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RTA Board approves two major Corridor contracts

CLEVELAND - The Board of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA) today approved two major contracts for the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project.

The Board awarded a \$22.9 million contract to the Perk Company Inc. of Cleveland to:

- Rebuild Euclid Avenue from Public Square to the Innerbelt bridge, a distance of 1.2 miles.
- Rebuild the roadways on Public Square. Combined, they total about 0.4 miles (four-tenths of a mile)
- Extend East 17th Street from Euclid Avenue to Prospect Avenue, a distance of about 0.1 mile (one-tenth of a mile).

Federal funds will pay for 86 percent of the work. The local share is being funded by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA), the City of Cleveland and RTA.

About 22 percent of the work, or \$5 million, will go to a DBE firm, the McTech Corp. of Cleveland.

Work is expected to start later this year. It includes:

- Pavement removal and replacement
- Curb and sidewalk removal and replacement
- Streetscape improvements
- Installation of ADA ramps
- Installations of ramps and foundations for stations
- Installation of conduits for traffic signals
- Utility relocation
- Traffic signage and pavement marking
- Moving fire hydrants

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The Board also awarded a \$10.9 million contract to Central Denver Ironworks Inc. to manufacture and install stainless steel shelters, stations and kiosks. Federal and state funds will pay for 97 percent of this contract.

About 8.7 percent of the work, or \$857,000, will go to a DBE firm, Ruccella Construction of Cleveland, to help with installation.

The contract includes 61 stations and 61 informational kiosks along Euclid Avenue and an option for 42 bus shelters in the Transit Zone downtown.

Six of the seven contracts have now been awarded. The final Euclid Corridor contract is expected to be awarded in June. RTA's new Silver Line will be fully operational in 2008.

The Board also approved five resolutions dealing with real estate agreements issues along the Corridor. In total, the agreements cost RTA \$1.7 million.

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