



MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority will take place on **Tuesday, July 1, 2025** in the Board Room of the Authority, 1240 West Sixth Street, Cleveland, OH 44113, for consideration of the listed items and such other items that may properly come before the Board and be acted upon. This meeting will be live streamed on RTA's Board Page www.RideRTA.com/board on the meeting date for staff and members of the public. Members of the public may attend in person.

The meeting package will be posted on RTA's website at (www.riderta.com/board), on RTA's Facebook page, and RTA's Twitter page.

9:00 AM **AUDIT, SAFETY COMPLIANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

- Cleveland Metroparks/Viaduct parcels – To approve a ten-year License Agreement with an option for an additional ten years, with the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District for three parcels of land located on or near Leonard Street, French Street and British Street, Columbus Road Peninsula, Cleveland, Ohio. (*Jim Reed*)
- E 79th Station – To approve a land exchange agreement with Burten Bell Carr Development, Inc. in furtherance of the East 79th Street Green and Blue line Station Reconstruction. (*Jim Reed*)

OPERATIONAL PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

- CMSD Agreement - to discuss the CMSD Intergovernmental Student Transportation Agreement for the 2025-2026 school year. (*John Togher*)
- A presentation on the 2026 Tax Budget (*Wendy Feinn*)
- Public Hearing on the 2026 Tax Budget

ORGANIZATIONAL, SERVICES & PERFORMANCE MONITORING COMMITTEE

- Non-Competitive Procurement – a presentation of a recurring negotiated non-competitive procurement for annual software maintenance and support of the Authority's demand response, customer information and client communications software applications. (*Charles Morgan and Shawn Becker*)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- Code Book Update – Amending Section 410.01 of the Code Book to increase the threshold above which the Board of Trustees must approve contracts. (*Dawn Tarka*)



India L. Birdsong Terry
General Manager, Chief Executive Officer

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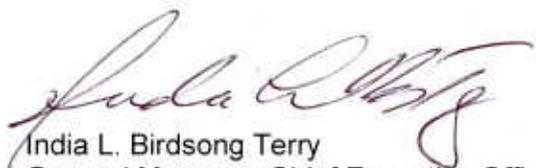


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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that members of the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority will be attending an education session with the Finance Division on **Tuesday, July 1, 2025** beginning at 8:00 am. The education session will take place in the Executive Conference Room of the Authority, 1240 West Sixth Street, Cleveland, OH 44113. This education session will not be live-streamed, and it will not be open to the public.



India L. Birdsong Terry
General Manager, Chief Executive Officer

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AGENDA

AUDIT, SAFETY COMPLIANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

Committee Members: Mayor David E. Weiss, Chair
Ms. Lauren R. Welch, Vice Chair
Ms. Anastasia A. Elder
Ms. Emily Garr Pacetti
Mr. Jeffrey W. Sleasman

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of minutes – June 3, 2025
- III. Cleveland Metroparks/Viaduct parcels – To approve a ten-year License Agreement with an option for an additional ten years, with the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District for three parcels of land located on or near Leonard Street, French Street and British Street, Columbus Road Peninsula, Cleveland, Ohio.

Presenter(s):
 - James Reed, Property Manager
- IV. E 79th Station – To approve a land exchange agreement with Burten Bell Carr Development, Inc. in furtherance of the East 79th Street Green and Blue line Station Reconstruction.

Presenter(s):
 - James Reed, Property Manager
- V. Adjourn



Audit, Safety Compliance & Real Estate Committee Meeting

June 3, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members: Mayor Weiss (Chair), Ms. Elder, Mr. Sleasman,
Not Present: Ms. Pacetti, Ms. Welch (Vice Chair)
Staff/Other: Shawn Becker, Nick Biggar, India Birdsong Terry, Janet Burney, Floun'say Caver, Sharon Cottrell, Drew Dimmick, Maribeth Feke, Michael Fesler, George Fields, Bob Fleig, Joel Freilich, Anthony Garofoli, Rajan Gautam, Sharon Jenkins, Carl Kirkland, Jonathan Laule, Derek Meinke, Sheila Miller, Bryan Moore, Charles Morgan, Jim Reed, Mike Schipper, Wendy Talley, Natoya Walker-Minor
Public: Brian Gibbons, Loh

Mayor Weiss Called the meeting to order at 10:02 am with a roll call. Three (3) committee members were present representing a quorum.

A motion by Mr. Sleasman, seconded by Ms. Elder to approve the minutes from May 13, 2025, and was unanimously approved.

Mayor Weiss asked for a motion and second to enter into executive session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding. It was moved by Mayor Weiss, seconded by Ms. Elder, and unanimously approved by roll call vote at 10:03 am.

It was moved by Mayor Weiss and seconded by Mayor Gallo to reconvene in open session at 10:32 am.

There being no further business to bring before this Committee, a motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Mayor Weiss and seconded by Mr. Sleasman. The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 am.

Rajan D. Gautam
Secretary/Treasurer

Avis R. Lyons
Interim Executive Assistant



To: Mayor Paul A. Koomar, President
and Members, Board of Trustees

From: India L. Birdsong Terry
General Manager, Chief Executive Officer 

Date: July 10, 2025

Subject: License Agreement with Cleveland Metropolitan Park District to Allow
Development of a Public Park on Authority Land

At the July 15, 2025 Audit, Safety Compliance and Real Estate Committee meeting, staff will discuss a request to enter into a License Agreement with the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District ("Metroparks"), granting to Metroparks the use of certain Authority real estate for the development, operation and maintenance of a public park.

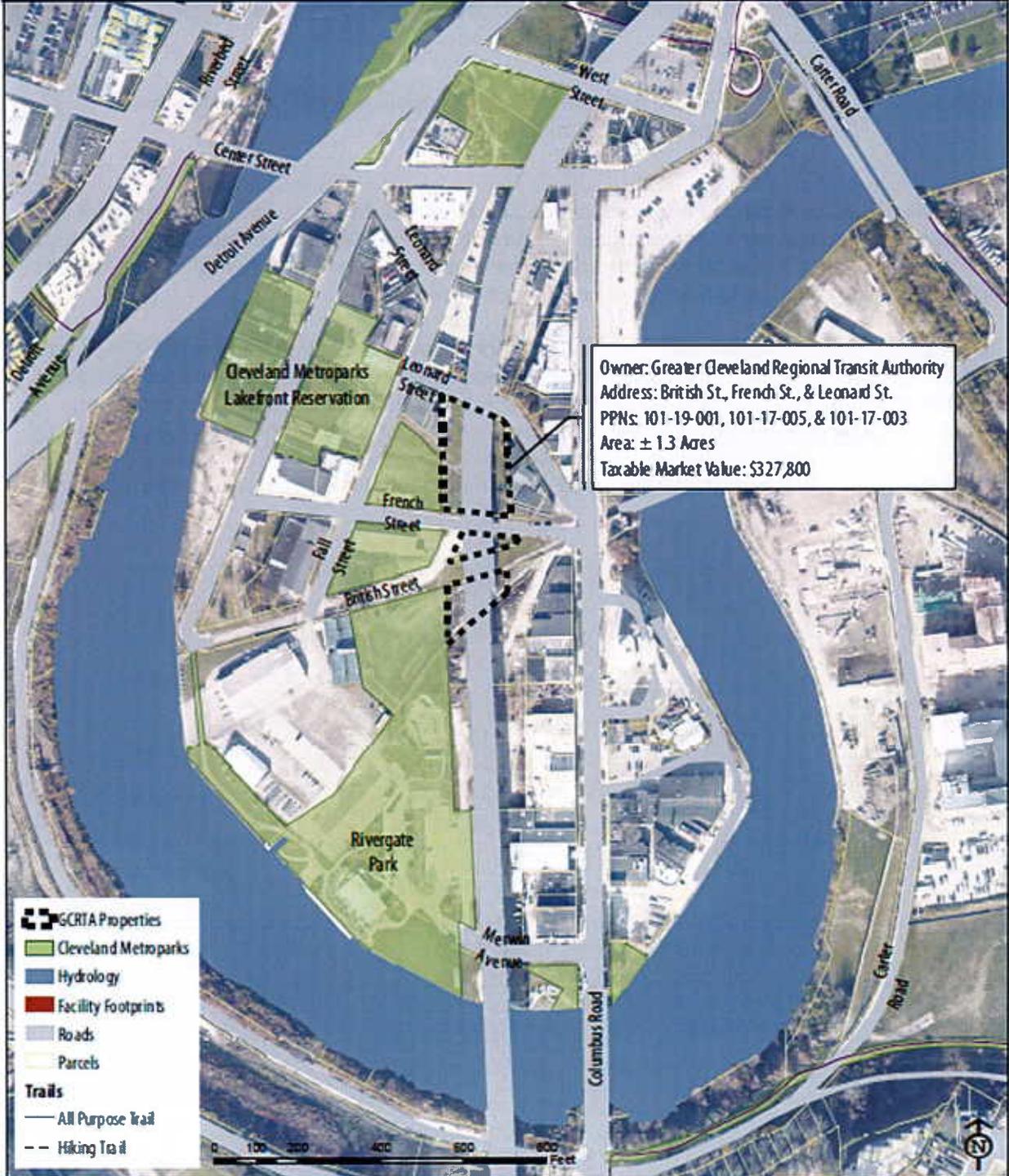
The proposed license includes three parcels of land located directly under the GCRTA Viaduct, comprising approximately 1.3 acres of land. The location is in the Flats Columbus Peninsula just east of Columbus Road and is depicted on the attached location map. The proposed license is for a term of ten (10) years with an option for one (1) additional ten (10) year term.

Please call me if you have any questions or require additional information prior to Tuesday's meeting.

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Lakefront Reservation

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority Property - Cleveland





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Interoffice Memo

To: Mayor Paul A. Koomar, President
and Members, Board of Trustees

From: India L. Birdsong Terry
General Manager, Chief Executive Officer 

Date: July 10, 2025

Subject: Real Estate Exchange Agreement for the Acquisition of Real Property Necessary
for Construction of the New East 79th Street Rapid Transit Station

At the July 15, 2025 Audit, Safety Compliance and Real Estate Committee meeting, staff will discuss a proposed Real Estate Exchange Agreement with Burten Bell Carr Development, Inc. ("BBC") for the acquisition of real property necessary for the construction and operation of the new East 79th Street Rapid Transit Station on the Blue/Green Line.

The proposed exchange includes the acquisition of approximately 6,321 square feet of land from BBC in exchange for the transfer of approximately 6,952 square feet of land from the Authority to BBC. The Authority has determined, with the assistance of appraisals and review appraisals, that the fair market value of the parcels to be exchanged are substantially equal. No cash consideration will be included in the transaction.

Please call me if you have any questions or require additional information prior to Tuesday's meeting.

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AGENDA

OPERATIONAL PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

Committee Members: Mr. Jeffrey W. Sleasman, Chair
Ms. Lauren R. Welch, Vice Chair
Mayor Marie Gallo
Mr. Stephen M. Love
Rev. Charles P. Lucas

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of minutes – June 3, 2025
- III. CMSD Agreement - to discuss the CMSD Intergovernmental Student Transportation Agreement for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - Presenters:
 - John Togher, Director, Accounting
- IV. Tax Budget – Discussion of the FY 2026 Tax Budget.
 - Presenters:
 - Wendy Feinn, Budget Management Analyst III
- V. Public Hearing – FY 2026 Tax Budget
- VI. Adjourn



Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee

June 3, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members: Mr. Sleasman (Chair), Mayor Gallo, Mr. Love, Rev. Lucas
Not Present: Ms. Welch (Vice Chair)
Staff/Other: Shawn Becker, Nick Biggar, India Birdsong Terry, Janet Burney, Floun'say Caver, Sharon Cottrell, Drew Dimmick, Maribeth Feke, Michael Fesler, George Fields, Bob Fleig, Joel Freilich, Anthony Garofoli, Rajan Gautam, Sharon Jenkins, Carl Kirkland, Jonathan Laule, Derek Meinke, Sheila Miller, Bryan Moore, Charles Morgan, Jim Reed, Mike Schipper, Wendy Talley, Natoya Walker-Minor
Public: Brian Gibbons, Loh

Mr. Sleasman called the meeting to order at 9:16 am with a roll call. Four (4) committee members were present, representing a quorum.

A motion by Mayor Gallo, seconded by Mr. Love to approve the minutes from May 6, 2025.

Mr. Sleasman called the first presentation Proposed Change Order – a presentation of a negotiated change order for additional construction services for the Tower City East Portal Rehabilitation project. The presenters were Grant Kersh, Resident Engineer I and Jonathan Laule, Program Contract Manager, Procurement.

Mr. Kersh presented an update on the Tower City East Portal Rehabilitation project, originally authorized under Contract No. 2023-155 and awarded to The Great Lakes Construction Co. on January 23, 2024, by Resolution No. 2024-6. The project, with an initial contract value not to exceed \$15,739,633.00, involves the rehabilitation of deteriorating concrete structures located east of the Tower City rail platform, specifically along Tracks 6, 7, 8, 10E, and 13. The rehabilitation effort addresses issues of falling concrete, exposed rebar, and water intrusion that have emerged in the portals.

Mr. Laule reported that the quantity of concrete patching required has significantly exceeded the original bid item, with actual repair areas reaching 9,300 square feet—far above the originally estimated 2,900 square feet. This discrepancy results in a proposed change order to increase the quantity for Bid Item #519 by an additional 6,400 square feet. Contractors are permitted to apply multipliers up to 2x based on the depth of concrete repairs. The Engineer's estimate for this additional work is \$1,218,500.00.

To date, thirteen change orders have been issued under the General Manager's existing change order authority of \$500,000.00, leaving a remaining balance of \$85,774.15. The proposed change order in the amount of \$1,194,167.77 exceeds this authority and therefore requires Board approval. This change will raise the total contract value to an amount not to exceed \$17,917,411.74 and extend

both substantial and final project completion by 18 weeks, or 126 calendar days. The change will also reinstate the General Manager's change order authority to the full \$500,000.00.

The Great Lakes Construction Co. remains committed to meeting the 19% DBE participation goal for the project. Procurement and Engineering have followed the proper change order process and have reviewed and approved the modification.

It is recommended the Committee approve the proposed change order and forward the recommendation to the full Board for approval. It was moved by Mr. Sleasman, and seconded by Mr. Love, and unanimously approved to advance the item to the full Board for consideration.

Mr. Sleasman called for the next Proposed Change Order – a presentation of a negotiated change order for additional design services to the Central Rail Maintenance Facility Modifications for the New Railcar contract. The presenters were Derek Meinke, Engineer Project Manager, Mechanical and Jonathan Laule, Program Contract Manager, Procurement.

Mr. Meinke presented further details on Contract No. 2024-065 which was awarded to Richard L. Bowen & Associates, Inc. on July 30, 2024, by Resolution No. 2024-54, in an amount not to exceed \$472,484.95. The Notice to Proceed was issued on August 26, 2024. The project includes significant design changes to prepare Central Rail Maintenance Facility (CRMF) for servicing new railcars, including the addition of service balconies over the east and west maintenance pits, new overhead cranes, and installation of a new overhead catenary system.

During the presentation, Mr. Meinke outlined a proposed change order prompted by recently identified requirements not included in the original project scope. The first item involves the addition of electrical power drops within the service pits for hydraulic filter flushing carts, a new requirement directed by Siemens. The second change pertains to modifications to service balconies in order to accommodate rooftop Heat Recovery Ventilation (HRV) equipment that had not been identified during the initial planning phase. The Engineer's Estimate for both changes is \$37,156.92.

One previous change order has already been executed under the General Manager's change order authority of \$100,000.00, leaving only \$107.02 remaining in authorized funds. The proposed change order for \$18,384.31 exceeds the remaining authority and would result in a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$590,762.24. If approved, the General Manager's change order authority would be reinstated to the full \$100,000.00.

Richard L. Bowen & Associates, Inc. has confirmed¹ continued commitment to meeting the 13% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation goal established for the contract. Staff advised that both Procurement and Engineering departments followed the appropriate change order process, and that the Change Order Committee had reviewed and approved the modifications.

It is recommended that the Committee forward approval of the proposed change order to the full Board for approval. It was moved by Mr. Love, and seconded by Rev. Lucas, and unanimously approved to advance the item to the full Board for consideration.

Mr. Sleasman called for the last Proposed Change Order – a presentation of a negotiated change order for additional construction services needed for the Brookpark Maintenance Facility Modifications project. The presenters were Donald Tereba, Engineer Project Manager, Facilities and Jonathan Laule, Program Contract Manager, Procurement.

Mr. Tereba presented a proposed change order to Contract No. 2024-112 for building modifications at the Brookpark Maintenance Facility. The contract was awarded to SONA Construction, LLC on October 29, 2024, by Resolution No. 2024-76 in an amount not to exceed \$1,281,000.00. The project

site is located at 15583 Brookpark Road and involves substantial renovations to make the building suitable for joint occupancy by the Rail Facilities Maintenance Department and Transit Police. To date, the project is approximately 50% complete.

Mr. Tereba presented Proposed Change Order No. 6, which is necessary to address unforeseen electrical code issues discovered during construction. These issues stem from pre-existing conditions in the original facility infrastructure and are not associated with the new electrical work included in the original design plans. The change is critical to eliminate safety hazards and ensure the facility passes all required building and electrical inspections.

The proposed change order, in the negotiated amount of \$151,015.42, will cover all costs associated with the electrical modifications. Four change orders have been issued to date under the General Manager's change authority of \$128,100.00, leaving \$84,187.56 in available authority. Since the proposed amount exceeds the remaining balance, committee approval is required. Approval of the change order would result in a revised total contract value not to exceed \$1,475,927.86 and would also reinstate the General Manager's full change authority.

SONA Construction, LLC remains committed to achieving the 11% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation goal assigned to this contract. Procurement and Engineering have followed the proper change order process, and the proposed change has been reviewed and approved by the Change Order Committee.

It is recommended that the Committee forward approval of the proposed change order to the full Board for approval. It was moved by Mr. Sleasman, and seconded by Mayor Gallo, and unanimously approved to advance the item to the full Board for consideration

There being no further business to bring before this Committee, a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Sleasman and seconded by Mr. Love. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Rajan D. Gautam
Secretary/Treasurer

Avis R. Lyons
Interim Executive Assistant



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Interoffice Memo

To: Mayor Paul A. Koomar, President
and Members, Board of Trustees

From: India L. Birdsong Terry
General Manager, Chief Executive Officer

Date: June 26, 2025

Subject: Intergovernmental Student Transportation Agreement – CMSD Student Fares

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At the July 1, 2025, Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee meeting, staff will present a summary of the Intergovernmental Student Transportation Agreement with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District for the 2025-2026 school year.

Staff will request that the Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee recommend this agreement to the full Board for approval at the July 15, 2025 Board meeting.

Please call me if you have any questions or require additional information prior to Tuesday's meeting.



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Interoffice Memo

To: Mayor Paul A. Koomar, President
and Members, Board of Trustees

From: India L. Birdsong Terry
General Manager, Chief Executive Officer

Date: July 1, 2025

Subject: Proposed FY 2026 TAX BUDGET

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "ILT", is written over the name "India L. Birdsong Terry" in the "From:" field.

On Tuesday, July 1, 2025, staff will present the Proposed Fiscal Year ("FY") 2026 Tax Budget to the Operational Planning and Infrastructure Committee, which will include the Fund Statements with the explanations and financial assumptions used in the development of the Tax Budget.

The FY 2026 Tax Budget is the first of two legislative steps to establish the financial plan for the upcoming fiscal year. To provide an opportunity for the public to comment, a public hearing will also be held on July 1, 2025, in the Board Room of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority.

The development of a tax budget requires an early review and analysis of the Authority's projected revenues and expenditures. It provides the initial framework for the next budget cycle and begins the process for formally adopting the FY 2026 budget appropriations. The Tax Budget defines anticipated expenses in very broad terms, but its primary emphasis is on expected revenues.

The Operational Planning and Infrastructure Committee will be requested to recommend the FY 2026 Tax Budget to the full Board for discussion and approval at the July 15, 2025, RTA Board Meeting. Once the Tax Budget is adopted, it will be filed with the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission.

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2026 TAX BUDGET

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FY 2026 TAX BUDGET

To: Mayor Paul A. Koomar, President
and Members, Board of Trustees

Date: July 1, 2025

From: India L. Birdsong Terry 
General Manager, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: FY 2026 Tax Budget

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Fiscal Year (“FY”) 2026 Tax Budget is an initial analysis of the financial trends affecting revenues, with preliminary forecasts on expenditures and service levels of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (“Authority”). It is a forward-looking document that reviews estimated revenues for the next fiscal year. It is a valuable tool and the first step in the budget development process.

The Authority celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2025. On February 10, 2025, the Authority hosted a 50th Celebration: Night out at the Cavs. On June 21, 2025, the Authority hosted a 50th Anniversary and Rider Appreciation Event at Settler’s Landing Station. It was a milestone celebration, in coordination with Cuyahoga County and the opening of the lower level of the Veterans Memorial Bridge (Detroit-Superior).

Through May 2025, the Authority has purchased 48 railcars and another purchase of the remaining 12 cars is scheduled to occur later in 2025. The first railcar will be delivered in mid-2026 at the Port of Cleveland. This is truly another momentous day to celebrate.

Some additional highlights of 2025 include:

- Awarded Platinum Healthy Worksite Award through the Healthy Business Council of Ohio (“HBCO”) in February
- Welcomed a new Board Member: Mayor Marie Gallo, from the City of Parma Heights in March 2025
- Held the Women’s Leadership Conference “She Means Business” at the Cleveland Foundation, Minter Conference Center in March
- Held the Bus Rodeo 2025 on May 31st at the West Park Training Center
- Mayor Paul A. Koomar and Ms. Lauren Welch were re-elected as President and Vice-President, respectively, of the Board of Trustees
- Reappointed Board Member: Emily Garr Pacetti in June 2025
- Reappointed three Community Advisory Committee (“CAC”) members Johnny Brewington, Nichole Laird, and Dr. Joseph Sopko
- Reappointed two Civilian Oversight Committee (“COC”) members: David Morris and Rebecca Wharton
- Honored Asian American and Pacific Islander (“AAPI”) Heritage month with special bus stop signs

The Authority has been awarded several grants in 2025:

- \$2.7 million from the Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant (“DERG”) awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (“OEPA”)
- \$12 million from the Transportation Improvement Program (“TIP”) awarded by the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (“NOACA”) for the Railcar Replacement Program
- \$48,910 from the TechCred for training by the Ohio Department of Development

Looking ahead, there will be new opportunities that the Authority can provide to serve and connect Greater Cleveland residents to the community by providing premier service.

General Fund Assumptions

Inflation

Assumption:

2.7% - 3.5%

The inflation rate hit a high of 9.1% in June 2022, the highest level since 1981. Since then, the inflation rate has steadily dropped to 2.4% in May 2025. The FOMC median projection for real GDP growth is 1.8% and unemployment is projected at 4.3% in 2026. The inflation rate has remained between 2.3% and 3.0% over the last 5 months. The FOMC is projecting that inflation will end 2025 between 2.7% and 3.5% and maintain this level in 2026.

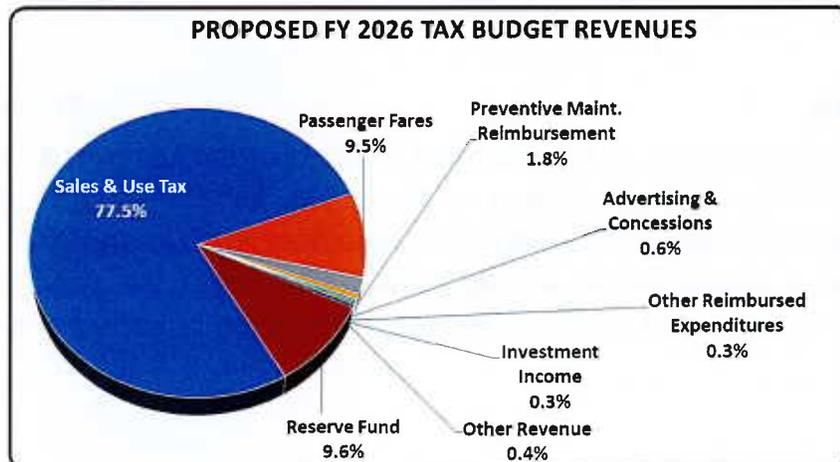
Interest Rates

Assumption:

4.25% - 5.0%

The Federal Reserve announced at its June 2025 Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting that the Federal Funds Rate (“FFR”) will maintain rates at 4.5%. Until the committee gains confidence that inflation is moving toward the target rate of 2.0%, the committee will continue to hold interest rates steady.

REVENUES



Passenger Fares

\$32.7M

Actual Passenger Fare Revenue received through May 2025 totaled \$12.1 million. This amount is 12% below 2024 actual receipts for the same period due to the timing of U Pass and student fare receipts. Total Passenger Fares for 2025 are estimated at \$31.0 million, 6.7% below 2024 actual revenues. Total passenger fares for 2026 are projected at \$32.7 million, a 2.0% increase.

Advertising & Concessions

Advertising Contract and Concessions

\$1.6M

Naming Rights: HealthLine

and MetroHealth Line

\$0.4M

Total

\$2.0 M

Advertising and Concessions revenue is composed of two subcategories. The first subcategory is comprised of the current advertising contract, concessions, and the new contract for advertising on the bus shelters. The second category is the Naming Rights, which includes Cleveland Clinic Foundation and University Hospitals for the HealthLine, and MetroHealth Medical Center for the MetroHealth Line. The Advertising & Concessions category is projected to total \$1.8 million in 2025. For 2026, advertising and concessions is projected at \$1.6 million, based on the contractual terms of the new advertising contract.

Sales & Use Tax Revenue

\$265.6M

The Authority receives a 1.0% Sales and Use Tax on sales of tangible personal property and on other transactions subject to the state Sales and Use Tax within Cuyahoga County. The 1% tax is of unlimited duration and was approved by the voters of Cuyahoga County in July 1975. The tax is levied and collected at the same time and on the same transactions as the permanent 5.75% Sales and Use Tax levied by the State, 1.0% levied by Cuyahoga County and a special 0.25% levied by Cuyahoga County.

Sales Tax for 2025 is estimated at \$265.7 million, 0.7% below budget and a 0.4% decrease from 2024 due to a \$3.1 million one-time reimbursement in 2024 from the State of Ohio for the extended Sales Tax Holiday. Sales tax receipts are projected at \$265.6 million for FY 2026.

Investment Income

\$1.0M

For FY 2025, the Investment Income is projected to end the year just over \$1.4 million, with an average yield of 4.05% on investments as of May. The Federal Reserve Bank anticipates interest rates to remain steady in 2025 and slowly decrease in 2026 and 2027. The estimated Investment Income is based on an average rate earned over the prior three years. The Investment Income is estimated at \$1 million for FY 2026 and projected to decrease in 2027 and 2028.

Other Revenue

\$1.5M

This revenue category includes various miscellaneous receipts from contractors, hospitalization, claim reimbursements, rent, salvage sales, and sale of identification cards. Other Revenue is projected at \$1.5 million for FY 2026.

Transfers from Reserve Fund

Transfer for Revenue Stabilization

\$33.0M

The transfer from the Revenue Stabilization Fund is projected at \$33.0 million. This transfer is to ensure a one-month ending balance in the General Fund required by Board policy. If revenues are higher than expected, the transfer may decrease.

Reimbursed Expenditures

Preventive Maintenance Activities

\$6.0M

Reimbursed Labor

0.5M

Other Reimbursements

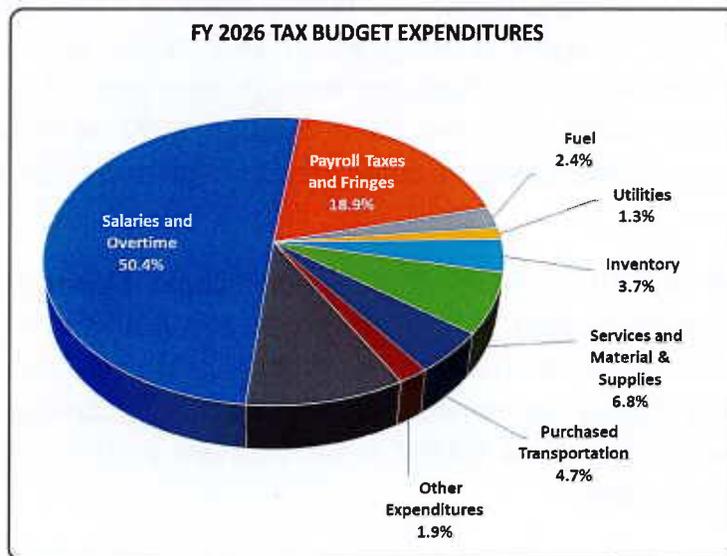
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Total

\$7.0M

This category consists of reimbursement of labor costs for capital projects, preventive maintenance activities within the Operating Budget, and diesel fuel tax refunds. For the 2026 Tax Budget, revenues from Reimbursed Expenditures are budgeted at \$7.0 million. For FY 2027 and FY 2028 the authority plans to increase the preventive maintenance reimbursement to \$21.0 million each year.

EXPENDITURES



Salaries and Overtime

\$177.7M

Total salaries and overtime for the 2026 Tax Budget are projected at \$177.7 million and account for 50% of the Authority's General Fund expenses. Service levels will remain the same in 2026. Total salaries for 2026 are estimated to decrease by 1.6% compared to FY 2025 estimates. This decrease is due to 2026 having 26 pays, while 2025 has a 27th pay for hourly employees, which occurs every 11-12 years, offset by union negotiated and non-bargaining increases for the year.

Payroll Taxes and Fringes

\$66.8M

Payroll Taxes and Fringe Benefits are projected at \$66.8 million for the 2026 Tax Budget and account for nearly 19% of General Fund expenses. The main expenses include payroll taxes, health care, prescription, vision, dental, uniform allowances, Medicare and PERS (pension) expenses.

Fuel

\$8.6M

The fuel category includes diesel, compressed natural gas, gasoline, and electric propulsion power. The Energy Price Risk Management Program has helped to stabilize the cost of fuel, which has been one of GCRTA’s most volatile expenses. The Authority’s diesel fuel usage has decreased over the years as more CNG buses have been placed into service and older diesel vehicles are retired. For 2026, 40 new CNG buses and 19 new Paratransit vehicles are planned to be put into operation and 40 new CNG buses, 6 60-foot Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) CNG vehicles and 34 Paratransit vehicles are planned to be purchased.

Other Expenditures

<i>Utilities</i>	\$4.7M
<i>Inventory</i>	13.0M
<i>Services & Materials</i>	24.0M
<i>Purchased Transportation/ADA</i>	16.5M
<i>Other Expenditures</i>	6.7M
<i>Total</i>	\$64.9M

The Utilities category includes natural gas (for facility heating), water/sewer, electricity, and telephone expenses. This category is budgeted at \$4.7 million for the 2026 Tax Budget. Electricity and natural gas usage are managed through contracts. The current contract for electricity began in 2022, which stabilized costs through 2027 at favorable prices for the Authority. Natural gas commodity costs are contracted through mid-2026, where new contracts will begin.

Inventory is budgeted at \$13.0 million. The Supply Chain Management section of the Authority’s Fleet Management department has helped the Authority to maintain predictive maintenance and repairs on the Authority’s newer fleets and carry out major purchases for supplies and equipment during the pandemic. The Authority continues to implement the predictive maintenance program that started in 2015 where parts are replaced based on a proactive maintenance program.

The main drivers of the Services and Materials category are service and maintenance contracts, advertising costs, equipment, and other miscellaneous supplies. This category is budgeted at \$24.0 million for the 2026 Tax Budget. The out years are planned to increase slightly each year based on contracts and inflation.

Purchased Transportation/ADA is budgeted at \$16.5 million for the 2026 Tax Budget. The Authority entered into 3 new contracts in 2023 and ridership has increased significantly in the past two years. Additional Paratransit buses are being purchased in 2026. The “Other Expenditures” category includes travel and meeting expenses, training, claims, and other miscellaneous expenses. For the 2026 Tax Budget, \$6.7 million is projected for this category.

Transfers

<i>Bond Retirement</i>	<i>\$6.8M</i>
<i>Capital Improvements</i>	<i>19.7M</i>
<i>Insurance Fund</i>	<i>2.5M</i>
<i>Reserve Fund</i>	<i>5.9M</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$34.9M</i>

Transfers shown for the Bond Retirement are for the debt service net of the investment income earned in the Bond Retirement Fund. The \$6.8 million transfer to the Bond Retirement Fund for 2026 is needed to pay the principal and interest on all debt for 2026, as well as to maintain the recommended ending balance in the fund.

The \$19.7 million transfer to the Capital Improvement Fund covers 100% locally-funded capital projects in the RTA Capital Fund, as well as required local match for most grant-funded projects in the RTA Development Fund. The total contribution to capital (transfer to the Capital Improvement Funds and Bond Retirement Fund) is 10.0%. The recommended Board policy of a minimum transfer of 10% of Sales & Use Tax revenue continues to reflect the significant financial requirements of the Authority's capital program.

The \$2.5 million transfer to the Insurance Fund is required to maintain the fund balance at the currently recommended \$5 million level and to cover expected expenses for the 2026 Fiscal Year. A transfer of \$5.9 million to the Reserve Fund will cover a \$5 million transfer for rail vehicles and \$0.9 million which covers 1/12 of 27th pay expenses.

FINANCIAL INDICATORS

The General Fund statement presented in this Tax Budget results in the following performance against the Authority's financial policy goals.

OPERATING EFFICIENCY

Operating Ratio: Board policy requires a 25.0% ratio in operating revenues compared to total operating expenditures. This ratio shows the efficiency of management by comparing operating expenses to operating revenues. The 2026 Tax Budget yields an 11.2% ratio, which is below the policy objective.

Operating Reserve: The Operating Reserve is targeted for a period of 30 days, or 1 month, meaning the available cash equivalent to one month's operating expenses to cover any unforeseen or extraordinary fluctuations. At a projected ending balance of \$26.8 million, the Operating Reserve for the 2026 Tax Budget is 1.0 months.

Growth per Year: This policy requires that growth in the cost per hour of service from year to year be at or below the rate of inflation. The cost per hour of service is a measure of service efficiency dividing total operating expenses by total service hours. The Growth per Year is the cost of delivering a unit of service (cost per hour of service) compared to the prior year. The FOMC estimates inflation will fall between 2.7% and 3.5% in 2026. The 2026 Tax Budget

estimates the cost per hour of service at \$174.80, which is 1.8% below the FY 2025 estimate. This indicator is projected to be met.

CAPITAL EFFICIENCY

Debt Service Coverage: The Debt Service Coverage is a ratio measuring the Authority's ability to meet annual interest and principal payments on outstanding debts. The 2026 Tax Budget estimates the debt service coverage at 5.2, above Board policy minimum of 1.50.

Sales & Use Tax Contribution to Capital: Current Board policy requires that a minimum of 10.0% of the Sales & Use Tax receipts be applied to the capital needs of the Authority. These funds are used to meet the Authority's annual debt service payments, to provide the local match for grant funded capital projects, and to fund routine capital and asset maintenance projects included within the RTA Capital Fund. At 10.0%, this indicator is projected to be met.

Capital Maintenance to Expansion: Several years ago, the Board recognized that our emphasis must be to maintain the Authority's existing capital assets and revised this objective to a policy guideline of 75% to 90% of the Authority's capital projects. At 100% for the FY 2026 Tax Budget and each of the out years, the Authority's emphasis continues to be the maintenance of its existing assets as opposed to expansion projects. This continues to remain the best course as the Authority continues its bus replacement program, equipment upgrades, rail vehicle replacements, and rail infrastructure improvements.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

The Authority's Capital Improvement Funds are used to account for the acquisition, construction, replacement, repair and rehabilitation of major capital facilities and equipment. The Capital Improvement Funds are composed of grant-funded projects as well as 100% locally funded items. The funds needed to meet the grant requirements typically require a 20% local match. Financial resources are appropriated to sustain capital infrastructure needs through retention of investment earnings, contributions from Sales and Use Tax proceeds, as well as any issuance of debt.

Transportation is a capital-intensive business and the Authority's focus has been on addressing various State of Good Repair ("SOGR") projects. The Authority's priorities continue to include replacement of rail vehicles and maintenance and repair of rail infrastructure, including tracks, bridges, signals, and substations. Additional funding has been transferred in prior years above the 10% contributions to capital policy goal. For the next three years, 2026 through 2028, the funds received from Preventive Maintenance ("PM") reimbursements are budgeted at \$6 million, \$21 million, and \$21 million, respectively.

Financial resources are allocated through a comprehensive review process of capital projects, which prioritizes funding of requested projects. It continues to maintain the focus of the Authority's long-term strategic capital plan, as well as to address the existing and future financial and operational issues.

The 2026 through 2030 estimated capital expenditures are predicated on year-to-date outlays, obligations and projected commitments, as well as the approved five-year Capital Improvement Plan. Projected grant revenues include current, as well as, expected traditional and non-traditional grant awards and are based on a continuation of current funding levels. Over the next ten years, the Authority's capital program will continue to focus on various SOGR projects throughout the system. These include the on-going bus replacement program, rail car purchases, rehabilitation of rail track and infrastructure, signal and overhead catenary systems, and various facility improvement and upgrades.

BOND RETIREMENT FUND

The General Fund is the source of funds necessary to make the principal and interest payments for the Authority's outstanding debt. Such transfers represent the debt service less the investment income earned in the Bond Retirement Fund. Debt service payments of \$7.6 million are expected in the FY 2026 Tax Budget. The Authority has its debt rated highly by the major rating agencies (AAA from Standards & Poor and Aa1 from Moody's).

INSURANCE FUND

The Insurance Fund includes a combination of self-and-purchased insurance coverage. Projected activities in the FY 2026 Tax Budget include a combined \$3.1 million for premium outlays and payments for the settlement of claims. This will require a \$2.5 million transfer from the General Fund to maintain the recommended fund balance established by the Authority's Risk Management Department.

SUPPLEMENTAL PENSION FUND

Authority employees who were employed by predecessor transit systems are covered by supplemental benefit payments. Activities expected within this fund in the FY 2026 Tax Budget include \$28,000 of revenue from investment income, projected benefit payments of \$9,000 for remaining employees. The authority retains a fund balance at the recommended levels.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND

In 1988, the Authority became involved with the FBI Cleveland Transnational Organized Crime Western Hemisphere Task Force ("Task Force") (formerly known as the Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force (NOLETF), which was formerly known as the Caribbean/Gang Task Force). The Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional team of law enforcement personnel. Transit Police's involvement is assisting other policing agencies with intelligence and/or investigations. In addition to the benefits of intelligence gathering and improved inter-department relations, the Authority derives revenue from seized and confiscated monies and/or properties of those convicted and prosecuted by the Task Force.

Revenue obtained through the Task Force may be expended for non-budgeted items for law enforcement purposes. Furthermore, certain guidelines have been instituted by the State Attorney General's Office for the reporting and disbursement of funds. Total expenditures for FY 2026 are projected at \$25,000.

RESERVE FUND

The Authority established the Reserve Fund to help protect the Authority from future economic downturns and cost increases. The Reserve Fund retains funding for six accounts: Compensated Absences, Fuel, Hospitalization, Rolling Stock, an account for budget years with 27 pay periods, and Revenue Stabilization. A transfer of \$5.0 million is projected in the FY 2026 Tax Budget for the replacement of rail vehicles, which will be transferred to the Development Fund for the Rail Car Replacement Project. A transfer of \$0.9 million is projected for 27th pay period expenses. A transfer of \$33.0 million is budgeted in FY 2026 to the General Fund from the Revenue Stabilization fund, ensuring a 1-month operating reserve at year-end.

General Fund Balance Analysis

	FY 2026 Tax Budget	FY 2027 Plan	FY 2028 Plan
Revenues			
Operating Revenues			
Passenger Fares	\$ 32,650,000	\$ 33,470,000	\$ 34,150,000
Advertising & Concessions	1,600,000	1,700,000	1,800,000
Naming Rights	425,000	425,000	425,000
Investment Income	1,000,000	950,000	600,000
Total Operating Revenues	35,675,000	36,545,000	36,975,000
Non-Operating Revenues			
Sales & Use Tax	265,620,000	267,500,000	269,000,000
Reimbursed Expenditures	7,000,000	22,000,000	22,000,000
Other Non-Operating Revenue	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Transfer from Reserve Fund - Revenue Stabilization	33,000,000	31,000,000	11,407,721
Total Non-Operating Revenues	307,120,000	322,000,000	303,907,721
Total Revenues	342,795,000	358,545,000	340,882,721
Expenditures			
Operating Expenditures			
Salaries & Overtime	177,670,830	181,574,700	182,407,100
Payroll Taxes & Fringes	66,771,870	66,615,480	68,555,530
Fuel (Diesel, CNG, Propulsion Power, Propane, Gasoline)	8,556,000	8,825,000	8,825,000
Utilities	4,746,000	4,556,000	4,556,000
Inventory	13,000,000	13,000,000	13,000,000
Services, Materials & Supplies	24,004,340	24,602,450	25,217,590
Purchased Transportation	16,500,000	17,000,000	17,500,000
Other Expenditures	6,682,000	6,881,000	6,881,000
Total Operating Expenditures	317,931,040	323,054,630	326,942,220
Revenues less Operating Expenses	24,863,960	35,490,370	13,940,501
Transfers to Other Funds			
Transfers to/from Insurance Fund	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
Transfers to/from Reserve Fund	5,878,615	5,878,615	5,878,615
Transfers to/from Capital			
Transfers to/from Bond Retirement Fund	6,804,839	2,902,958	1,447,000
Transfers to/from Capital Improvement Fund	19,757,161	23,847,042	25,453,000
Total Transfers to/from Capital	26,562,000	26,750,000	26,900,000
Total Transfers to/from Other Funds	34,940,615	35,128,615	35,278,615
Total Expenditures	352,871,655	358,183,245	362,220,835
Excess/(Deficiency) of Total Revenues over Total Expenditures	(10,076,655)	361,755	(21,338,114)
Beginning Balance	36,878,582	26,801,927	27,163,682
Projected Ending Balance	\$ 26,801,927	\$ 27,163,682	\$ 5,825,568
# Months Reserves - Estimated	1.0	1.0	0.2

Financial Policy Goals

		Goal	FY 2026 Tax Budget	FY 2027 Plan	FY 2028 Plan	
Operating Efficiency	Operating Ratio	Ratio that shows the efficiency of management by comparing operating expenses to operating revenues. Operating Revenues divided by Operating Expenses. Operating Revenues include Passenger Fares, Advertising & Concessions, Naming Rights, Investment Income, Other Revenue	≥ 25%	11.2%	11.3%	11.3%
	Cost per Service Hour	Measure of service efficiency. Total Operating Expenses (less force account labor) divided by Total Service Hours		174.80	177.61	179.75
	Growth per Year	Cost of delivering a unit of service (Cost per Hour), compared to the prior year; to be kept at or below the rate of inflation	≤ Rate of Inflation 2.7% - 3.5%	-1.8%	1.6%	1.2%
	Operating Reserve (months)	Equal or above one month's operating expenses to cover unforeseen or extraordinary fluctuations in revenues or expenses	≥ 1 month	1.0	1.0	0.2
Capital Efficiency	Debt Service Coverage	The measure of the Authority's ability to meet annual interest and principal payments on outstanding debt.	≥ 1.5	5.2	11.4	8.5
	Sales Tax Contribution to Capital	Sales tax revenues to be allocated directly to the Capital Improvement Fund to support budgeted projects or to the Bond Retirement Fund to support debt service payments.	≥ 10%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%
	Capital Maintenance to Expansion	The capital program requires a critical balance between maintenance of existing assets and expansion efforts.	79% - 90%	100%	100%	100%

Capital Improvement Fund Balance Analysis

	FY 2026 Tax Budget	FY 2027 Plan	FY 2028 Plan
Revenues			
Federal / State Revenues			
Federal Capital Grants	\$ 110,600,926	\$ 106,771,073	\$ 73,492,154
State Capital Grants	20,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000
Total Federal / State Revenues	130,600,926	121,771,073	88,492,154
Other Revenue			
Investment Income	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000
Other Revenue	25,000,000	-	-
Total Other Revenue	26,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000
Transfers			
Transfer from General Fund	19,757,161	23,847,042	25,453,000
Transfer from Reserve Fund	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Total Transfers	24,757,161	28,847,042	30,453,000
Total Revenue	181,458,087	151,718,115	120,045,154
Expenditures			
Capital Outlay			
Capital Outlay - Development Fund	163,251,157	145,963,841	104,365,193
Asset Maintenance	2,560,000	2,560,000	2,560,000
Routine Capital	1,990,500	1,940,000	2,004,150
Total Capital Outlay	167,801,657	150,463,841	108,929,343
Excess/(Deficiency) of Total Revenues over Total Expenditures	13,656,430	1,254,274	11,115,811
Beginning Balance	317,602,612	331,259,041	332,513,315
Projected Ending Balance	\$ 331,259,041	\$ 332,513,315	\$ 343,629,127

Bond Retirement Fund Balance Analysis

	FY 2026 Tax Budget	FY 2027 Plan	FY 2028 Plan
Revenues			
Transfers			
Transfer from the General Fund	\$ 6,804,839	\$ 2,902,958	\$ 1,447,000
Total Transfers	6,804,839	2,902,958	1,447,000
Other Revenues			
Investment Income	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total Other Revenues	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total Revenues	6,904,839	3,002,958	1,547,000
Expenditures			
Debt Service			
Principal	6,935,000	2,795,000	1,340,000
Interest	697,750	351,000	211,250
Total Debt Service	7,632,750	3,146,000	1,551,250
Other Expenditures			
Other Expenditures	1,500	1,500	1,500
Total Other Expenditures	1,500	1,500	1,500
Total Expenditures	7,634,250	3,147,500	1,552,750
Excess/(Deficiency) of Total Revenues over Total Expenditures	(729,411)	(144,542)	(5,750)
Beginning Balance	1,124,028	394,617	250,075
Projected Ending Balance	\$ 394,617	\$ 250,075	\$ 244,325

Insurance Fund Balance Analysis

	FY 2026 Tax Budget	FY 2027 Plan	FY 2028 Plan
Revenues			
Transfer from General Fund	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000
Investment Income	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total Revenues	2,600,000	2,600,000	2,600,000
Expenditures			
Claims and Premium Outlay	3,100,000	3,100,000	3,100,000
Total Expenditures	3,100,000	3,100,000	3,100,000
Excess/(Deficiency) of Total Revenues over Total Expenditures	(500,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)
Beginning Balance	7,721,651	7,221,651	6,721,651
Projected Ending Balance	\$ 7,221,651	\$ 6,721,651	\$ 6,221,651

Supplemental Pension Fund Balance Analysis

	FY 2026 Tax Budget	FY 2027 Plan	FY 2028 Plan
Revenues			
Investment Income	\$ 28,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 23,000
Total Revenues	28,000	25,000	23,000
Expenditures			
Benefit Payments	9,000	9,000	9,000
Total Expenditures	9,000	9,000	9,000
Excess/(Deficiency) of Total Revenues over Total Expenditures	19,000	16,000	14,000
Beginning Balance	1,527,847	1,546,847	1,562,847
Projected Ending Balance	\$ 1,546,847	\$ 1,562,847	\$ 1,576,847

Law Enforcement Trust Fund Balance Analysis

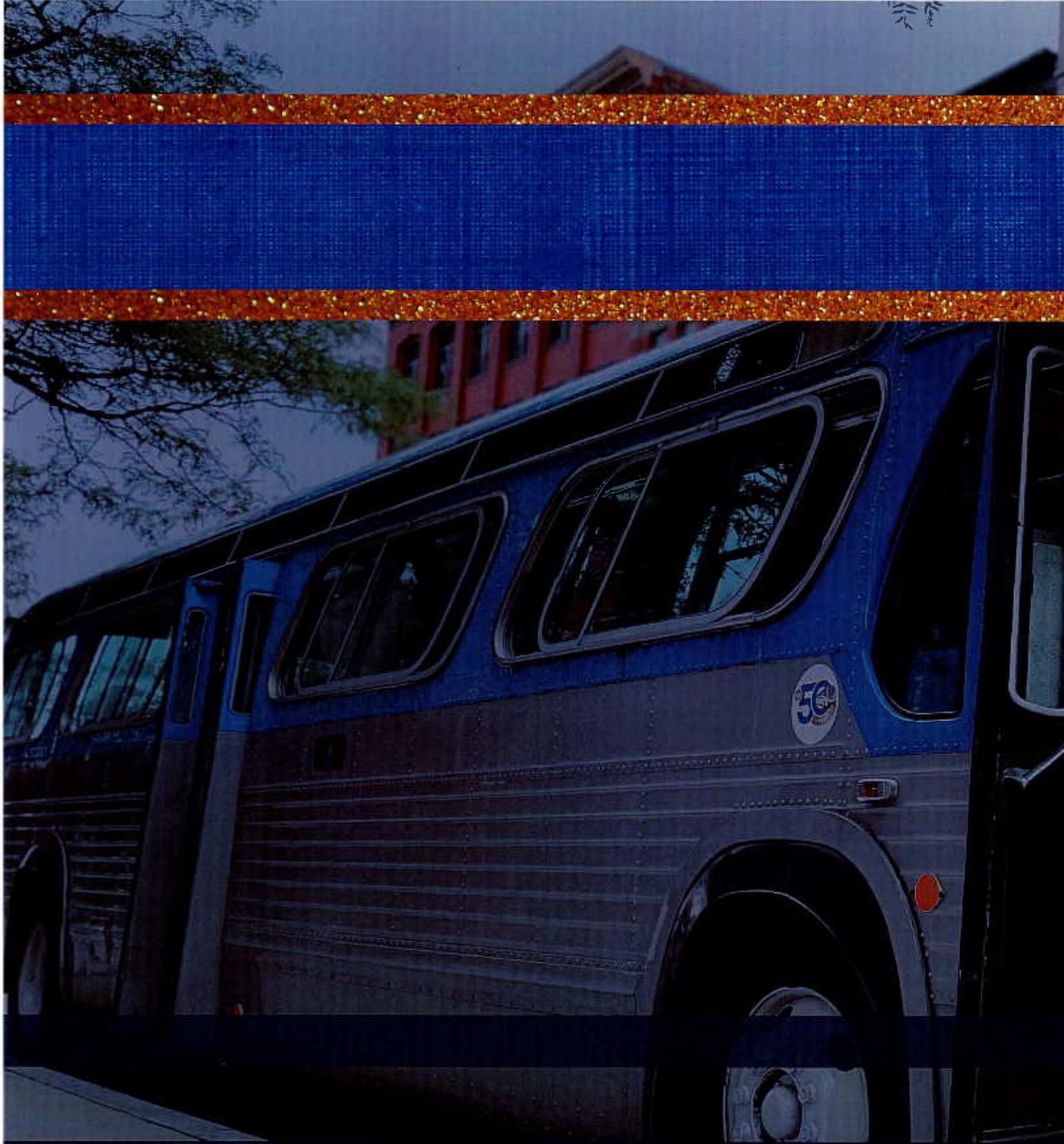
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
	Tax Budget	Plan	Plan
Revenues			
Law Enforcement Revenue	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Investment Income	5,000	5,000	
Total Revenues	20,000	15,000	10,000
Expenditures			
Capital & Related Expenditures	25,000	25,000	25,000
Total Expenditures	25,000	25,000	25,000
Excess/(Deficiency) of Total Revenues over Total Expenditures	(5,000)	(10,000)	(15,000)
Beginning Balance	284,409	279,409	269,409
Projected Ending Balance	\$ 279,409	\$ 269,409	\$ 254,409

Reserve Fund Balance Analysis

	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
	Tax Budget	Plan	Plan
Revenues			
Transfers			
Transfer from GF for Rolling Stock Reserve	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
Transfer from GF for 27th Pay	878,615	878,615	878,615
Total Transfers	5,878,615	5,878,615	5,878,615
Other Revenue			
Investment Income	5,000,000	5,000,000	3,000,000
Total Other Revenue	5,000,000	5,000,000	3,000,000
Total Revenues	10,878,615	10,878,615	8,878,615
Expenditures			
Transfers			
Transfer to RTA Development Fund for Rolling Stock Reserve	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Transfer to GF for Revenue Stabilization	33,000,000	31,000,000	11,407,721
Total Expenditures	38,000,000	36,000,000	16,407,721
Excess/(Deficiency) of Total Revenues over Total Expenditures	(27,121,385)	(25,121,385)	(7,529,106)
Beginning Balance	87,902,924	\$ 51,281,539	\$ 26,160,154
Projected Ending Balance	\$ 60,781,539	\$ 26,160,154	\$ 18,631,048
Rolling Balances			
Compensated Absences	\$ 3,489,957	\$ 3,677,785	\$ 4,099,547
Fuel	3,315,373	3,493,805	3,894,468
Hospitalization	2,754,970	2,903,241	3,236,179
Rolling Stock Reserve	40,140	42,301	47,152
27th Pay	4,723,389	5,808,929	7,353,701
Revenue Stabilization	46,457,710	10,234,094	0
Total	\$ 60,781,539	\$ 26,160,154	\$ 18,631,048

2026 Tax Budget Funds Summary

	RESTRICTED FUNDS								Total of All Funds
	General Fund	RTA Development Fund	RTA Capital Fund	Bond Retirement Fund	Insurance Fund	Supplemental Pension Fund	Law Enforcement Trust Fund	Reserve Fund	
CAPITAL FUNDS									
Revenues									
Operating Revenues									
Passenger Fares	\$ 32,650,000								\$ 32,650,000
Advertising & Concessions	1,600,000								1,600,000
Naming Rights	425,000								425,000
Investment Income	1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 28,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000,000	7,333,000
Total Operating Revenues	35,675,000	1,000,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	28,000	5,000	5,000,000	42,008,000
Non-Operating Revenues									
Sales & Use Tax	265,620,000								265,620,000
Reimbursed Expenditures	7,000,000								7,000,000
Federal		110,600,926							110,600,926
State		20,000,000							20,000,000
Bond Proceeds									
Other Non-Operating Revenue	1,500,000	25,000,000					15,000		26,515,000
Total Non-Operating Revenues	274,120,000	155,600,926					15,000		429,735,926
Transfers									
Transfer from General Fund			19,757,161	6,804,839	2,500,000			5,878,615	
Transfer from RTA Capital Fund		16,000,000							
Transfer from Reserve Fund									
For Compensated Absences									
For Fuel									
For Hospitalization									
For Rolling Stock Reserve		5,000,000							
For 27th Pay									
For Revenue Stabilization	33,000,000								
Total Transfers	33,000,000	21,000,000	19,757,161	6,804,839	2,500,000	-	-	5,878,615	
Total Revenues	342,795,000	177,600,926	19,857,161	6,904,839	2,600,000	28,000	20,000	10,878,615	471,743,926
Expenditures									
Operating Expenditures									
Salaries & Overtime	177,670,830								177,670,830
Payroll Taxes & Fringes	66,771,870								66,771,870
Fuel (Diesel, CNG, Propulsion Power, Gasoline)	8,556,000								8,556,000
Utilities	4,746,000								4,746,000
Inventory	13,000,000								13,000,000
Services, Materials & Supplies	24,004,340								24,004,340
Purchased Transportation	16,500,000								16,500,000
Other Expenditures	6,682,000								6,682,000
Total Operating Expenditures	317,931,040								317,931,040
Non-Operating Expenditures									
Capital Outlay		163,251,157	4,550,500						167,801,657
Debt Service (Principal & Interest)				7,632,750					7,632,750
Other Expenditures				1,500	3,100,000	9,000	25,000		3,135,500
Total Non-Operating Expenditures		163,251,157	4,550,500	7,634,250	3,100,000	9,000	25,000		178,569,907
Sub-Total Expenditures	317,931,040	163,251,157	4,550,500	7,634,250	3,100,000	9,000	25,000		496,500,947
Revenues less Expenditures	24,863,960	14,349,769	15,306,661	(729,411)	(500,000)	19,000	(5,000)	10,878,615	(24,757,021)
Transfers to Other Funds									
Transfer to General Fund									
Transfer to Insurance Fund	2,500,000								
Transfer to Supplemental Pension Fund									
Transfer to Bond Retirement Fund	6,804,839								
Transfer to RTA Capital Fund	19,757,161								
Transfer to RTA Development Fund		16,000,000							
Transfer to Reserve Fund									
For Rolling Stock Reserve	5,000,000							5,000,000	
For 27th Pay	878,615								
For Revenue Stabilization								33,000,000	
Total Transfers to Other Funds	34,940,615		16,000,000					38,000,000	
Total Expenditures	352,871,655	163,251,157	20,550,500	7,634,250	3,100,000	9,000	25,000	38,000,000	496,500,947
Excess/(Deficiency) of Total Revenues over Total Expenditures									
Beginning Balance	36,878,582	314,074,194	3,528,418	1,124,028	7,721,651	1,527,847	284,409	87,902,924	453,042,052
Available Ending Balance	\$ 26,801,927	\$ 328,423,962	\$ 2,835,079	\$ 394,617	\$ 7,221,651	\$ 1,546,847	\$ 279,409	\$ 60,781,539	\$ 428,285,031



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AGENDA

ORGANIZATIONAL, SERVICES & PERFORMANCE MONITORING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

Committee Members: Ms. Emily Garr Pacetti, Chair
Ms. Lauren R. Welch, Vice Chair
Mayor Marie Gallo
Ms. Deidre Y. McPherson
Mr. Jeffrey W. Sleasman

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes – June 3, 2025
- III. Non-Competitive Procurement – a presentation of a recurring negotiated non-competitive procurement for annual software maintenance and support of the Authority's demand response, customer information and client communications software applications.

Presenters:

- Charles Morgan, Director of Information Technology
- Shawn Becker, Program Contract Manager-Procurement

- IV. Adjourn



Organizational, Services & Performance Monitoring Committee

June 3, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members: Ms. Pacetti (Chair), Mayor Gallo, Mr. Sleasman
Not Present: Ms. McPherson, Ms. Welch
Staff/Other: Shawn Becker, Nick Biggar, India Birdsong Terry, Janet Burney, Floun'say Caver, Sharon Cottrell, Drew Dimmick, Maribeth Feke, Michael Fesler, George Fields, Bob Fleig, Joel Freilich, Anthony Garofoli, Rajan Gautam, Sharon Jenkins, Carl Kirkland, Jonathan Laule, Derek Meinke, Sheila Miller, Bryan Moore, Charles Morgan, Jim Reed, Mike Schipper, Wendy Talley, Natoya Walker-Minor
Public: Brian Gibbons, Loh

Ms. Pacetti called the meeting to order at 9:01 am with a roll call. Three (3) committee members were present, representing a quorum.

A motion by Mayor Gallo, seconded by Mr. Sleasman to approve the minutes from May 20, 2025.

Ms. Pacetti called the first presentation RFP Procurement, a presentation of a competitive negotiated procurement for Integrated Marketing Services for three years with two, one-year options. The presenters were Sharon Jenkins, Director of Marketing and Drew Dimmick, Contract Administrator II.

Ms. Jenkins presented an overview of the Integrated Marketing Services procurement process and recommended award. The purpose of the project is to engage a qualified marketing agency to serve as a strategic partner to GCRTA's internal Marketing Department by filling resource gaps, providing creative and technical expertise, and supporting key campaigns and deliverables. The scope of work includes elevating GCRTA's brand to align with its mission of "Connecting the Community," positioning the Authority as a vital contributor to the region's economic and workforce ecosystem and developing targeted campaigns to grow ridership among diverse audiences. The selected agency will provide comprehensive support across areas such as annual brand campaigns, media planning and analytics, social media engagement, annual report production, website content integration, and promotional partnerships.

A Request for Proposal was issued on February 2, 2025, and was accessed by 101 interested parties, with 15 firms submitting proposals by the March 18, 2025 deadline. An evaluation panel composed of representatives from Administration and External Affairs, Marketing, MIS, Service Management, Business Development, and Procurement reviewed the proposals. Evaluation criteria included creative approach, demonstrated understanding of the scope, relevant client experience, social media expertise, familiarity with public transit systems, ability to deliver joint promotions, and proposed cost.

Staff recommended awarding the contract to The Adcom Group, Inc., a Cleveland-based firm with extensive experience in high-profile civic and public-sector campaigns and a strong understanding of the local market and community landscape. Adcom has proposed the use of Media Impressions, Inc., a female-owned business, to meet the 13% DBE participation goal. Notable clients of Adcom include the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Destination Cleveland, and Medical Mutual of Ohio.

Staff requested that the Committee recommend to the Board of Trustees an award to The Adcom Group, Inc., for Integrated Marketing Services for a period of three years in a negotiated amount not to exceed \$2,100,000.00, with two one-year renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00 each, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.00.

It was moved by Mayor Gallo, and seconded by Mr. Sleasman, and unanimously approved to advance this item to the full Board for consideration.

There being no further business to bring before this Committee, a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Sleasman, and seconded by Mayor Gallo. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 am.

Rajan D. Gautam
Secretary/Treasurer

Avis R. Lyons
Interim Executive Assistant



Greater Cleveland
Regional Transit Authority

Interoffice Memo

To: Mayor Paul A. Koomar, President
and Members, Board of Trustees

From: India L. Birdsong Terry
General Manager, Chief Executive Officer 

Date: June 26, 2025

Subject: Summary of Proposed Award – Trapeze Paratransit Software Maintenance and Support – Three-Years

This is a recurring negotiated non-competitive procurement for the perpetual renewal of the Authority's Trapeze Paratransit Software Maintenance and Support for a period of three years.

At the July 1, 2025, Organizational, Services & Performance Monitoring Committee meeting, we will make a presentation of the procurement process and staff recommendation for contract award. Attached is the summary for this contract award. We will be requesting that the Organizational, Services & Performance Monitoring Committee recommend the award of this contract at the July 15, 2025 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Please call me if you have any questions or require additional information prior to Tuesday's meeting.

IBT/MD

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AWARD

Trapeze Paratransit Software Maintenance and Support

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (“Authority”) has utilized software applications developed by Trapeze Software Group, Inc. (“Trapeze”) to aid its Paratransit operations since the 1990’s. The products have proven to be beneficial and are a main catalyst in providing ADA (In accordance with FTA mandates) and senior transportation, trip planning and customer service offerings for the general public. The Authority is required to maintain licenses for these applications and has a perpetual need for ongoing maintenance and support. The Authority is now seeking a three-year renewal for its Trapeze Paratransit software maintenance and support.

PROCUREMENT OVERVIEW:

The Authority has the need for an ongoing software maintenance and support agreement with Trapeze for its Paratransit transportation services. The software is proprietary to Trapeze. Any training, upgrades, modifications, maintenance & support and/or development to the software must be provided by Trapeze. A maintenance and support agreement must be maintained with Trapeze, the original provider, to ensure the software is properly supported. Due to these reasons, this purchase is deemed a sole source procurement and is exempt from competitive bidding as authorized under Section 306.43(H)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Procurement Department requested a proposal from Trapeze on April 22, 2025. A proposal was received on June 21, 2025. The proposal was reviewed by representatives from the Information Technology and Procurement Departments, and is deemed to be advantageous, fair, and reasonable to the Authority.

There was a zero percent (0%) DBE goal assigned to this project.

RECOMMENDATION

Trapeze, with an office at 5265 Rockwell Drive NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402, specializes in providing intelligent transportation system solutions to help transit agencies create a smart, safe, reliable, accessible, and more connected public transit experience.

The strengths of Trapeze include:

- Sole focus on the transit industry
- Pioneers in providing intelligent transportation system solutions
- Serving transit for over thirty (30) years
- Over forty (40) offices worldwide
- Support 135+ large transit agencies across North America
- Clients consist of 1/3 of top 100 fleets in North America in the CAD/AVL space
- Partners with GCRTA for approximately 20+ years

CLIENT BASE

Trapeze has also worked with GCRTA, Akron Metro, City of Cleveland, City of Parma Heights, Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority, Detroit Department of Transportation, Ann Arbor Transportation Authority, New Orleans Regional Transit Authority, Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), and Lake Erie Transit, among many others.

A resolution will request authorization to issue a contract to Trapeze Software Group, Inc. to provide Trapeze Paratransit Software Maintenance and Support in an amount not to exceed \$2,005,421.00 for a three-year period.

AGENDA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BOARD

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

Committee Members: Mayor Paul A. Koomar, Chair
Ms. Lauren R. Welch, Vice Chair
Ms. Anastasia A. Elder
Mayor Marie Gallo
Mr. Stephen M. Love
Rev. Charles P. Lucas
Ms. Deidre Y. McPherson
Ms. Emily Garr Pacetti
Mr. Jeffrey W. Sleasman
Mayor David E. Weiss

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes – June 17, 2025
- III. Code Book Update – Amending Section 410.01 of the Code Book to increase the threshold above which the Board of Trustees must approve contracts.

Presenters:
 - Dawn Tarka, Associate Counsel II
- IV. Adjourn



Committee of the Whole

June 17, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members: Mayor Koomar (Chair), Ms. Elder, Mayor Gallo, Mr. Love, Ms. McPherson, Ms. Pacetti, Mr. Sleasman, Mayor Weiss

Not Present: Rev. Lucas, Ms. Welch

Staff/Other: Nick Biggar, India Birdsong Terry, Janet Burney, Floun'say Caver, Jonathan Ciesla, Melinda Dangelo, Drew Dimmick, George Fields, Bob Fleig, Ida Marshall, Joel Freilich, Anthony Garofoli, Rajan Gautam, Fiona Gibbons, Lawrence Jupina, Carl Kirkland, Sheila Miller, Joshua Miranda, Charles Morgan, Holly Mothes, Zane Patterson, Mike Schipper, Michael So, Kay Sutula, Wendy Talley, John Togher, Natoya Walker-Minor, Fawntaine Walls, Hope Williams, Kimberly Wright, Carolyn Young

Public: Allen Allred, Johnny Brewington, Brian Gibbons, Sarah Hall, Lori Ingram, Joe Kubic, Nichole Laird, Loh, Brian Ohl, Joseph Sopko, MD

Mayor Koomar called the meeting to order at 9:09 am with a roll call. Eight (8) committee members were present, representing a quorum.

A motion was made by Mr. Sleasman, seconded by Ms. Elder, to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2025 meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Koomar asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the results of the 2024 Audit conducted by the Auditor of the State. The motion was made by Mayor Koomar and seconded by Mr. Sleasman. It was approved by a unanimous roll call vote at 9:11 a.m.

It was moved by Mr. Sleasman and seconded by Mr. Love to reconvene in open session by unanimous vote at 9:53 a.m.

There being no further business to bring before this Committee, a motion to adjourn the meeting by Mayor Weiss and seconded by Mayor Gallo. The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 am.

Rajan D. Gautam
Secretary/Treasurer

Avis R. Lyons
Interim Executive Assistant



Greater Cleveland
Regional Transit Authority

Interoffice Memo

To: Mayor Paul A. Koomar, President
and Members, Board of Trustees

From: India L. Birdsong Terry
General Manager, Chief Executive Officer 

Date: June 26, 2025

Subject: Code Book Update – General Manager’s Signing and Change Order Authority

At the July 1, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting, staff will present proposed revisions to Section 410.01 of the Authority’s Codified Rules and Regulations.

The proposed revisions to the policy include:

- General Manager’s signing authority
- General Manager’s change order authority

Please call me if you have any questions or require additional information prior to Tuesday’s meeting.

Attachment: Redline of Section 410.01

IBT/dmt

(a) The Procurement Policies of the Authority are as follows:

- (1) Purpose. These Procurement Policies identify the regulations and processes that govern all Authority personnel involved in the procurement and contract administration process. The Policies cover the entire range of procurement activities and their requirements are binding on all Authority personnel.
- (2) Scope of Policy. Except as otherwise specified herein, all purchases and dispositions of equipment, materials, goods and services to or by the Authority involving either an expenditure of public funds or revenue from Authority assets whether by sale, lease, rental or otherwise shall be governed by these Policies. The general requirements herein shall apply except as altered or excluded for specific types of procurements.
- (3) Exclusions. The following activities are excluded from this Policy:
 - A. Acquisition or disposition of any rights in real property, excepting contracts with professional consultants or brokers in connection therewith;
 - B. The sale of debt securities or sale/leaseback or lease/~~leaseback~~ leaseback transactions, except for contracts with professional consultants or brokers in connection therewith;
 - C. Payments for items mandated by law, regulation, or agreements other than procurement contracts entered into by the Authority;
 - D. Training, professional development and other routine administrative expenses which are specifically identified in the Authority's budget;
 - E. Purchases or reimbursement to employees for travel or similar expenses incurred on behalf of the Authority under the Authority's other policies and procedures;
 - F. The designation of eligible depositories for the Authority's active, interim and inactive funds pursuant to Ohio R.C. Chapter 135; and
 - G. Action regarding employee-related matters under the Personnel Code, excepting contracts with professional consultants in connection therewith.
- (4) Governance. As a political subdivision of the State of Ohio, the Authority is governed by the applicable portions of the Ohio Revised Code. The primary governance for procurement actions is Ohio R.C. 306.43. As a third-party grantee of the Federal government, the Authority is also governed by applicable Federal laws and regulations. The primary Federal governance for procurement activities is FTA Circular 4220.1, as it may be amended or replaced. The FTA Best Practices Procurement Manual, Federal Acquisition Regulations and other sections of the Ohio Revised Code, while they may or may not be binding on the Authority, shall be used for guidance to the extent matters covered herein are not

addressed by governing laws or regulations.

- (5) Structure of Procurement Department. The Procurement Department shall have a sufficient degree of autonomy within the Authority to function effectively as part of a check and balance system governing Authority acquisitions and dispositions.
- (6) Procurement ethics. No Authority employee, officer, agent or board member may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported with FTA assistance if that individual, his or her immediate family member, partner or an organization that employs or is about to employ any of the foregoing has a financial or other interest in a firm being considered or selected. "Immediate family" shall have the same meaning as defined in the Authority's Code of Ethics.

No Authority employee, officer, agent, or board member shall accept anything of value from a party who is doing or seeking to do business with the Authority that could have a substantial and improper influence upon that employee, officer, agent or board member, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and the Authority's Code of Ethics.

- (7) Organizational conflicts of interest. Procurements shall be conducted with full and open competition to the greatest extent possible. No undue geographical, economic or technical restrictions shall be imposed. A vendor deemed to possess an unfair competitive advantage or to possess a bias preventing it from impartially performing the work or services on behalf of the Authority shall be precluded from award of contracts.
- (8) Delegations of Authority.

A. The Board hereby delegates to the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer of the Authority the following responsibilities:

- 1. Authorize purchases, sales, dispositions, and other procurement actions which, by Federal or State requirements, do not require formal solicitation or approval by the Board;
- 2. Approve all funding encumbrances and authorizations to proceed with solicitation for acquisitions and dispositions of goods, equipment, and services for or by the Authority;
- 3. Upon authorization by the Board, execute contracts exceeding ~~one-two~~ hundred fifty thousand dollars (~~\$100250,000~~) in value;
- 4. Terminate any contract if deemed to be in the best interest of the Authority;
- 5. Approve change orders that extend the term and/or increase the price of contracts not exceeding ~~one-two~~ hundred fifty thousand dollars (~~\$100250,000~~), in a net amount that does not cause the total amount of any such contract to exceed ~~one-two~~ hundred fifty thousand dollars (~~\$100250,000~~), and approve change orders on other contracts in a net amount not to exceed the following limits: ~~two-one~~ hundred fifty thousand dollars

(~~\$100~~250,000) for contracts up to one-two million five hundred thousand dollars (~~\$12,000~~500,000); ~~the lesser of ten percent or two-five~~ hundred fifty thousand dollars (~~\$2500~~,000) for contracts between ~~one-two million five hundred thousand~~ dollars (~~\$12,000~~500,000) and five million dollars (\$5,000,000); and five seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (~~\$500~~750,000) for contracts over five million dollars (\$5,000,000). The Board may, by resolution, vary these limits for particular contracts or projects; and

6. Re-delegate any of the powers granted herein, provided, however, that the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer shall retain responsibility for all actions taken as a result of re-delegation of authority hereunder.

B. The Board hereby delegates to the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer and the Authority's Director of Procurement the following responsibilities:

1. Authorize all purchases, sales, dispositions and other procurement actions which, by Federal or State requirements or these Procurement Policies, do not require formal solicitation or approval by the Board;
2. Execute contracts not exceeding one-two hundred fifty thousand dollars (~~\$100~~250,000) in value or otherwise requiring Board approval;
3. Advertise for procurements as required by law or regulation or when otherwise deemed to be in the best interest of the Authority;
4. Cancel procurements;
5. Determine the lowest responsive and responsible bidder;
6. Determine when acceptance of an offer resulting from a negotiated proposal is in the best interest of the Authority;
7. Reject any or all bids or proposals when it is determined to be in the best interest of the Authority;
8. Determine whether an exception to competition is applicable, in accordance with Ohio R.C. 306.43;
9. Review, respond to, negotiate and settle protests, claims and disputes related to procurement actions or contracts; and
10. Re-delegate any of the powers granted herein, provided, however, that the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer shall retain responsibility for all actions taken as a result of re-delegation of authority hereunder.

- (9) Procurement planning, specifications, and scopes of services. The initiating department shall be responsible for identifying and justifying its procurement needs, as well as preparing specifications and/or a scope

of services for the Procurement Department. Specifications should identify the Authority's minimum needs and avoid restrictive provisions such as identification of name brands to the greatest extent possible. Specifications must be approved by the head of the initiating department, the Safety Department, when applicable, the Director of Procurement, and any others designated by the Director of Procurement, prior to issuance. The initiating department is also responsible for preparing an estimate of the cost of the item or service.

- (10) Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. The Authority shall work to ensure the participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) in its procurements, as well as contractor compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. The Authority shall use its best efforts to encourage fair and representative participation of DBEs on procurements, either as prime contractors or as subcontractors. Moreover, the Authority shall determine the opportunity for DBE participation on all procurements in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or more and, where qualified DBEs are identified, solicitations for such procurements shall include at least one DBE among the contractors solicited.
- (11) Debarment. The Authority shall not award contracts to firms that are debarred by the State or Federal governments. Debarment by other government entities may be considered in determining a contractor's responsibility but shall not necessarily preclude award to the debarred vendor.
- (12) Change orders. Change orders are contract amendments altering the scope, price or schedule of the original contract. Approval of change orders shall be in accordance with the delegations of authority prescribed in this chapter. No work under a change order may be authorized prior to such approval, except upon the written direction of the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer. Change orders determined to be cardinal changes to the contract are prohibited. Cardinal changes are changes which alter the essential nature, quantity or scope beyond the reasonable contemplation of the parties at the time of contract execution, or which result in a final product substantially different than that for which the Authority originally contracted.
- (13) Protests, claims and disputes. The Authority shall review, process, and adjudicate procurement protests, claims, and disputes in the manner prescribed by applicable Federal and/or State regulations. The Authority's procedure for handling protests, claims, and disputes shall be contained in the Authority's Procurement Manual and made available to vendors upon request.
- (14) Procurement types for formal contracts. For formal contracts (those for which the Board has not delegated its purchasing authority and any others so designated by the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer), the Authority shall procure and dispose of personal property as

prescribed by applicable State and Federal laws and regulations. The Authority may use any type of contract that is consistent with applicable laws and regulations.

- (15) Small purchases. Purchases reasonably estimated not to exceed the small purchase limit of ~~one~~two hundred fifty thousand dollars (~~\$100~~250,000) may be procured informally, provided that a record is maintained consistent with applicable laws and regulations. Price or rate quotations shall be obtained from an adequate number of qualified sources to permit a reasonable comparison consistent with the nature of competitive negotiation within the given circumstances.
- (16) Contract pricing. The Authority may utilize firm fixed price or fixed unit price not-to-exceed contracts for sealed bid procurements as well as negotiated procurements. Such contracts may allow price escalation based on actual costs or a generally recognized index, provided that the escalator has a defined upper limit. The Authority may also use a cost plus fixed fee contract or any other type of contract permitted by applicable laws or regulations; however, for negotiated procurements, it may not use a cost plus percentage fee type of contract. The Authority may use indefinite quantity or indefinite delivery contracts where appropriate but may not use an indefinite quantity and indefinite delivery contract. The Authority may use a time and materials type of contract only if no other form is suitable and if the contract contains a not-to-exceed ceiling. The Authority may utilize progress payments to the extent consistent with law and regulation, provided that it obtains or secures value consistent with the amount paid. The Authority shall not make advance payments unless specifically authorized by the Director of Procurement or the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer.
- (17) Sealed bid procurements. The Director of Procurement may direct that sealed bids be invited. If less than two responsive bids are received for a sealed bid solicitation, the Director of Procurement, in this single bid situation, may either (1) negotiate price with the responsive bidder or (2) cancel the solicitation.
- (18) Competitive negotiated procurements. The Director of Procurement may direct that competitive negotiated proposals be solicited. Competitive negotiated procurements must be conducted in a manner that preserves the integrity of the procurement process. To the extent permitted by law, regulation or court decision, the evaluation of proposals shall be conducted in a confidential manner, and all confidential or proprietary information shall be held confidential.
- (19) Two-step procurements. The Director of Procurement may direct that a two-step procurement process be utilized. This process shall consist of a negotiated technical proposal followed by a sealed bid from those firms whose technical proposals are acceptable.
- (20) Non-competitive procurements. The Director of Procurement may

prescribe that a non-competitive procurement is justified based on applicable laws and regulations. If any such procurement exceeds the small purchase authority prescribed herein, Board approval is required. Contracts entered into on the basis of a non-competitive procurement must be in the best interest of the Authority, and the price shall be fair and reasonable, as determined by the Director of Procurement.

- (21) Design services. Architectural and engineering services, value engineering services, and incidental services related thereto, as defined in 40 U.S.C. Sec. 541 et seq. (Brooks Act), shall be conducted as negotiated procurements, except that selection shall be made of the most technically qualified firm without consideration of price. Price shall be negotiated with the selected firm. If agreement cannot be reached with the most qualified firm, the process is repeated with the second most qualified firm, continuing until agreement is reached, or the pool of technically acceptable firms is exhausted, at which point the procurement must be cancelled.
- (22) Design/build services. To the extent permitted by law and regulation, the Authority may solicit the services of a single firm or entity to both design and build a construction project. Such solicitations shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. If such procedure violates the provisions of Federal law or regulation, design build services may not be used in projects involving Federal funds.
- (23) Construction services. Solicitations for construction, improvement or repair of facilities shall be conducted as sealed bid procurements. To the extent required by law or regulation, solicitations shall require that the award shall be made to the lowest responsive bid from a responsible bidder. The contractor must conform to the prevailing wage requirements defined in Ohio R.C. Chapter 4115 if no Federal funds are involved or the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a et seq.) and the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. 276c et seq.) if Federal funds are involved.
- (24) Incentive payments and liquidated damages. The Authority may, under appropriate circumstances, utilize incentives to encourage extraordinary vendor performance or, alternately, provide for liquidated damages to protect the Authority from losses due to vendor nonperformance. It may not impose financial penalties that are punitive in nature. Liquidated damages must be calculated and documented prior to the issuance of the solicitation on the basis of the anticipated actual loss to the Authority resulting from vendor non-performance.
- (25) Bid guaranty. A bid guaranty shall be required for all contracts for construction, alteration, or repair of any public building or other public improvement in the manner described by the Ohio Revised Code. The Authority may require a bid, performance and/or payment guaranty when it is determined, by the Director of Procurement, to be in the Authority's best interest. The bid guaranty shall be required as directed

by the Director of Procurement, upon the advice of the Risk Management Department. The Director of Procurement may authorize the reduction of any bond supplied for the rendering of services or the supplying of materials to the extent permitted by the Ohio Revised Code.

- (26) Rolling stock. The Authority may procure rolling stock by either negotiated procurement or sealed bid. Rolling stock shall be defined to include transit vehicles such as buses, vans, cars, railcars, locomotives, trolley cars and buses, and ferry boats, as well as vehicles used for support services. Solicitations for rolling stock shall require compliance with all applicable standards regarding dimensions, weight, accessibility and safety. Unless specifically authorized by the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer, the Authority shall not procure rolling stock that has not been tested in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, as applicable. The Authority shall conduct pre-award and post-delivery audits as required by the Code of Federal Regulations.
- (27) Electronic procurements and purchasing cards. The Authority may utilize electronic means, to the extent consistent with legal and regulatory requirements, to conduct any procurement defined herein. Employees and officers of the Authority designated by the Board may use purchasing (credit) cards.
- (28) Disposition of property. The Authority may sell personal property, including capital equipment and surplus or obsolete parts and supplies, by sealed bid, public auction or online auction. The Authority may otherwise dispose of property in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Trade-in of used equipment towards the purchase of new equipment shall also be permitted. Sale of capital assets whose fair market value is estimated to exceed the small purchase limit shall be authorized by the Board. Sale of Federally funded capital assets that have not exceeded their useful life as established by the Federal Transit Administration shall be authorized by the Board.

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