



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
2:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Miller asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Miller, Conwell, Gallucci, Feliciano, Kilbane, Singh and Osbey were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Mitterholzer was absent from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

The Honorable Trevor Elkins, Mayor of the Village of Newburgh Heights, addressed the Committee regarding funding for public transportation.

Ms. Loh addressed the Committee regarding concerns relating to the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA).

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 5, 2017 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Feliciano and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2017 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) None

There were no matters referred to Committee.

6. DISCUSSION

- a) Update on background information – Kahlil Seren

Mr. Kahlil Seren, Research & Policy Analyst, addressed the Committee regarding Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority’s annual budget, ridership, future expansion, unmet transportation needs in Cuyahoga County, potential strategies to offset the loss of the Medicaid Managed Care Sales Tax, public transit advocacy groups and other revenue sources for public transportation. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Seren pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

- b) Presentation by State Senator Michael Skindell

The Honorable Michael Skindell, State Senator for Ohio Senate District 23, provided an overview of the State budget process, public transportation funding and general State funding issues. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Senator Skindell pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

- c) Medicaid sales tax update

Mr. Miller stated that budget submissions are due by January 31st. County Executive Budish is also contacting representatives in Columbus and advocating on behalf of the County.

- d) Transportation budget appropriation for public transit

Mr. Miller stated that the transportation budget appropriation proposal would likely be released in a couple of weeks.

- e) Update on traffic study regarding Superior Avenue

Mr. Feliciano stated that the study is ongoing and the results will be released to the public once it is complete.

Mr. Joseph Calabrese, Chief Executive Officer & General Manager of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, addressed the Committee regarding the history, purpose and projected costs relating to the traffic study. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Calabrese pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

- f) Confirmation of date and time for next meeting

Mr. Miller announced that the next Regional Transportation Advisory Subcommittee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Eric Johnson addressed the Committee regarding the Medicaid Managed Care Sales Tax.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Gallucci, the meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m., without objection.