

A Red-Letter Day

RTA Trustees pave the way for the Euclid Corridor project to start

CLEVELAND -- Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA) today passed these resolutions to prepare for an expected Oct. 19 groundbreaking for the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project.

Authorized the execution of the Full Funding Grant Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration. FTA officials are expected to sign the agreement after Oct. 15, when a 60-day Congressional review period ends. The agreement confirms the funding: \$82.2 million from federal New Starts, \$50 million from ODOT, \$17.6 million from RTA, \$10 million from NOACA, \$8 million from the City of Cleveland, and \$600,000 in FTA Fixed Guideway funding, for a total of \$168.4 million. Any cost overruns will be RTA's responsibility. The project must be fully operational by Dec. 31, 2008.

Awarded the first of six construction contracts for the Project -- \$3.37 million -- for work on the 2.31 miles of road in the Transit Zone, which includes three avenues -- St. Clair, Superior and Chester -- and three streets -- E. 12th, E. 13th and E. 17th. The contract went to Anthony Allega Cement Contractor, Inc. of Valley View. Work will not start until the Full Funding Grant Agreement is signed. These improvements will allow for the smooth operation of RTA vehicles downtown when the Corridor project is complete. More than 27 percent of the work will be done by local DBE firms -- Ed Arch Associates of Shaker Heights, Granger Trucking Inc of Garfield Heights, and the McTech Corp. of Cleveland.

Approved contracts with seven private utilities that will be affected by the first phase of work. RTA will pay more the utilities more than \$303,700 to adjust and relocate their lines as part of the Project. FTA requires the contracts. The utilities are: Abovenet, Adelphia, Dominion Cleveland Thermal, Dominion East Ohio, First Energy, SBC Ameritech and MCI. Other utility contracts will be approved later.

Purchased excess liability insurance of up to \$25 million, for not to exceed cost of \$398,000, for an estimated period of four years. This project-specific umbrella liability policy will allow increased project participation by small contractors and DBE firms.

Awarded a \$109,000 contract to the Corradino Group Inc. to complete an environmental assessment of the proposed East Side Transit Center near CSU. 80 percent of the work is being paid with federal funds. About 44 percent of the work will be done by two DBE firms -- ASC Group Inc of Beachwood and BAT Associates Inc. of Cleveland.

For more information on the Euclid Corridor, visit www.euclidtransit.org.

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