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Euclid Corridor Director Jeri Chaikin named to top post in Shaker Heights

CLEVELAND -- Jeri E. Chaikin, Executive Director of the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project (ECTP), has been named the Chief Administrative Officer of Shaker Heights. The position is effective May 21, 2001.

Euclid Corridor remains the top capital improvement project priority of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA), says Joe Calabrese, CEO & General Manager.

"Jeri did a wonderful job for RTA, and we are sure she will do a wonderful job for Shaker Heights," Calabrese says. "RTA is fortunate, because we have a strong team in place for the Euclid Corridor project. Dennis Albrecht is doing a great job on the technical aspects, and Maryann Merce is keeping the all-important public involvement process on track."

"The Euclid Corridor staff knows what needs to be done, and they know how to accomplish it," says Calabrese. "We will keep the project moving forward."

Chaikin, who joined the project team in February 1999, agrees.

"There is a strong, experienced team in place to carry the project through design and construction," Chaikin says. "The leadership of Joe Calabrese has helped ensure that the resources are in place to make this project work."

Before coming to RTA, Chaikin worked 20 years for Cuyahoga County, as both County Administrator and Deputy County Administrator. She and her family plan to move from Cleveland to Shaker Heights.

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