

2027-2031 Proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee

May 5, 2026

Office of Management & Budget
Grants Management & Treasury
Engineering & Project Management

Presentation Overview

- Capital Improvement Funds
- Capital Planning Committees
- Capital Planning Schedule
- Project Ranking Criteria
- Proposed Capital Budget & Five-Year Capital Plan
- FY 2027 Capital Projects
- Unfunded Projects
- Sources of Funding
- Public Hearing
- Recommendation to present to full Board

Capital Improvement Fund Budget

- **RTA Capital** – 100% Local Funds \geq \$5,000 $<$ \$250K
 - **Routine Capital** – acquisition of non-revenue vehicles and small equipment
 - **Asset Maintenance** – rehabilitation of current assets at passenger station or facilities.
- **Development Fund** – grants and or local funds \geq \$250K

Capital Planning Committees

Capital Program Working Group (CPWG)

1. To assure an objective process when evaluating recommended capital request.
2. Provide assurance that all capital needs of the authority are equally addressed
3. Provide a forum to discuss projects and the impact on the organization.

Capital Program Oversight Committee (CPOC)

1. Assure that the capital program achieve the authority's long-range goals
2. Maximize the return on capital investments
3. Maximize the use of federal and state capital grants

Capital Improvement Plan Calendar

Sep '25

- CIP Budget development begins
- Apex System Opens

Jan. '26-Feb. '26

- OMB review project submissions
- CPWG review and prioritization of projects
- Recommendation to CPOC

Mar '26-Apr '26

- OMB & CPOC Review and Finalize projects and funding.

May 2026

- Committee Presentation
- Public Hearing
- Recommendation for BOT adoption
- BOT approval CIP

Jun 2026

- Submit CIP to Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency(NOACA) for review and approval

Ranking Criteria

- State of Good Repair – 25%
- Health & Safety – 20%
- Mandates – 20%
- Ridership & Transit Oriented Development – 15%
- Operating Budget Impact – 15%
- Environmental Impact – 5%

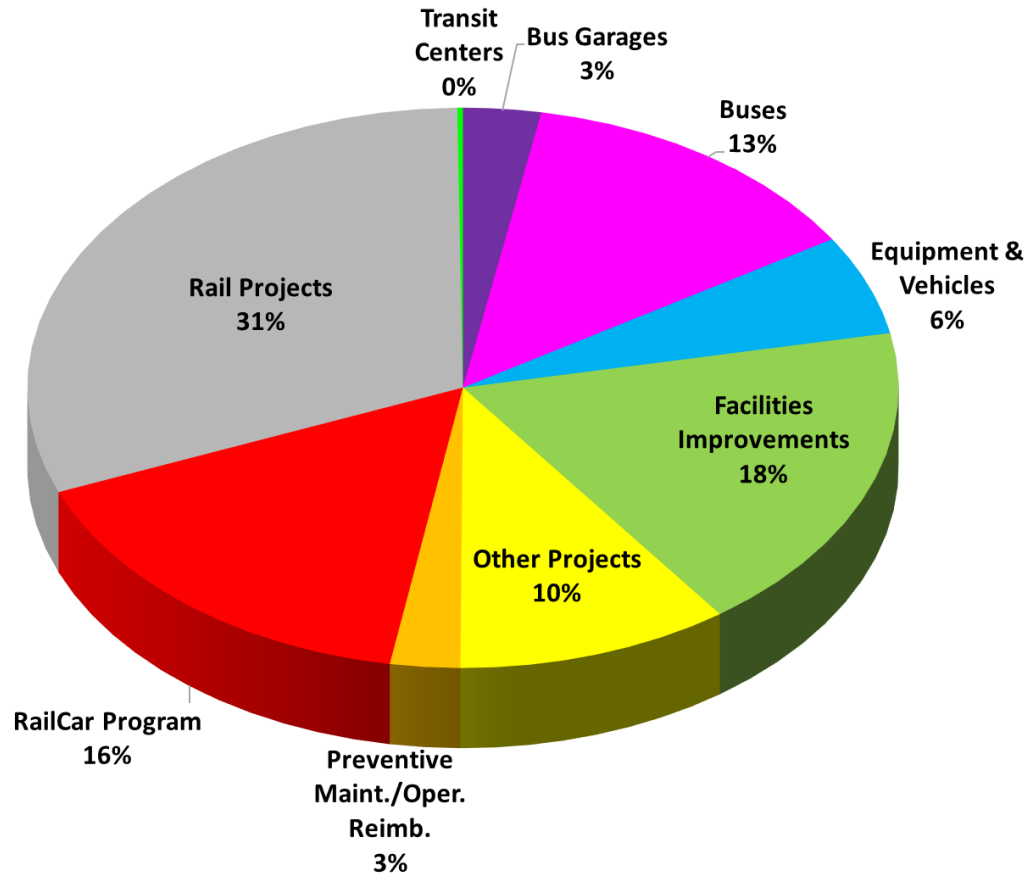
2027 - 2031 COMBINED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Combined Budget Authority

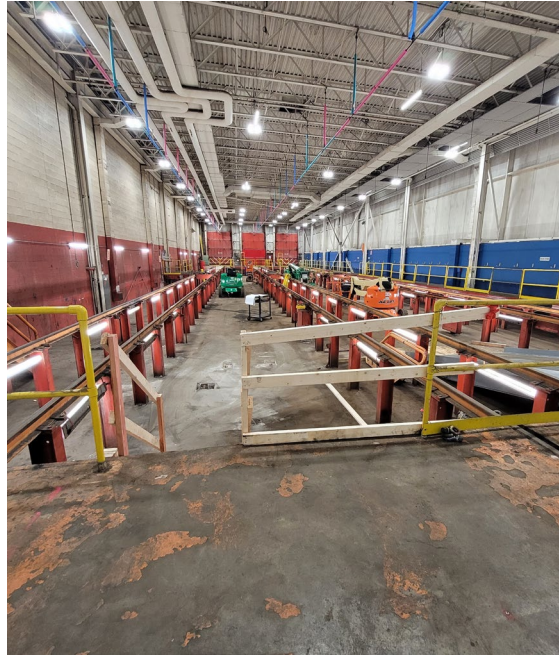
PROJECT CATEGORY	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	TOTAL 2027-2031
Bus Garages	\$5.2	\$0.3	\$2.6	\$2.6	\$4.1	\$14.6
Buses	\$23.8	\$26.7	\$27.2	\$23.8	\$23.8	\$125.4
Equipment & Vehicles	\$10.4	\$12.9	\$10.4	\$10.4	\$15.4	\$59.4
Facilities Improvements	\$32.6	\$7.5	\$19.7	\$9.4	\$9.7	\$79.0
Other Projects	\$18.2	\$3.0	\$3.7	\$3.4	\$3.4	\$31.7
Preventive Maint./Oper. Reimb.	\$4.7	\$15.0	\$15.0	\$15.0	\$15.0	\$64.7
RailCar Program	\$29.3	\$42.0	\$29.4	\$24.4	\$1.3	\$126.3
Rail Projects	\$55.6	\$50.0	\$58.4	\$27.7	\$37.8	\$229.6
Transit Centers	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$1.9
TOTALS	\$180.2	\$157.7	\$166.7	\$117.0	\$110.7	\$732.4

Proposed Five
Year Plan by
Project
Category

FY 2027 Proposed Projects by Categories



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2027 Capital Budget Highlights

- 2026 Continuing Projects
- Bus Garages
- Facility Improvements
- Rail Projects
- Other Projects
- Vehicle Improvement Program
- Competitive Grants
- Unfunded Projects

2026 Projects Continuing in 2027

- Railcar Replacement Program
- Lift Replacements
- MetroHealth Line BRT Program
- Light Rail Track (Blue Line) Reconstruction Program
- Warrensville Van Aken Station & Track Reconstruction

Bus Garages

- Design
 - Triskett Bus Garage Office HVAC Unit Replacement
- Construction
 - Lift Replacement Program
 - Hayden CNG Expansion
 - Central Bus Dynamometer
 - Fire Protection Upgrades

Vehicle Improvement Program

- Current Bus Procurements – For 2027 Delivery
 - 40 40-ft CNG Buses
 - 26 Paratransit Vehicles
 - 6 60-ft CNG Buses – HealthLine
- Bus Replacement Orders in 2027
 - 20 40-ft CNG Bus Options
 - 20 Paratransit Vehicles

Facility Improvements

- Design
 - Track Bridge over Canal Road
- Construction
 - Access Road Bridge (former track bridge) over Norfolk Southern (NS) to Central Rail Maintenance Facility (CRMF)

Rail Projects

- Design
 - Light Rail Track Reconstruction Design Support (Green Line)
 - Tower City Signal System Design Support (GL1)
- Construction
 - Light Rail Track Reconstruction (Blue Line)
 - Overhead Catenary System (OCS) Replacement Phase 3
 - CRMF Track 3 and Interior Wash
 - W. 25th Street Station Rehabilitation
 - Signal System Improvement
 - Light Rail Platform Modifications (RCRP)
 - 8 Blue Line ADA Station Reconstruction (ASAP)

Other Projects

- Workforce Development
 - Bus Shelter Upgrades
- Metrohealth Line BRT Construction
- Public Transportation Safety Plan (PTASP)

Unfunded CIP Needs

• Rail Vehicle Replacement Program	\$ 29M
• Bus Garages	10M
• Bus Replacement Program	70M
• Facility Improvements	10M
• Equipment & Vehicles	20M
• Rail Electrical & Signals	32M
• Rail Track and Yards	62M
• Rail Stations	25M
• Rail Work Equipment	6M
• MetroHealth BRT	21M
Total	<u>\$285M</u>

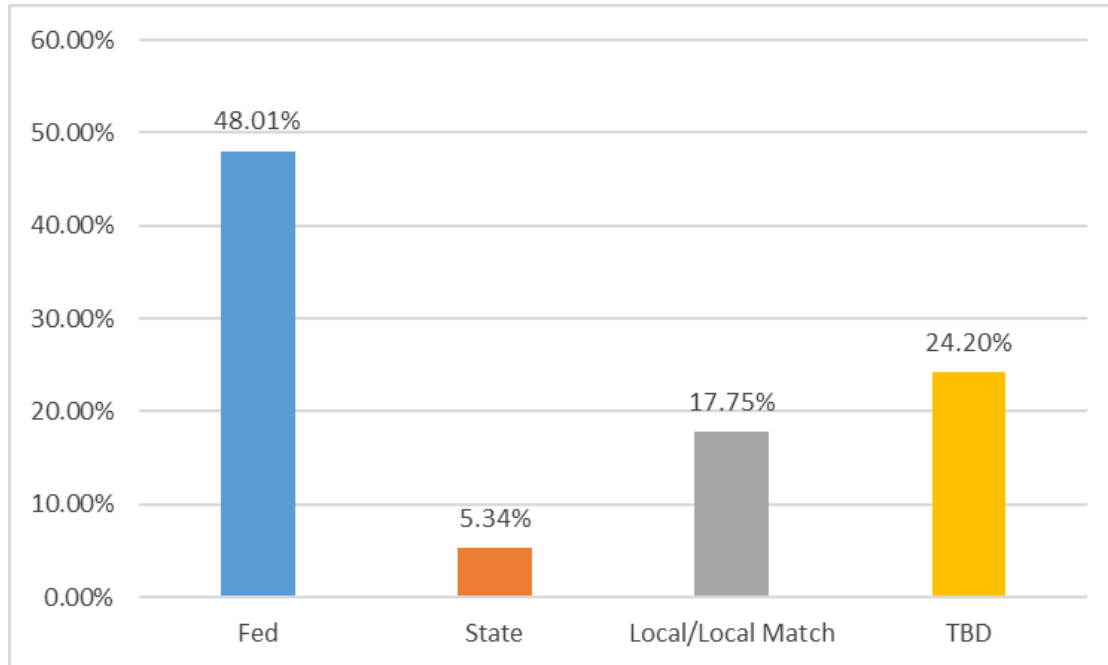
Unfunded CIP Need History

- 2020 \$401M
- 2021 \$344M
- 2022 \$299M
- 2023 \$418M
- 2024 \$236M
- 2025 \$242M
- 2026 \$285M

Funding Sources

- Federal – Department of Transportation (DOT) - Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- State – Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)
- Local Funds = Sales & Use Tax, Bonds (if needed)

Five Year Plan – Funding Sources



Securing Additional Funding

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) FTA formula grants provide \$56M + GCRTA Local Match of \$14M for base funding level of \$70M per year.
- Ohio Department of Transportation – General Revenue and Flex Funding.
- Competitive grants at federal, state and local level provide funding beyond the base level

Competitive Grant Awarded in 2025

- Bus Improvement Program
 - \$4.0M ODOT Urban Transit Program (UTP)
 - \$2.6M OEPA Diesel Emission Reduction Grant (DERG)
 - \$1.69 NOACA Section 5310 – Paratransit Vehicle Replacement

Competitive Grant Awarded in 2025-Cont'd

- \$ 18.56M ODOT Ohio Transit Partnership Program (OTP2) – over two (2) years: \$9.28M - 2026/\$9.28 – 2027 – Rail Car Replacement
- LED Signage
 - \$ 1.24M - ODOT Ohio Transit Partnership Program (OTP2)
- **Total 2025 Awards \$28.09M**

Competitive Grants Awarded in 2026

- LR Track Rehabilitation
 - \$ 10.0M ODOT Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC)
 - \$ 0.25M Community Project Funding (Representative Brown)
- Bus Improvement Program
 - \$16.74M NOACA Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) –over two (2) years: \$8.37 - 2028/\$8.37 - 2029
- **Total 2026 Awards To Date \$26.99M**

2026 Grant Submissions

- MetroHealth BRT
 - \$20.5M FTA Small Starts
- Paratransit Vehicles
 - \$2.32M NOACA Section 5310 Elderly & Disabled
- Seven Green Line Rail Station Platform ADA Reconstruction
 - \$20.0M FTA All Station Accessibility Program
- **Total Pending Applications \$48.82M**

2026 Grant Opportunities

- Triskett Roof Replacement
 - \$8.0M FTA Bus and Bus Facilities
- Bus Improvement Program
 - \$4.2M ODOT Urban Transit Program
- Kinsman Road Corridor TOD – Planning for Priority Corridor
 - \$0.7M FTA TOD Pilot Program

2026 Grant Opportunities – Cont'd

- Workforce Development/Transit Waiting Environment Projects
 - \$1.0M ODOT Ohio Workplace Mobility Program (OWMP)
- **Total Grant Opportunities \$13.9M**

Questions

Public Hearing

Public Comments:

- In person
- Phone – 440-276-4600
- Email – public-comment@gcrta.org

Recommendation

- Staff recommends to the Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee to present the 2027-2031 CIP resolution to the full Board for approval