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RTA unveils prototype vehicle on Euclid Avenue today, Dec. 10

CLEVELAND -- Officials of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA) are today unveiling a prototype of one of the proposed vehicles for the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project.

The vehicle is 60 feet long -- 20 feet longer than a normal bus -- and has bellows in the middle to allow it to make turns. It looks more like a monorail than a bus, and is powered by a diesel-electric motor. It is unlike anything Clevelanders have ever seen, and it will definitely "turn heads."

The vehicle is in town for test runs through Dec. 19.

You can shoot footage of the vehicle today, and you can also ride it as you wish. Marketing Director Steve Bitto will be with the vehicle all day as a spokesman.

Today's schedule:

- 10:30-11:30 a.m., Park at Windermere station, East Cleveland.
- 11:30 a.m.-Noon, Drive west on Euclid Ave.
- Noon-1 p.m., Park in front of Severance Center and CWRU.
- 1-1:30 p.m., Drive west on Euclid Ave.
- 1:30-2 p.m., Park on Euclid Ave. near E. 30th St.
- 2:30-3:30 p.m., Park near CSU, at E. 21st St. & Euclid Ave.
- After 3:30 p.m., the vehicle is available for media as well. If you want to do a live shot from in front of your station, call RTA.

For more information on the Euclid Corridor Transportation Project, call Project Officer Danielle Willis, 216-771-4144, or send e-mail to dwillis@gcrta.org.

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