

Joint Use Agreement between the University of Akron and Metro Regional Transit Authority

BACKGROUND

H.B. 496 includes a specific capital appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the University of Akron for capital improvements to a Metro Regional Transit Authority facility. The Metro Regional Transit Authority owns and operates the facility to receive state capital funds. As required by Ohio Administrative Code section 3333-1-03, the University of Akron submitted a Joint Use Agreement for consideration and approval by the Chancellor.

State funds will support the renovation and construction of the Regional Transfer Station, Refueling Station and Production Facility, located at the intersection of South Broadway and Bartges Street in Akron, Ohio.

REVIEW

Throughout the entire term of the agreement, the Metro Regional Transit Authority will provide the following to the University –

- 1) Improved student access to the University of Akron by public transit.
- 2) Support for the Transportation Research Center within the University's College of Engineering.

The agreement conforms to Ohio Administrative Code as follows –

- The format of the agreement is appropriate
- The commitment extends no less than fifteen years
- The value of use to Ohio higher education institutions is reasonably related to the amount of the appropriation

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Chancellor approval of the Joint Use Agreement between the University of Akron and Metro Regional Transit Authority.