

Minutes

RTA Capital Budget Public Hearing

10:08 a.m., May 11, 2021

Committee Members: Joyce (Chair), Moss (Vice Chair), Byrne, Pellot, Serrano

Other Board Members: Duarte, Koomar, Lucas, McCall, Weiss

Not present: None

Also Present: Becker, Benford, Burney, Capek, Catalusci, Caver, Coffey, Corven, Cox, Dangelo, Davidson, Dimmick, Farmer, Fields, Freilich, Garofoli, Gautam, Johnson, Kirkland, Laule, Miller, Mothes, Orlando, Petit, Rusnov, Schipper, Shaffer, Sutula, Swanson, Talley, Walker-Minor

This public hearing was conducted by teleconference for members of the Board in accordance with Sub. H.B. 404 of the 133rd General Assembly, passed on November 19, 2020, signed by the Governor of the State of Ohio on November 22, 2020 and the March 9, 2020 order of the Governor of the State of Ohio declaring a public health emergency, this meeting was live-streamed on RTA's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/rideRTA) for staff and members of the public.

FY 2022 Capital Budget

Kay Sutula, Director of Office of Management and Budget read the statement. This is the official public hearing on the proposed Capital Improvement Budget for the Fiscal Year 2022 for the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority. As required by the Ohio Revised Code, the information concerning the FY 2022 Capital Improvement Budget is available for public inspection in the Office of Management and Budget of this Authority. Public notice of this hearing was given by publication of a legal advertisement in the *Call & Post* on April 21, 2021 and *Cleveland Plain Dealer* on April 23, 2021, as well as by posting of notice in the first floor lobby of the Authority's Main Office Building, at the Customer Service Center in the Tower City Rotunda, RTA Facebook page, Twitter page, and on the Internet website. The Capital Improvement Plan documents were available for review upon request at least 2 weeks in advance. Notification was given on these sites on how to virtually attend (live-streaming) the Committee Meeting, Public Hearing, and Board Meeting and how to submit a comment for the public hearing.

The FY 2022 Capital Improvement Plan was presented to the Operational Planning and Infrastructure Committee of the RTA Board of Trustees on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 and will request that the FY 2022 Capital Improvement Plan be recommended to the full Board for approval on May 25, 2021.

The Capital Improvement budget process was started in September 2020, where requests were submitted for review. The projects were then reviewed by the Authority's Capital Program Working Group and Capital Program Oversight Committee. The FY 2022 – 2026 Capital Improvement Plan was completed in April 2021 to comply with NOACA's revised Project Planning Review Schedule. This ensures that funding will be aligned with the programmed budget. If any adjustments are needed, they will be made and considered by the Board at the appropriate time.

The FY 2022 – 2026 Capital Improvement Plan totals \$548 million, of which \$110 million is budgeted for FY 2022. The 3 largest categories for the FY 2022 Budget are: the Rail Car Replacement Program at \$33.1 million, Rail Projects at \$23.4 million, and Bus Improvement Program, at \$21.3 million. The Authority's focus continues to be on Rail vehicles and Rail Infrastructure projects.

The 2022 – 2026 Capital Improvement Plan includes projects that are not fully funded where funding sources are yet to be determined. Unfunded projects total approximately \$345 million, which includes the Rail Car Replacement Program, where the local match has been reserved, but total Federal Funding has not been identified.

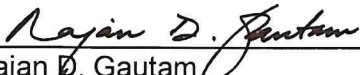
Sales tax is a major funding source for our capital projects for 100% locally funded projects, as well as the local match for Federal and State awards. The Authority's financial goal is to set aside a minimum of 10% of the annual sales tax receipts for the Capital Improvement Program.

Public Comment


There was one comment about changes to route 263 due to NextGen service changes. The Chair clarified that the hearing is related to the Capital Budget and that he could submit his comments during the May 25 Board meeting.

The secretary stated that no comments were received in the public-comment@gcrta.org email box.

It was moved by Ms. Moss, seconded by Ms. Duarte and approved to close the public hearing. The hearing was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.



Rajan D. Gautam
Secretary/Treasurer



Theresa A. Burrage
Executive Secretary