

General Manager, CEO Report

India L. Birdsong Terry

March 24, 2026

NOACA Project Funding Announcement Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program (CMAQ)

CMAQ funds are awarded to establish new or expanded transportation projects or programs that reduce emission, capital investment, congestion relief, transit vehicle replacements, diesel engine retrofits or other capital projects.

SFY 2028 CMAQ Award	\$ 8,370,000
SFY 2029 CMAQ Award	\$ 8,370,000
Total Award -	\$16,740,000

GFOA (Government Finance Officers' Association)



January 30, 2026 | GCRTA

Certification of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for FY2024 to the GCRTA Accounting team

- Highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting
- GCRTA has received this award for the past 38 years

Government Finance Officers Association

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) & GCRTA Q1 meeting

February 12, 2026 | Main Office

Key discussion topics included:

- Rail Car Replacement Program
- Tariff Impact on Transportation & Managing Costs
- MetroHealth BRT
- 2026 Triennial Review

WTS Budget & Forecasting Panel

February 12, 2026 | Cleveland, Ohio

- Michael Schipper, Deputy General Manager of Engineering & Project Management participated in the WTS Northeast Ohio Budget & Forecasting panel alongside leaders from NOACA, ODOT, and the Ohio Turnpike & Infrastructure Commission
- Discussion focused on infrastructure investment, fiscal forecasting, and long-range planning, addressing opportunities and challenges facing Northeast Ohio including funding stability, aging infrastructure, and evolving mobility needs



Ohio Loves Transit 2026



Michael Schipper, Ohio State Representative
Bride Rose Sweeney, Natoya Walker Minor
and José Feliciano Jr.

February 17, 2026 | Columbus, Ohio

- GCRTA leadership met with members of the Cuyahoga Delegation to strengthen partnerships, advance our 2026 legislative agenda
- Highlighted investments supporting workforce mobility, state of good repair, and regional economic development demonstrating the continued return on investment public transit delivers for the State of Ohio — especially our region

GCRTA Board of Trustees Tour



February 20, 2026 | Brook Park

Stops Included:

- Brookpark Rapid Station
- Barons Bus Terminal
- Brookpark Rail Shop + Yard
- 155 Bldg. - Facilities Maintenance and Transit Police Building
- Cleveland Browns Proposed Stadium Site



Accelerate: Citizens Make Change 2026

February 26, 2026 | Huntington Convention Center

Accelerate is where change agents and ideas converge to improve Cleveland

- Community members compete to win funding for ideas that improve Greater Cleveland
- GM/CEO India Birdsong Terry served as a judge for the Climate & Energy Innovation Category



APTA AdWheel Award



RTA

APTA American Public Transportation Association

U.S. ARMY TRAINING CENTER

FORT JACKSON SOUTH CAROLINA
Victory Starts Here

AdWheel Award
* Presented by *

Greater Cleveland RTA
for

Best Electronic Media for Workforce Development
"Honoring Our Veterans - Veterans Day 2025"

AMERICAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION

VETERANS
RTA
Connecting the Community

SCAN TO WATCH THE AWARD-WINNING VIDEO

GCRTA earned First Place in the Best Electronic Media for Workforce Development category for our "Honoring Our Veterans: Veterans Day 2025" video. AdWheel Grand Awards (selected from all First Place Awards) announced in summer 2026, honored at APTA TRANSform Conference in October.

VIDEO IS AVAILABLE: <https://youtu.be/VzJEGUqUxo?si=Osl1jNbr0hYTkD1M>

2026 Annual Board of Trustees Retreat

February 27, 2026 | Tri-C Corporate College

Topics for discussion:

- Emotionally Intelligent Teams
- Strategic Plan Refresh Process



St. Patrick's Day Parade 2026



March 17, 2026 | Downtown Cleveland/Public Square

- Extra train capacity provided on the Red, Blue & Green Lines
- GCRTA staff and volunteers at the rail stations
- GCRTA Transit Police and Transit Ambassadors patrolled the stations and bus stops
- Parade started at 1:02 p.m. and ended at 2:18 p.m. with no GCRTA transit issues
- Ridership information will be available within two weeks

