



Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee

August 4, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members: Mr. Sleasman (Chair), Ms. Pacetti (Vice Chair), Mayor Gallo Ms. Harper, Mr. Love

Present: Mr. Sleasman Ms. Pacetti, Mayor Gallo Ms. Harper, Mr. Love

Staff/Other: Shawn Becker, Nick Biggar, India Birdsong-Terry, Muriel Bowen, Janet Burney, Tonina Campbell, Floun'say Caver, Jonathan Ciesla, Nick Davidson, Dan Dietrich, Drew Dimmick, Maribeth Feke, Lynne Finnigan, Bob Fleig, Joel Freilich, Ida Ford-Marshall, Anthony Garofoli, Rajan Gautam, Barbara Goodwin, Kenneth Green, Carl Kirkland, Glenville Manning, Kathleen McGervey, Mandy Metcalf, Sheila Miller, Charles Morgan, Holly Mothes, Ann Marie Prebish, Joe Shaffer, Kay Sutula, John Togher, Hope Williams, Carolyn Young

Public: None

I. Roll Call

Mr. Sleasman called the meeting to order with roll call. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of Minutes – July 21, 2026

Mr. Sleasman asked for a motion to approve the minutes; Mayor Gallo motioned, Mr. Love seconded. The motion carried.

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

Presenters:

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

Maribeth Feke, Director, Programming & Planning, presented a proposed study for the Lorain Road corridor, funded through an FTA pilot Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) planning grant. The 15.7-mile corridor extends from Ohio City through the City of Cleveland, Fairview Park, and North Olmsted to the Lorain County line, making it one of the largest corridor studies undertaken by the Authority. Ms. Feke noted the study follows the same approach used for the Metro Health Line, Clifton, HealthLine, and Broadway corridor studies, and will evaluate potential Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service, transportation and multimodal connections, and land use and market conditions to support development along the corridor.

Ms. Feke reviewed a proposed 15-month schedule beginning with consultant award, followed by community engagement and transportation and market analysis, with draft findings anticipated to return to the Board next summer and additional time thereafter for each city's local adoption process.

Ann Marie Prebish, Contract Administrator, Procurement, presented the procurement overview. The RFP was issued March 9, 2026; six firms submitted proposals and three were interviewed. Evaluation panel consisted of members from Programming & Planning, Administration & External Affairs, Office of Management & Budget, Service Management, Grants Management & Treasury, Procurement, and representatives from the City of Cleveland, Fairview Park, North Olmsted, and Cuyahoga County. Staff recommended award to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., of Akron, Ohio, for the Lorain Road TOD Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$688,774.88.

Board members asked how the study builds on and complements other transit-oriented development planning along the corridor, including Cuyahoga County Planning Commission's TOD and land use planning, Fairview Park's recent zoning updates, and North Olmsted's mall redevelopment plans. Ms. Feke confirmed no prior study has covered the full corridor, though smaller neighborhood plans, a planned Lorain Road bikeway, and Cuyahoga County Metroparks' planning near the Bradley Woods Reservation are complementary efforts. A board member also requested that community engagement include City of Cleveland Council members and Community Development Corporations, particularly in the West Park area.

In response to a question about the County's role, Ms. Feke described the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission as an active partner, noting that the County Executive convened the three communities approximately three and a half years ago and that the County has continued regular coordination since, including serving on the evaluation panel and partnering with GCRTA on a separate TOD planning grant recently submitted for Warrensville Center Road.

Board members noted that, at 15.7 miles, this is the longest TOD study the Authority has undertaken, and asked how a project of this scale would be implemented and funded. Ms. Feke explained that the plan may be advanced in phases through minimum operating segments, and that decisions on specific improvements — such as a full BRT line versus an express bus overlay — would depend on the ridership and cost analysis produced during the study.

Hearing no further questions, Mayor Gallo moved to advance the item to the Board of Trustees; the motion was seconded by Ms. Harper. The motion carried, with all members in favor and none opposed.

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

Presenters:

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

Kathleen McGervey, Engineering, presented a proposal to establish an on-call architectural and engineering services contract for 2026 to augment RTA's in-house staff with the preparation of plans and specifications, cost estimates, and construction support, assigned by task order. The contract term is 24 months, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000. Ms. McGervey noted several projects that may utilize the contract, including the Wood Hill Employee Development Center, paratransit vehicle lift replacement, the revenue building and fuel island roof replacement, and the central bus roof and HVAC replacement.

Ann Marie Prebish, Contract Administrator, Procurement, presented the procurement overview. The RFP was issued May 25, 2026, and accessed by 64 interested parties. Three firms submitted proposals, and all three were interviewed. This was a Brooks Act (qualifications-based) procurement; the evaluation panel included representatives from Engineering & Project Development, Safety, Office of Management & Budget, and Procurement. Staff recommended award to DLZ Ohio, Inc., citing the firm's successful completion of past projects for the Authority and other public transportation agencies, for a total amount not to exceed \$500,000 over 24 months.

A committee member asked whether the on-call contract would provide a dedicated point of contact or draw from available specialists as needed. Staff explained that a single in-house project manager will determine the most suitable discipline-specific staff — such as a mechanical or civil engineer — to assign to each task order.

Hearing no further questions, Mr. Love moved to advance the item to the Board of Trustees; Ms. Pacetti seconded. The motion carried, with all members in favor and none opposed.

V. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Sleasman moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Harper. The motion carried, with all members in favor and none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.



John J. Togher
Interim Secretary/Treasurer



Kenneth Green
Interim Board Administrator