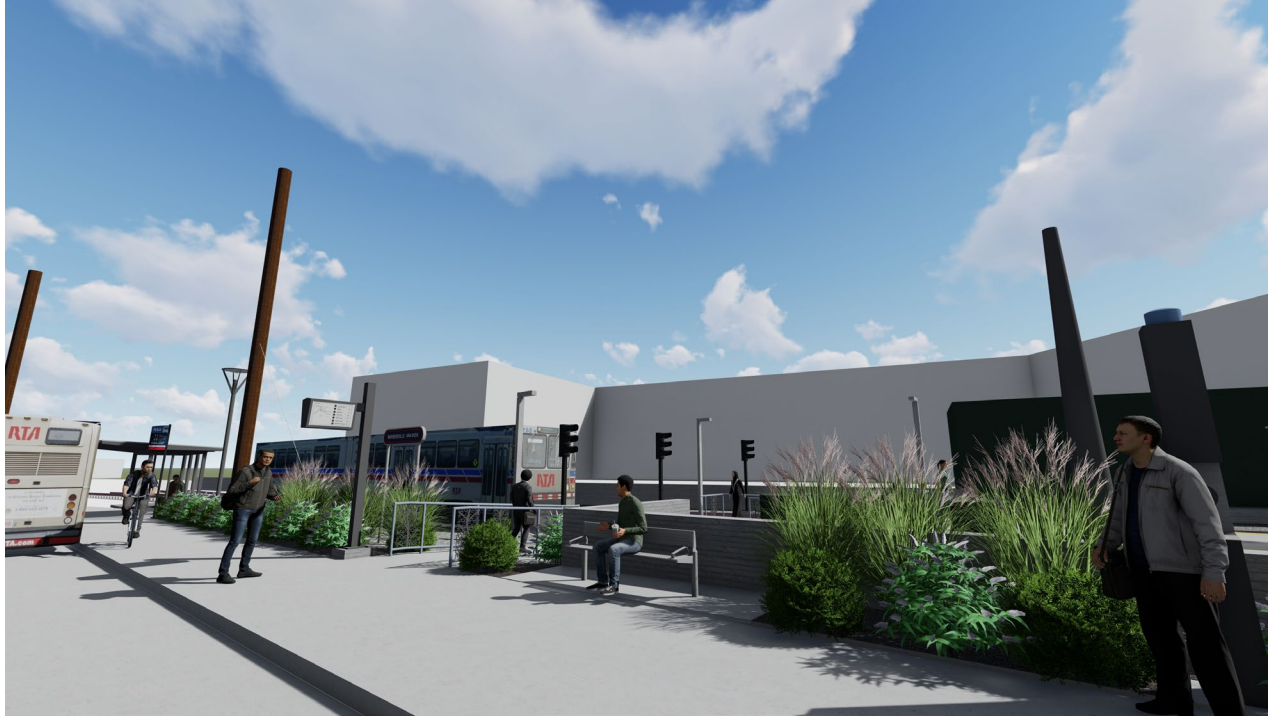
Tuttle Road – East Entry View



Busway and Comfort Station - Entry View



Busway and Comfort Station



Busway – West Entry View



Train Station Platform- ADA Boarding



Shelter



Busway –
Fence Utility Screening

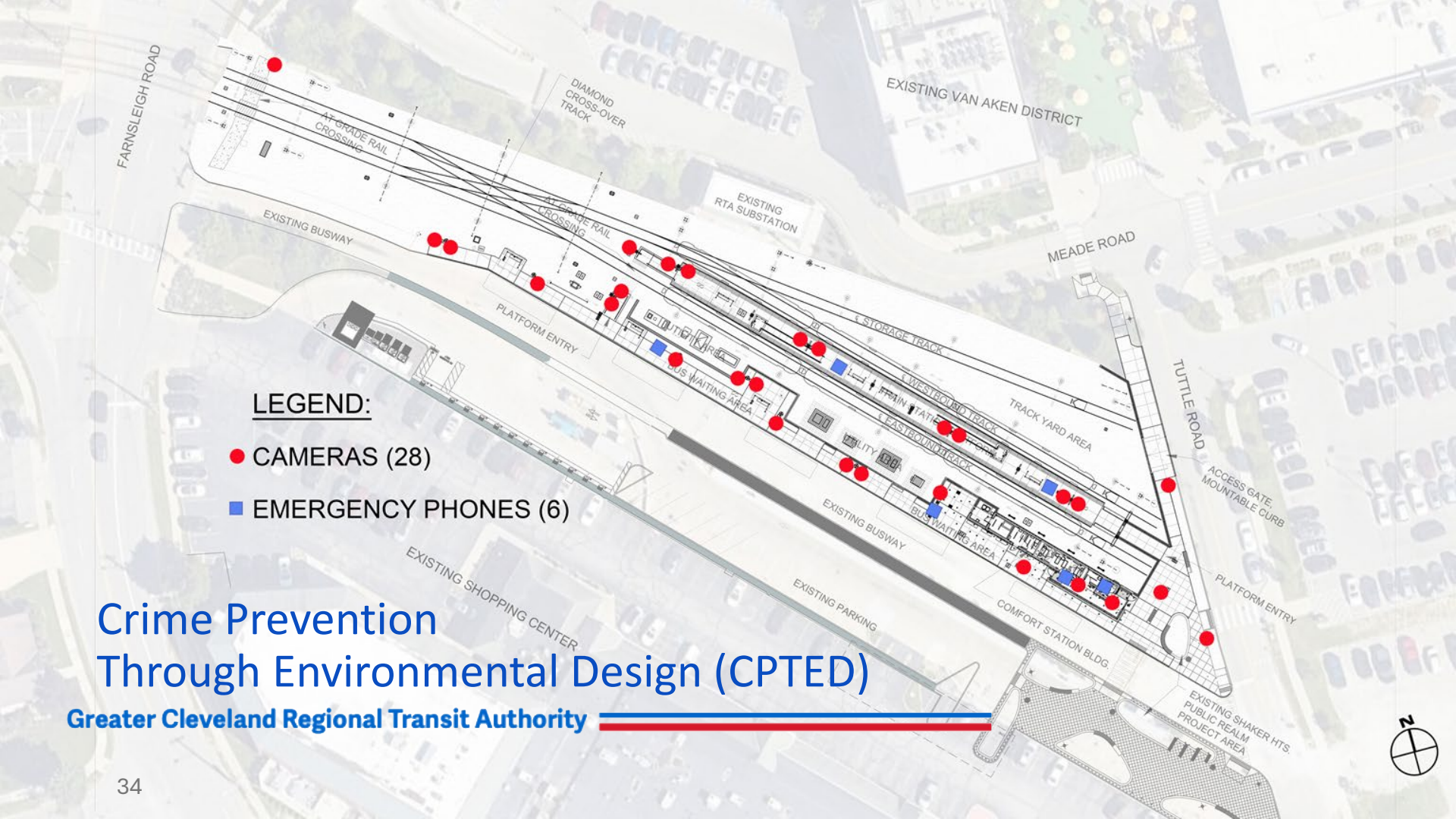


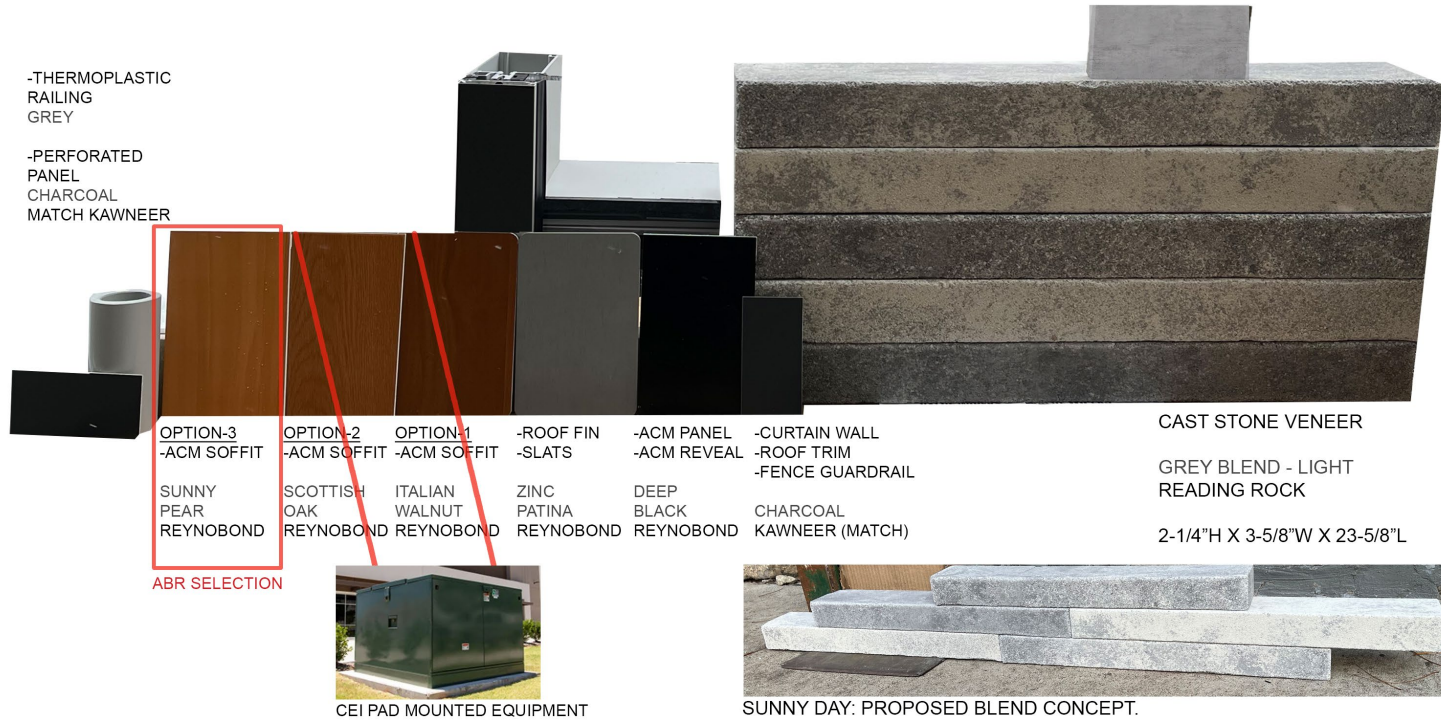
LEGEND:

- CAMERAS (28)
- EMERGENCY PHONES (6)

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority





Proposed Materials

Proposed Site Furnishings



Landscaping

Cx - CLETHRA HUMMINGBIRD'
 -HEIGHT: 30', SPREAD 3-4'
 -DARK GREEN LEAVES, FRAGRANT WHITE FLOWER
 -TURNS BRIGHT YELLOW IN FALL



UL FR - FRONTIER ELM
 -HEIGHT: 40', SPREAD 20'
 -GLOSSY GREEN LEAVES
 -TURNS BURGUNDY IN FALL



lg - ILEX GLABRA 'DENSE'
 -HEIGHT: 3-4', SPREAD 4-6'
 -LEATHERY DARK GREEN LEAVES
 -EVERGREEN SHRUB



Ra - FRAGRANT SUMAC
 -HEIGHT: 30', LOW GROW PLANT
 -GREEN LEAVES
 -TURNS SCARLET TO ORANGE IN FALL



Pv - HEAVY METAL SWITCH GRASS
 -HEIGHT: 3-4'
 -STIFF METALLIC BLUE LEAVES
 -TURNS BRIGHT YELLOW IN FALL



LEGEND



PLANT SCHEDULE

SYMBOL	QTY	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	MIN. SIZE	CONDITION	SPACING	NOTES
UL FR	AS SHOWN	ULMUS FRONTIER	FRONTIER ELM	9" CAL.	B&B	AS SHOWN	NATIVE SPECIES, SALT TOLERANT
Pv	AS SHOWN	PANICUM VIRGATUM HEAVY METAL	HEAVY METAL SWITCH GRASS	No. 1	CONT.	30' O.C.	NATIVE SPECIES, SALT TOLERANT
Ra	AS SHOWN	RHUS AROMATICA GROW LOW	FRAGRANT SUMAC	No. 3	CONT.	AS SHOWN	NATIVE SPECIES, SALT TOLERANT EXISTING PLANT SPECIES ONSITE
lg	AS SHOWN	ILEX GLABRA 'DENSE'	DENSE COMPACT INKBERRY	No. 5	CONT.	AS SHOWN	NATIVE SPECIES, SALT TOLERANT
Cx	AS SHOWN	CLETHRA ALNIFOLIA HUMMINGBIRD'	SUMMERSWEET	No. 5	CONT.	AS SHOWN	NATIVE SPECIES, SALT TOLERANT

Proposed Project Schedule

- Notice to Proceed: May 2025
 - Existing Train Station open during construction
 - Busway open during construction
- Substantial Completion: June 2026
- Final Completion: August 2026

Warrensville Van Aken Station Reconstruction

Procurement Overview

- Invitation For Bid (IFB) issued December 13, 2024.
- Accessed on the GCRTA website by forty (40) interested parties.
- Five (5) firms submitted a bid.
- Three (3) bids were deemed responsive.

Warrensville Van Aken Station Reconstruction

Lowest responsive and responsible vendor:

Mike Coates Construction Co., Inc. of Niles, Ohio

A 17% DBE participation goal was assigned to this procurement by the Office of Business Development and will be achieved by utilizing:

- Irizar Electric LLC

Warrensville Van Aken Station Reconstruction

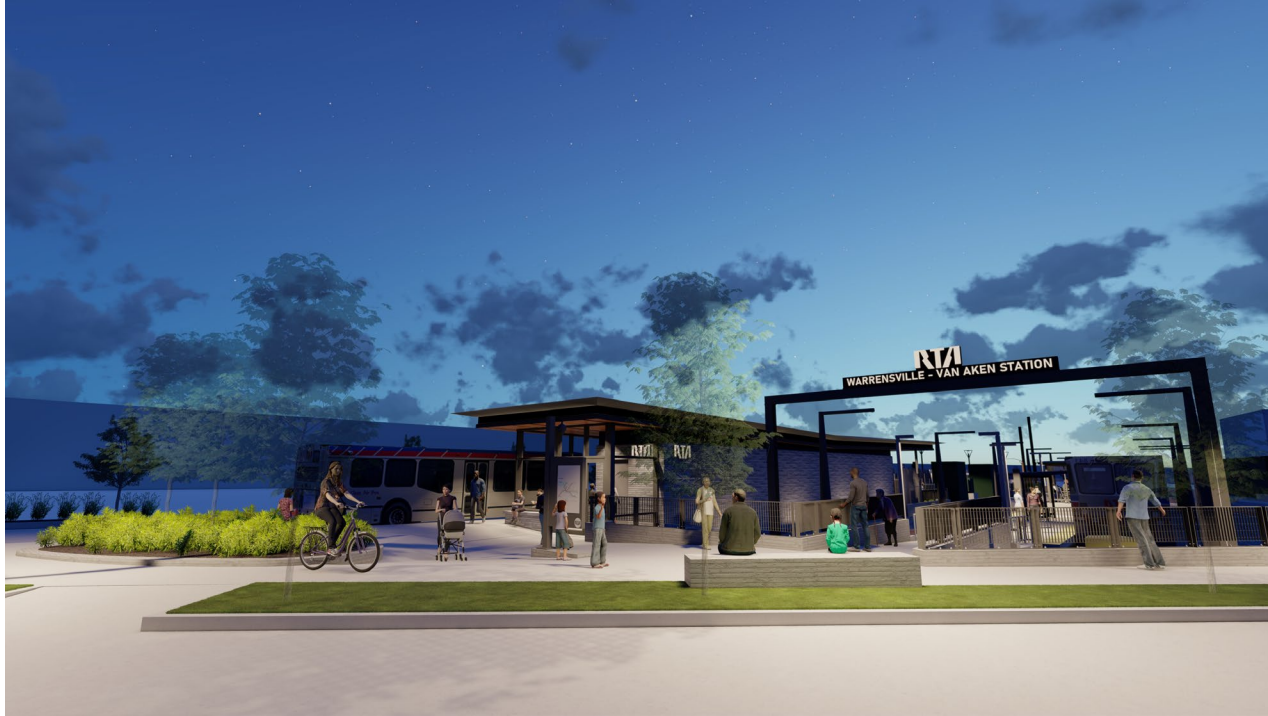
Firm Experience:

- Mike Coates Construction Co., Inc. has successfully completed projects for City of Westlake, Erie County, Western Reserve Transit Authority, City of Warren, and City of Canton, among others.
- Mike Coates Construction Co., Inc. has current projects with Youngstown Air Reserve Base, French Creek Twp., City of Canton, and Ursuline Motherhouse Assisted Living Facility, among others.

Warrensville Van Aken Station Reconstruction

Recommendation:

Staff requests that the Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee recommend award to Mike Coates Construction Co., Inc. for the Warrensville Van Aken Station Reconstruction. The contract is in an amount not to exceed \$6,702,676.00.



Questions / Comments

Audit, Safety Compliance & Real Estate Committee

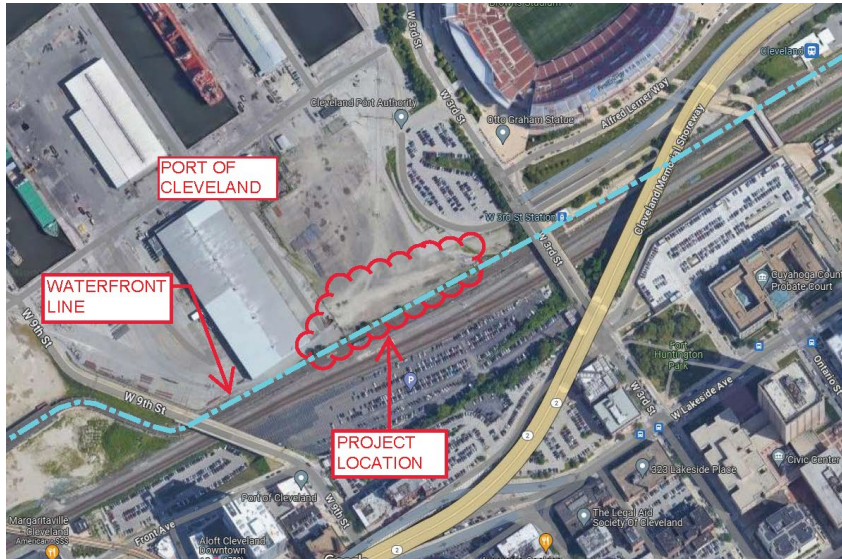
Chair: Mayor David E. Weiss

Permanent Easement for Port of Cleveland Connector Track

Audit, Safety Compliance and Real Estate
Committee

March 4, 2025

Permanent Easement for Port of Cleveland Connector Track

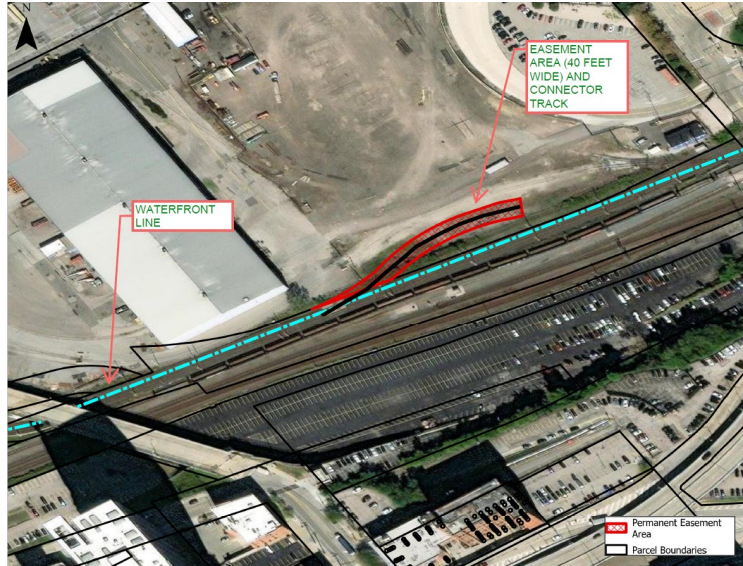


Location Map

Permanent Easement with Port of Cleveland for Connector Track

- Essential to the railcar replacement program
- Covers the construction, operation, use and maintenance of the connector track and related rail infrastructure
- Location at Port of Cleveland in existing freight rail corridor
- Site is conveniently located to GCRTA tracks

Permanent Easement for Port of Cleveland Connector Track



Easement
Layout

Permanent Easement with Port of Cleveland Connector Track

- New railcars arrive by freight rail to the Port of Cleveland in Mid-2026
- Siemens transfers railcars from freight line to the Waterfront Line and moves via locomotive to GCRTA's Brookpark Yard
- New railcars are to be commissioned at the Brookpark site off the Red Line near Airport

Permanent Easement for Port of Cleveland Connector Track-Terms

- Non-exclusive – GCRTA has priority of use
- 40 Feet Wide / 0.3932 acre / 17,128 square feet
- No cost to GCRTA for easement rights
- Construction cost of connector \$900,000

Recommendations

Staff request the Audit, Safety Compliance and Real Estate Committee recommend approval of a Permanent Easement Agreement with the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority for the construction, use, operation and maintenance of a connector track, delivery switch and related facilities at the Port of Cleveland for the delivery of replacement railcars

Questions

Committee of the Whole

Chair: Mayor Paul A. Koomar

Proposed Revisions to the Codified Rules and Regulations

Committee of the Whole

March 4, 2025

Background

- Codified in 1989 (Resolution 1989-176)
- Review and update to bring policies in line with current operations
- Subject to review and revision every 3 years
- Legal Department works with subject matter experts

Chapter 840 - Fare Code

- Add fare capping provision
- Add open payments provision

Chapter 840 – Fare Code

- Eliminate Park-n-Ride and out of county fares
- Eliminate section regarding fares for rides outside county
- Re-organize sections and edit for consistency and clarity

Recommendation

Staff requests that the Committee of the Whole recommend these provisions to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Questions