



MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) will take place on **Tuesday, August 4, 2026**, 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 GCRTA'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 GCRTA's website at (www.riderta.com/board), on GCRTA's Facebook page and GCRTA's Twitter page.

9:00 a.m. **Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee**

- Agenda attached.

Organizational, Services & Performance Monitoring Committee

- Agenda attached.

Audit, Safety Compliance and Real Estate Committee

- Agenda attached.

Compensation Committee

Special Meeting

Special Board of Trustees Meeting

- Agenda attached



India L. Birdsong Terry
General Manager, Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

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AGENDA

Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

Committee Members: Mr. Jeffrey W. Sleasman, Chair
 Ms. Emily Garr Pacetti, Vice Chair
 Mayor Marie Gallo
 Ms. Emily Harper
 Ms. Stephen M. Love

I. Roll Call

II. **Approval of Minutes – July 21, 2026**

III. RFP Procurement – a competitive negotiated procurement to develop a TOD plan along the Lorain Road corridor.

Presenters:

- Maribeth Feke, Director of Programming & Planning
- AnnMarie Prebish, Contract Administrator II

III. RFP Procurement - a competitive negotiated procurement for on call architectural/engineering services for 2026

Presenters:

- Kathleen McGerver, Engineering Project Manager-Track
- Ann Marie Prebish, Contract Administrator II

III. Adjourn



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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 30, 2026

Subject: Lorain Road TOD Planning Study

At the August 4, 2026 Meeting of the Planning and Infrastructure Committee Meeting Staff will present the recommendation for a contract award for this FTA funded TOD Planning Study. This study will include all of the Lorain Avenue through 3 cities: Cleveland, Fairview Park, and ending in North Olmsted at the County Line. GCRTA will study the feasibility of a bus system improvement enhancing the environment for development along the entire corridor as part of its Priority Corridor work identified in the Strategic Plan.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information prior to Tuesday's meeting.

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AWARD

Lorain Road Corridor Transit Oriented Development Plan

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) received federal funding to develop a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) plan along the Lorain Road corridor, which is a major east-west connecting road on the west side of Cuyahoga County. The corridor is an over fifteen mile (15.7 mi) stretch of Lorain Road from its origin in the Ohio City neighborhood of the City of Cleveland through Fairview Park and into North Olmsted, ending at the Cuyahoga - Lorain County line. The plan is funded by the Federal Transit Administration's Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning. GCRTA is seeking qualified consultant services to develop this TOD plan along Lorain Road. This plan will make recommendations for TOD and land use and provide transportation operational alternatives that support a major capital transit improvement including the development of a bus rapid transit line or other bus priority treatment on the Lorain Road Corridor. This plan will establish a comprehensive strategy that integrates the plans of each community while supporting and enhancing the public transit experience, recognizing its critical role in the successful development and implementation of this plan. The Lorain Road Corridor is important in the GCRTA transportation network, as it consists of the #22, a portion of the #55, and two Red Line stations. It is also a priority corridor outlined in GCRTA's Strategic Plan.

PROCUREMENT OVERVIEW:

The Request for Proposal for Lorain Road Corridor Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Plan was issued on March 9, 2026. The necessary legal notice was published in the Plain Dealer and Call & Post newspapers. The Request for Proposal was also published on the GCRTA Procurement website.

The Request for Proposal was accessed and/or downloaded from the website by fifty-two (52) interested parties. Six (6) proposals were received on April 8, 2026, as shown below:

PROPOSALS (3):

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.*
Kittleson*
HDR*
Smith Group
Arcadis
WSP

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* Denotes shortlisted firms

A panel of Authority employees, including representatives from the following departments and external stakeholders: Programming and Planning, Administration and External Affairs, Office of Management & Budget, Service Management, Grants Management, Procurement, the City of Cleveland, Fairview, North Olmstead and Cuyahoga County performed an evaluation of the proposals using the following Evaluation Criteria:

- Project Manager
- Project Approach
- Project Team
- Understanding of project
- Cost

This process was conducted in accordance with established Procurement Department Policies and Procedures. The evaluation panel reviewed the proposals and invited three (3) proposers to participate in the interview process to clarify various aspects of their proposal. A Best and Final Offer was requested from each of the three (3) shortlisted proposers. After negotiations, it was determined that the proposal from Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. was the most advantageous to the Authority, cost and all other factors considered.

RECOMMENDATION:

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. is one of the nation's premier planning, engineering, and design consulting firms, with over 11,000 employees in more than 160 offices. Kimley-Horn's project experience demonstrates comprehensive expertise across all facets of high-capacity transit planning and design. Their work spans transit service and operations planning, transit and passenger facility design, traffic operations engineering, and transit ridership forecasting, with a particular focus on BRT projects. They have led numerous high-capacity transit feasibility and alternatives analysis studies, advancing projects from concept through detailed facility design.

The strengths of Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. include:

- Multidisciplinary firm
- Extensive industry knowledge.
- Quality deliverables on past projects.

As a result of the USDOT Interim Final Rule published in the Federal Register and made effective October 3, 2025, DBE goal setting has been suspended on Authority projects until further notice.

CLIENT BASE:

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. has successfully completed projects for METRO RTA, COTA, METRO Transit, the City of Knoxville, and Sound Transit, among others.

A resolution will request authorization to issue a contract to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for the Lorain Road Corridor Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Plan in an amount not to exceed \$688,774.88.



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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 30, 2026

Subject: On Call Architect / Engineer Services 2026
RFP Procurement

At the August 4, 2026, Operational Planning and Infrastructure Committee meeting, staff will provide an overview of the upcoming contract for On Call Architect / Engineer Services, 2026. A request for proposals was issued on May 25, 2026. The presentation will include the scope of work and staff recommendation to award the contract.

The contract will be used to provide project plans and specifications to augment GCRTA personnel in-house production. Other services could include independent cost estimates and administrative construction support.

The Summary of Proposed Award is attached.

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

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AWARD

On-Call Architect/Engineer Services - 2026

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) sought the services of a professional consultant(s) to prepare plans, specifications, cost estimates, construction duration estimates, construction support services and Safety Certification. The Architect/Engineer consultant design team should be able to provide the following engineering services as required by the assigned project: Architectural, Civil, Geotechnical, Surveying, Landscape, Structural, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering. The specialties of track, signal and catenary design are required, but will be limited to incidental work at train stations and/or within the rail shops. Projects could involve any of the GCRTA's facilities including bus garages, transit centers, rail shops and train stations.

PROCUREMENT OVERVIEW:

The Request for Proposal for Architect/Engineering Services was issued on May 25, 2026. The necessary legal notice was published in the Plain Dealer and Call & Post newspapers. The Request for Proposal was also published on the GCRTA Procurement website.

The Request for Proposal was accessed and/or downloaded from the website by sixty-four (64) interested parties. Three (3) proposals were received on June 25, 2026, as shown below:

PROPOSALS (3):

HDR Engineering, Inc.*
DLZ Ohio, Inc..*
HWH Architects Engineers Planners Inc.*

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A panel of Authority employees, including representatives from the following departments: Engineering and Project Development, Safety, Office of Business Development, Office of Management & Budget, and Procurement performed an evaluation of the proposals using the following Evaluation Criteria:

- Project Manager
- Assigned Staff
- Past Performance
- Project Approach
- Location of Majority of Work
- DBE Participation

This process was conducted in accordance with established Procurement Department Policies and Procedures. The evaluation panel interviewed all three (3) firms. It was determined that the proposal from DLZ Ohio, Inc. was the most advantageous to the Authority.

RECOMMENDATION:

DLZ Ohio, Inc. is a multidisciplinary firm with over 900 employees in more than 30 offices. DLZ Ohio, Inc. provides services including, but not limited to, architecture, engineering, planning, surveying, and construction services.

The strengths of DLZ Ohio, Inc. include:

- Multidisciplinary firm
- Extensive industry knowledge.
- Quality deliverables on past projects.

As a result of the USDOT Interim Final Rule published in the Federal Register and made effective October 3, 2025, DBE goal setting has been suspended on Authority projects until further notice.

CLIENT BASE:

DLZ Ohio, Inc. has successfully completed projects for the Authority, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, ODOT, Central Ohio Transit Authority, and Capital Area Transportation Authority, among others.

A resolution will request authorization to issue a contract to DLZ Ohio, Inc. to conduct on-call architectural/engineering services in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a period of 24 months.



AGENDA

Organizational, Services & Performance Monitoring Committee

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

Committee Members: Emily Garr Pacetti, Chair
Mayor Marie Gallo
Stephen M. Love
Deidre Y. McPherson
Jeffrey W. Sleasman

I. Roll Call

II. **Approval of Minutes – July 21, 2026**

III. RFP Procurement - a competitive negotiated procurement for the manufacture and delivery of forty (40) forty-foot CNG coaches with an option to purchase up to one hundred twenty (120) additional coaches, over the five year term of the contract.

Presenter(s):

- Dan Dietrich, Director, Fleet Management
- Glenville Manning, Contract Administrator II

IV. Invitation for Bid (IFB) - a competitive procurement for Laptops and Desktop PCs as part of Information Technology's State of Good Repair Program.

Presenter(s):

- Charles Morgan, Director of Information Technology
- Drew Dimmick, Contract Administrator II

IV. Adjourn



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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 31, 2026

Subject: Forty 40-Foot CNG Buses – RFP Procurement, 2025-119

This is a Request for Proposal procurement to award a contract to a qualified firm to provide the Authority with forty 40-foot CNG coaches, spare parts, tooling and training, with options to purchase up to an additional one hundred twenty 40-foot CNG coaches, spare parts, tooling and training to be delivered over a five-year contract term.

At the August 4, 2026, Organizational, Services & Performance Monitoring Committee meeting, staff will make a presentation on the scope of work, background, procurement process and recommendation for contract award. Attached is the summary for this contract award. Staff will be requesting that the Organizational, Services & Performance Monitoring Committee recommend the award of this contract at the August 18, 2026 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

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

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AWARD
Purchase of Forty 40-Foot CNG Coaches, Spare Parts, Tooling and Training with
Options to Purchase Up to an Additional One Hundred Twenty 40-Foot CNG
Coaches, Spare Parts, Tooling and Training to Be Delivered Over the Five-Year
Contract Term

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("GCRTA") operates fixed route buses that serve approximately 77% of our customers. To provide safe, reliable and cost-effective service, buses must be replaced on a regular cycle. The FTA recommends replacement of transit buses on a twelve-year basis.

PROCUREMENT OVERVIEW:

The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Procurement of Forty 40-Foot CNG Coaches, Spare Parts, Tooling and Training, with Options to Purchase up to an Additional One Hundred Twenty 40-Foot CNG Coaches, Spare Parts, Tooling and Training to be Delivered over a Five-Year Contract Term was issued on October 19, 2025. The necessary legal notice was published in the Plain Dealer and Call & Post newspapers. The RFP was also published on the GCRTA Procurement website.

The RFP was accessed and/or downloaded from the website by forty-five (45) interested parties. Three (3) proposals were received on February 25, 2026, as shown below:

PROPOSERS: (3)

New Flyer of America, Inc.*
Gillig LLC*
EIDorado National California*

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*Denotes shortlisted firms

A panel of Authority employees, including representatives from the following departments: Fleet Engineering, Safety, Hayden District, Training, Office of Management and Budget and Procurement performed an evaluation of the proposals using the following Evaluation Criteria:

- Technical Package
- Qualification Package
- Pricing/Cost Proposal

This process was conducted in accordance with established Procurement Department Policies and Procedures. The evaluation panel reviewed the proposals and shortlisted all three (3) proposers to clarify various aspects of their proposal. A list of questions was prepared and sent to the proposers requesting clarification on certain items in their proposal. Best and Final Offers were requested from each of the three (3) shortlisted proposers. After negotiations, it was determined that the proposal of Gillig LLC was the most advantageous to the Authority, cost and all other factors considered.

RECOMMENDATION:

Gillig LLC was founded in 1890. Gillig LLC's production facility promotes a centralized focus on bus production. GCRTA's current fleet of 40-foot CNG coaches were designed and manufactured by Gillig LLC.

As a result of the USDOT Interim Final Rule published in the Federal Register and made effective October 3, 2025, DBE goal setting has been suspended on Authority projects until further notice.

CLIENT BASE:

Current Gillig LLC customers include:

- GCRTA
- Akron Metro
- COTA
- Metro Transit (St. Paul MN)
- Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)
- Valley Metro (Phoenix AZ)
- LYNX (Orlando FL)

A resolution will request authorization to issue a contract to Gillig LLC to provide forty 40-foot CNG coaches, spare parts, tooling and training in an amount not to exceed \$34,050,720, with options to procure up to one hundred twenty additional 40-foot CNG coaches, spare parts, tooling and training over the five-year contract term.



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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 31, 2026

Subject: Laptops and Desktop PCs – IFB Procurement, 2026-045

This is an Invitation for Bid procurement to award a contract to a qualified firm to provide the Authority with new laptops and desktop computers. This equipment will replace the Authority's ageing and end-of-life equipment that can no longer reliably support required security patches, operating system updates, or agency software standards.

At the August 4, 2026, Organizational, Services & Performance Monitoring Committee meeting, staff will make a presentation on the scope of work, background, procurement process and recommendation for contract award. Attached is the summary for this contract award. Staff will be requesting that the Organizational, Services & Performance Monitoring Committee recommend the award of this contract at the August 18, 2026 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AWARD

Laptops & Desktop PCs

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) solicited bids for the purchase of new laptops, desktop computers, and associated peripherals to support ongoing end-user technology needs. This procurement will replace ageing and end-of-life equipment that can no longer reliably support required security patches, operating system updates, or agency software standards. Ensuring that all devices can meet the upcoming Windows 24H2 security requirements, mandatory beginning September 2026, is essential to maintaining a secure and compliant technology environment.

PROCUREMENT OVERVIEW:

The Invitation for Bid (IFB) was issued on June 22, 2026. The necessary legal notice was published in the Plain Dealer and Call & Post newspapers. The IFB was also published on the GCRTA Procurement website.

The IFB was accessed and/or downloaded from the website by fifty-one (51) interested parties. Three (3) bids were received on July 23, 2026, two of which were deemed responsive, as shown below:

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<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Insight Public Sector, Inc.*	\$377,451.55
MNJ Technologies	\$660,000.00
Brown Enterprise Solutions LLC	\$679,729.88

*Indicates a non-responsive bid

The basis of award is the lowest responsive bid from a responsible bidder. MNJ Technologies was determined to be a responsive and responsible bidder.

RECOMMENDATION:

MNJ Technologies is a trusted, experienced, and customer-focused IT solutions provider with a long history of delivering high-quality technology products and services. Their strong vendor partnerships, consistent performance, and proven ability to support large-scale IT deployments demonstrate that they are well-positioned to successfully fulfill the requirements of this IFB.

As a result of the USDOT Interim Final Rule published in the Federal Register and made effective October 3, 2025, DBE goal setting has been suspended on Authority projects until further notice.

A resolution will request authorization to issue a contract to MNJ Technologies for a total contract amount not to exceed \$660,000. This amount is approximately 1% below the independent cost estimate of \$665,000.



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AGENDA

AUDIT, SAFETY COMPLIANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

Committee Members:

Mayor David E. Weiss, Chair
Ms. Emily Garr Pacetti, Vice Chair
Ms. Anastasia A. Elder
Mr. Jeffrey W. Sleasman
Ms. Shanelle Smith Whigham

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes –
- II. Casualty Insurance Program – to provide an update on the Authority's Casualty Insurance Program.

Presenter(s):

- Lynne Finnigan, Risk Analyst I
- Barbara Goodwin, Senior Vice President/Sales Executive, USI Insurance Services

- III. Adjourn



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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 30, 2026

Subject: Casualty Insurance Program Renewal (Term 9/1/2026- 9/1/2027)

At the August 4, 2026 meeting of the Audit, Safety Compliance and Real Estate Committee, Lynne Finnigan, a Risk Analyst in GCRTA's Risk Management Department, will provide a summary of GCRTA's Casualty Insurance Program renewal.

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

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AGENDA

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

Committee Members: Mayor David E. Weiss, Chair
Emily Garr Pacetti
Anastasia A. Elder

- I. Roll Call
- II. Special Meeting
- III. Adjourn



AGENDA

GCRTA Special Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

11:00 a.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Resolution 2026-
Section 306.33 of the Ohio Revised Code requires the board of trustees of a regional transit authority to appoint a secretary-treasurer, who, by said statutory authority, shall be the fiscal officer of the regional transit authority and custodian of its funds and records
- IV. Adjournment