

## TOLEDO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## **RESOLUTION NO. 66-24**

## AUTHORIZING THE INITIATION OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED TRANSIT CENTER

WHEREAS, the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) is committed to ensuring that all projects comply with federal environmental regulations; and

WHEREAS, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal agencies to assess the environmental effects of their proposed actions prior to making decisions; and

WHEREAS, the TARTA board on September 15, 2023, authorized through Resolution No. 09-23 the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with Wendel Architecture (Consultant) to conduct a comprehensive site assessment and alternative site selection process for TARTA's Transit Center; and

WHEREAS, the Consultant's process identified a proposed location located in the area bounded by Wade Street and portions of Broadway Street on the West, Williams Street on the North, Emerald Avenue on the East and the Pennsylvania Train Line and Interstate 75 on the South that requires an environmental review under NEPA as a next step in the Site Assessment/Alternative Site Analysis process being conducted by the Consultant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TOLEDO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

<u>SECTION 1</u>. The TARTA Board hereby authorizes the initiation of the NEPA process for the proposed location of construction of a new Transit Center.

SECTION 2. The TARTA Chief Executive Officer and/or her designee is directed to prepare and submit all necessary documentation to comply with NEPA requirements, including but not limited to Environmental Assessments (EA) or Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) as required.

<u>SECTION 3</u>. The TARTA Chief Executive Officer, and/or her designee (the Toledo Design Collective) and the Consultant will engage with the public and relevant stakeholders throughout the NEPA process to ensure transparency and community involvement.

<u>SECTION 4</u>. The TARTA Chief Executive Officer and/or her designee will coordinate with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and other relevant federal, state, and local agencies to ensure compliance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations.

<u>SECTION 5</u>. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted December 19, 2024

ATTEST:

President

Secretary-Treasurer