

RTA Board of Trustees

July 15, 2025

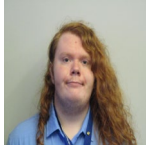
Public Comments – Agenda Items

- In person
- Phone: 440-276-4600
- Web form at www.riderta.com/events
 - Click/Select meeting event
 - Scroll to bottom to fill out form
 - Comments will be sent to Board and staff

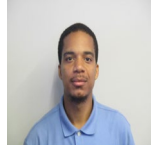
New Hires and Promotions

June 2025

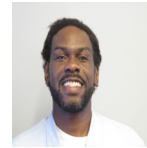
July New Hires



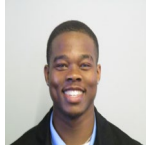
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Bus Operator



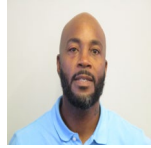
Devin Beasley
Bus Operator



Travis Sanders
Bus Operator



Rashaud Maddox
Bus Operator



Saquan Williams
Bus Operator



Kymetha Trotter
Bus Operator



Shronda Littlejohn
Bus Operator

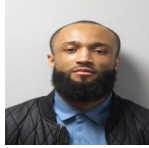


Stacey Spears
Bus Operator



Tavonne Eppinger
Bus Operator

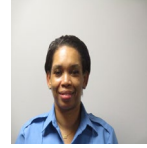
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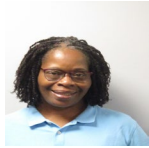
Juan Randle
Bus Operator



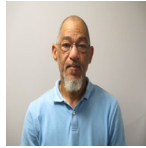
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Bus Operator



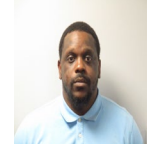
Amanda Luellen
Bus Operator



Aretha Meadows
Bus Operator



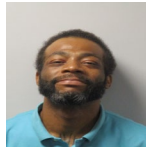
Dion Watson
Bus Operator



Barry Washington
Bus Operator



Jason Albrecht
Bus Operator



Reginald McDuffie
Bus Operator



Brandon Robinson
Bus Operator

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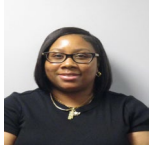
Erica Davis
Bus Operator



Kaniesha Jackson
Bus Operator



Howard Adams Jr.
Bus Operator



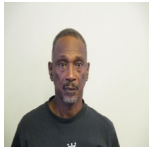
LaShea Cander
Paratransit Reservationist



Jason Milioto
Equipment Servicer
(Rail)



Yiu Kin So
Equipment Servicer



Lamont Ervin
Line Maintainer

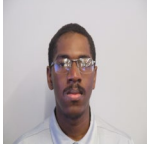


Evan Scroggins
Substation Maintainer



Numan Mujeeb
Supervisor of Power &
Way

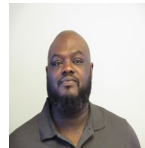
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Basheer Abdur-Razzaq
Engineering Co-Op



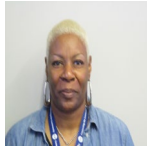
Claire McElwain
Engineering Co-Op



Brian Sebro
Central Communication
Specialist



Kristina Audia
Stock Clerk



Shellie Moore
Laborer
Non – Safety Sensitive

July Promotions



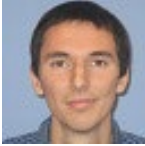
Cardell Jones
Manager – Equipment
Hayden



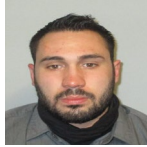
Alton Kerley
Equipment Maintainer



Anthony Pawluk
Equipment Maintainer



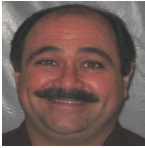
Brian Haller
Equipment Maintainer



Derek Bratsch
Equipment Maintainer



Eric Lyons
Equipment Maintainer



Andrew Kozak
Equipment Body
Mechanic

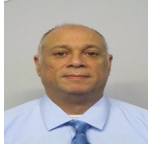


Dude Knight
Equipment Body
Mechanic



Philip Guy
Vehicle Maintenance
Instructor

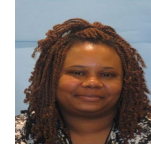
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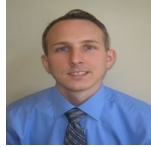
Julio Santiago
Vehicle Servicer



Joseph Sopko
Manager – Transportation
Hayden



Shawnee Hubbard
Manager – Transportation
Paratransit



James Waken
Manager of Asset and
Configuration Management



Brian Schultz
Resident Engineer/
Architect I



Timothy Toll
Heating/Air Conditioning
Mechanic

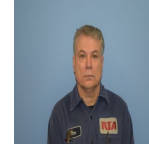
2nd Quarter GCRTA Retirees



A. "Scott" Valencie
Manager - Equipment



Antoine Bishop
Electronic Equipment
Maintainer



Thomas Basic
Equipment Maintainer



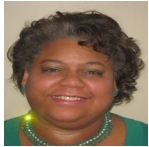
Deborah Ragon
Paratransit Operator



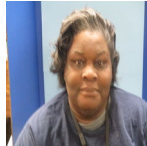
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Jonathan Bruce
Vehicle Servicer



Andrea Garcias
Hostler



Rhonda Eaddy
Power & Way
Stock Clerk

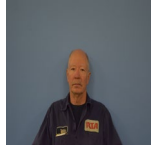


Richard Chamberlin
Maintainer

2nd Quarter GCRTA Retirees



David Dippel
Equipment Body
Mechanic



Timothy Novick
Equipment Body
Mechanic



Timothy Green
Equipment Body
Mechanic



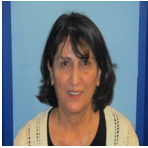
Alvin Hives
Rail Operator



Thomas Harriman
Rail Operator



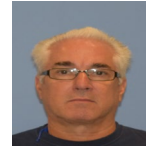
Robin Roberts
Supervisor Cross Trained



Zardik Haruthunian
Financial Accountant I



John Meriweather
Vehicle Damage
Estimator



Kenneth Springer
Assistant Equipment
Manager

Resolutions

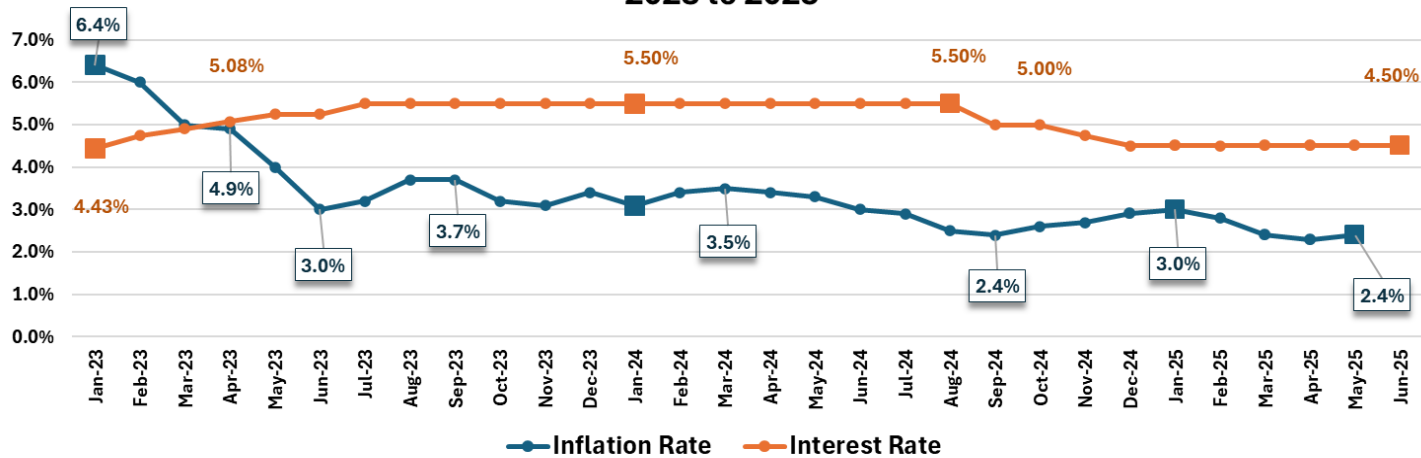
Secretary/Treasurer Update

Board of Trustees

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Economic Conditions

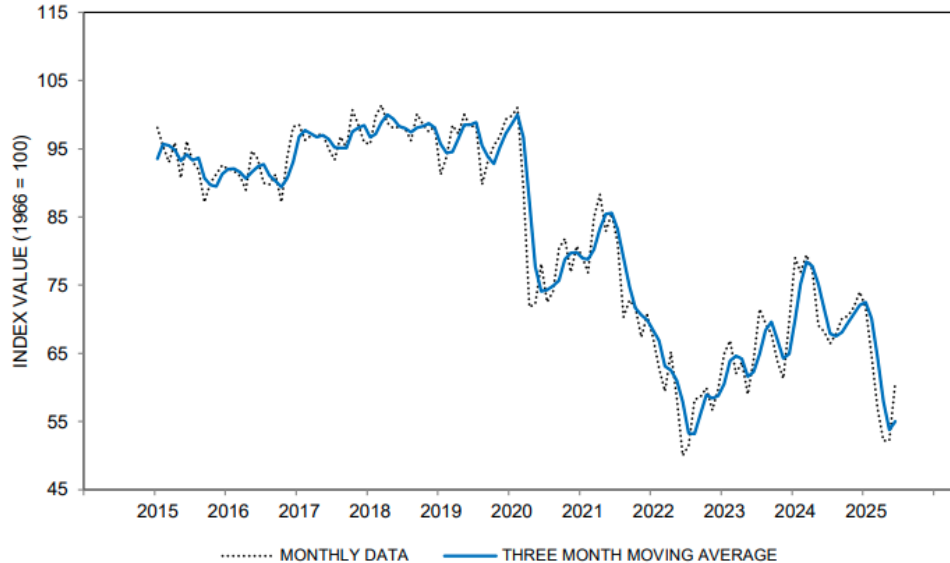
Inflation Rate & Interest Rate
2023 to 2025



Consumer Confidence

Survey of Consumers – University of Michigan

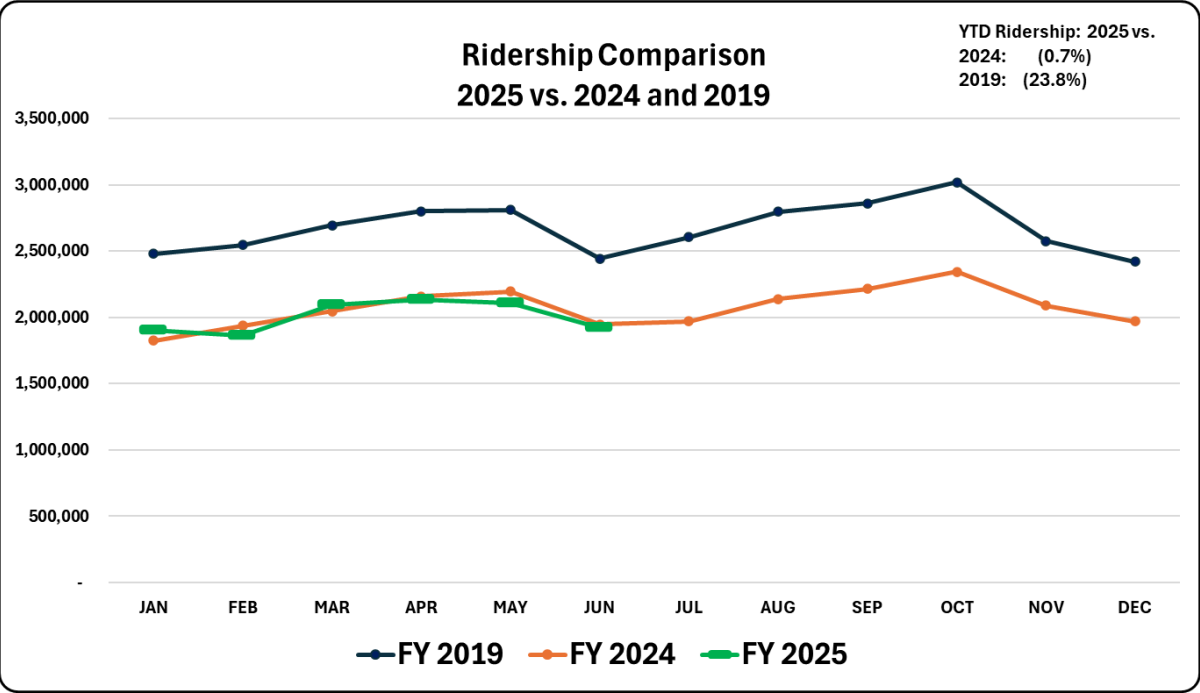
THE INDEX OF CONSUMER SENTIMENT



Final Results for June 2025

	Jun 2025	May 2025	Jun 2024	M-M Change	Y-Y Change
Index of Consumer Sentiment	60.7	52.2	68.2	+16.3%	-11.0%
Current Economic Conditions	64.8	58.9	65.9	+10.0%	-1.7%
Index of Consumer Expectations	58.1	47.9	69.6	+21.3%	-16.5%

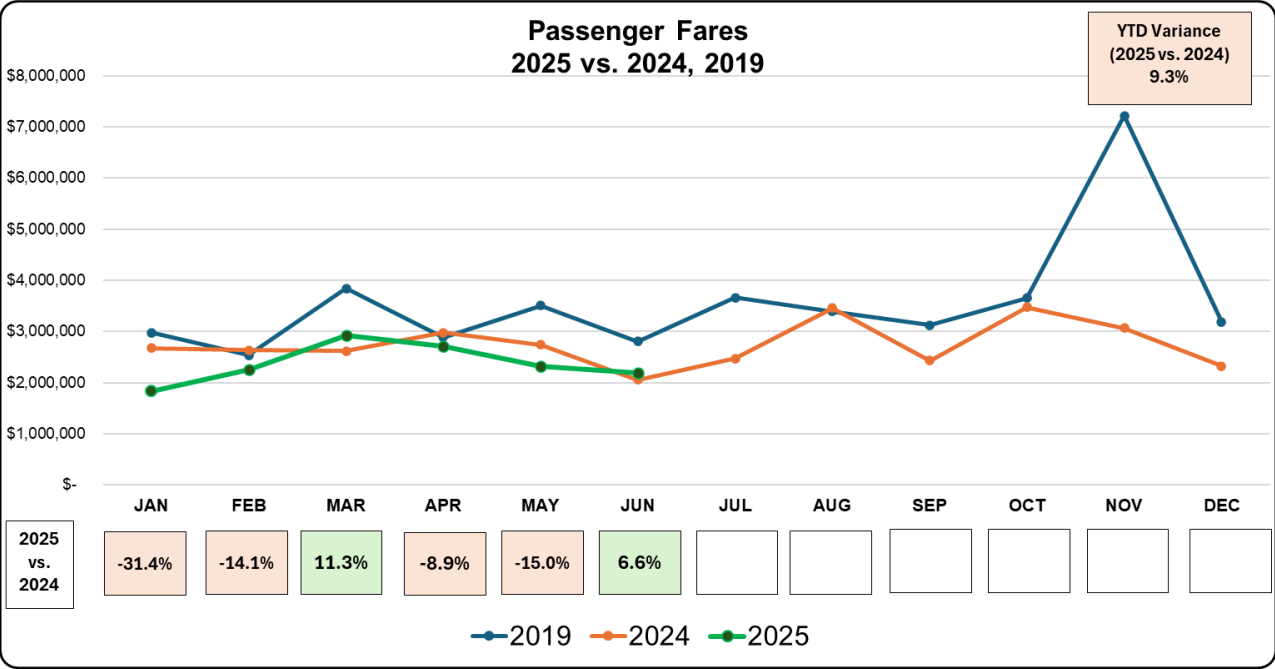
Ridership through June 2025



YTD Ridership (in millions)

2019:	15.8
2024:	12.1
2025:	12.0

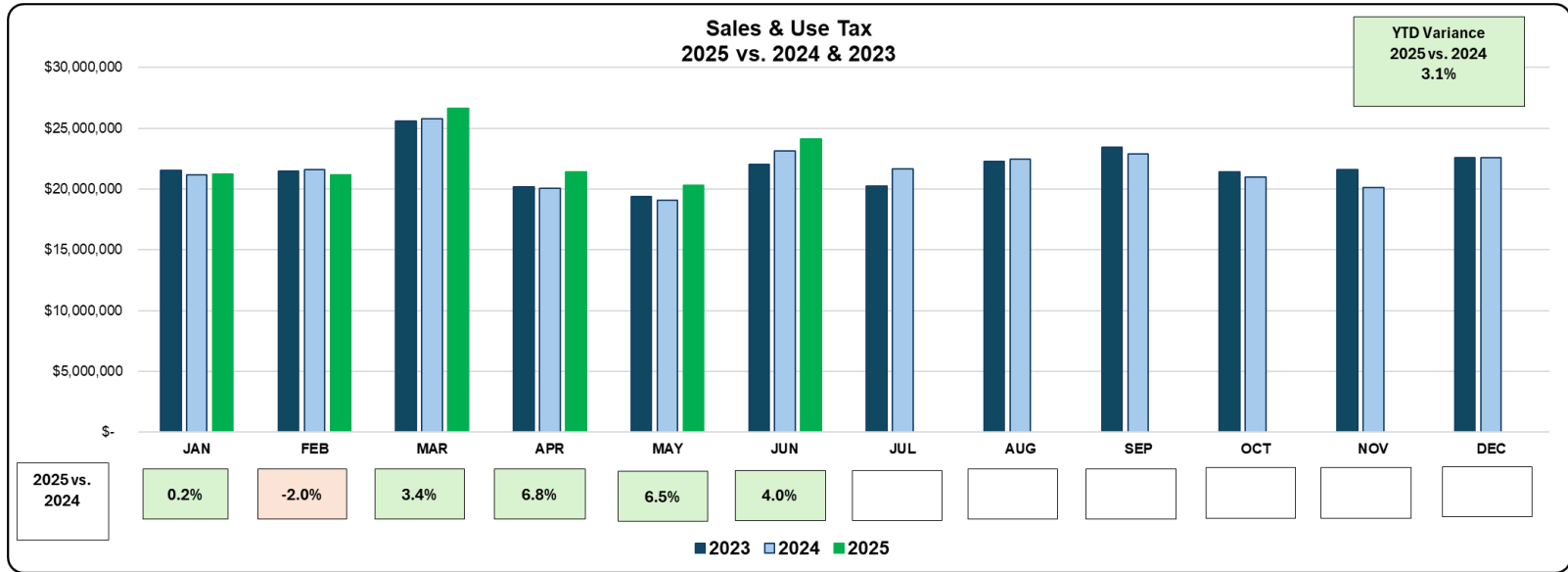
Passenger Fares



YTD Passenger Fares
(in millions)

2019: \$18.6
2024: \$15.7
2025: \$14.2

Sales & Use Tax



Selected Data

Total Long-Term Debt – 12/31/2024	\$ 22.3 million
Average Investment Yield – YTD	4.06%
Cash and Investments:	
Unrestricted (General Fund)	\$ 29.8 million
Restricted	<u>327.6 million</u>
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS	<u><u>\$357.4 million</u></u>

Questions

General Manager, CEO Report

India L. Birdsong Terry

July 15, 2025

State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026–2027 OTP2 Grant Awards

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has advised GCRTA of the following grant awards through the Ohio Transportation Partnership Program (OTP2):



**Department of
Transportation**

- Four Railcars – \$18.56 million
- Red Line Station Signage – \$1.25 million
- Total OTP2 Award: \$19.81 million

2025 Pride Parade

June 1, 2025 | Downtown, Cleveland

- Participation open to all employees
- RTA ridership was 20% higher than a typical Saturday for May to Mid-June
 - 15% higher on bus
 - 6% higher on Healthline
 - 79% higher on Heavy Rail
 - 43% higher on Light Rail
- Event drew over 40,000 people



Leadership APTA Interview

June 18, 2025 | Virtual Interview



- Leadership American Public Transportation Association (APTA) is a program to prepare the next generation of senior and executive leaders of APTA and the public transportation industry
- GCRTA's General Manager & CEO India Birdsong Terry and Deputy General Manager Human Resources Division George Fields were interviewed by five 2025 Leadership APTA class members on recruitment and retention best practices

WTAM 1100 AM Radio Interview



June 18, 2025 | Bill Wills Show

- Show host Bill Wills did an on-air interview with Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) General Manager and Chief Executive Officer India L. Birdsong Terry regarding GCRTA's 50th anniversary and special celebration event on June 21, 2025, at Settlers Landing In the Flats

National Association of Minority Contractors Northern Ohio Chapter (NAMC) Award



June 19, 2025 | Cleveland Marriott

- This honor is awarded to organizations demonstrating exceptional leadership and professional development support of small businesses, female and minority construction companies
- Mr. Carl Kirkland, Director of Business Development, accepted this award on behalf of GCRTA

ENO Transportation Mid Manager Program



June 23 - 27, 2025 Cleveland, Ohio

- As part of the Eno Transportation Mid-Manager (TMM) program hosted in Cleveland, GCRTA staff welcomed 38 participants (from across the country) for a tour of our Central Rail Facility and the Red Line Greenway
- The Eno Center for Transportation, founded in 1921, provides nonpartisan research and training while serving as an independent voice on transportation policy
- To date, Eno has trained over 3,500 transportation professionals, including several members of GCRTA's leadership and staff

GCRTA 50th Anniversary Event



June 21, 2025 | Settlers Landing, The Flats

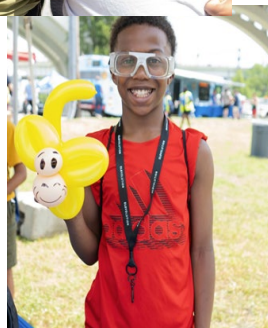
From legislators and transit enthusiasts to families, board members, and staff, more than 3,500 people joined us at Settlers Landing to mark this milestone

Special thank you to our incredible community partners and vendors who brought engaging activities, entertainment, and resources to the event

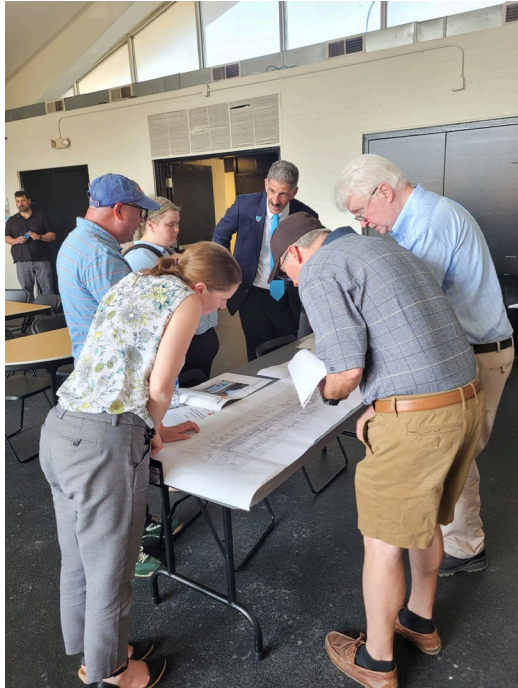
GCRTA 50th Anniversary Event







W.25th St. BRT Meeting with Business Owners



June 25, 2025 | Cleveland, Ohio

- Collaborative approach to address concerns
- West 25th Bus-Rapid-Transit (BRT) project update provided
- Question and answer session with GCRTA Staff, City of Cleveland representatives, Ohio City Inc. representatives and local citizens
- Media coverage from WKYC 3 News, Scene Magazine and Cleveland.com/Plain Dealer



East 79th Blue & Green Line Station Reconstruction Groundbreaking Event



July 11, 2025 | E.79 St. Blue & Green Line Station

- Guest speakers: U.S. Congresswoman Shontel Brown, and other elected representatives
- Primary project goals include rehabilitation of the station, bringing it into compliance with current ADA standards, improvement of connections into the neighborhood and increased Transit Oriented Development opportunities
- Project estimated completion is Summer 2026

Railcar Shell Site Visit

July 2, 2025 | Sacramento, California



- Railcar Replacement (RCRP) Team visited the Siemens Mobility Production Facility to review the painted car shell

GCRTA Celebrates 20 Years of Partnership with Tri-C Corporate College



July 14, 2025 | Tri-C Corporate College

The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) was featured in Tri-C Corporate Colleges Transformation Summit as part of their 20th anniversary.

The session we participate in was titled, **Transforming Through People**, highlighted out People Strategy and commitment to workforce development.

Participants included GCRTA, GM & CEO India Birdsong Terry, DGM of Human Resources George Fields, Director of Training & Development Wendy Talley, and four employees who graduated from CCC programs: Kimberly Wright, LaTiece Thomas, Lt. Richard Kopp, and John Coss.

Honoring Ms. Marie Fratus



Marie Fratus pictured at the Little Italy-
University Circle Rapid Station
Groundbreaking event on October 21, 2013

- A founding member of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), **Ms. Fratus** helped establish a model for community engagement in transit decision-making
 - Served over 40 years on GCRTA's Citizens Advisory Committee, helping to shape a more accessible and community-responsive transit system
 - Served as a key advocate in the passage of the 1975 countywide levy that established GCRTA
 - Will be remembered for her wisdom, humor, and unwavering commitment to riders and public service

Questions