

# PROPOSED BAN OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES ON GCRTA PROPERTY AND VEHICLES

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Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority



# Electronic Cigarettes (“E-cigarettes”)

Defined by Ohio Revised Code as:

- any electronic product or device
- which produces a vapor that delivers nicotine or any other substance to the person inhaling from the device to simulate smoking
- sold as an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo or electronic pipe

GCRTA's current "Smoke-Free Workplace" policy follows state law which bans smoking devices which burn tobacco or other plants



Currently, GCRTA's smoking ban covers:

- buses, trains, Paratransit and all other Authority vehicles
- rapid transit stations and bus shelters
- all indoor and outdoor areas of transit facilities and all employee work areas
- all buildings owned, leased or rented by the Authority

If approved by the Board, e-cigarettes would be banned in these areas

## E-cigarette bans by other entities

- Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) – buses, bus shelters, terminals and COTA property
- City of Cleveland – City-owned parks
- City of Oberlin – public places and places of employment
- Chicago, Atlanta, Amtrak, Caltrain and MTA Long Island RR

## Next step

At the direction of the Board, staff will prepare a resolution adding e-cigarettes to the Authority's Smoke-Free Workplace policy.

Questions?