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RTA Thanks Labor for Show of Support

Two Groups Back Euclid Corridor Project

CLEVELAND -- RTA officials today said "thank you" to two major labor groups for passing a strong resolution of support for the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project.

"We believe that the Euclid Corridor project will change the way people use public transit in Cleveland, and we are pleased that these labor groups share our support of this vital project," said Joe Calabrese, RTA's CEO and General Manager. "We welcome their feedback, as well as the feedback of any other affected group."

What Was Passed

Earlier this month, a joint resolution of support was passed by two groups -- the Cleveland AFL-CIO Federation of Labor and the Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council. The two groups represent more the 100,000 local employees.

The resolution says the Corridor project:

- "Will dramatically improve the public transportation system for all Greater Clevelanders."
- "Represents a potential direct investment of more than \$200 million in federal and state funds into the local economy."
- "Will generate more than 1,100 hours of construction-related employment."
- Spin-off development by participating local development corporations will "support an additional 15,000 hours of construction by the year 2025" and "tens of thousands of additional employment opportunities in all sectors of the local economy."
- "Will generate more than \$600 million in payroll and \$12 million in local taxes."

The resolution urges the RTA Board, Cleveland City officials, County Commissioners and NOACA to do whatever they can to support the Corridor project.

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