

Resolution Number 2019-
555 Lakeshore Boulevard
Painesville, Ohio 44077

The Board of Trustees of LAKETRAN Regional Transit Authority ("LAKETRAN") in and for Lake County, Ohio met this day in regular session after giving notice required by law and by the By-laws of LAKETRAN to the news media and public with the following members present:

Messrs:

presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 5, 2019, THE QUESTION OF A NEW OR ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE- QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT FOR A CONTINUING PERIOD OF TIME FOR ALL TRANSIT PURPOSES OF LAKETRAN, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 306.70, 5739.023 AND 5741.022 OF THE REVISED CODE.

WHEREAS, the local sales tax levy is Laketran's principal source of revenue. Revenues from the sales tax fund, 60% of the cost to provide Dial-a-Ride service for seniors and people with disabilities, local in-county fixed route bus service, and commuter express service between Cleveland and Lake County from nine park-n-ride lots. The remaining 40% of Laketran's revenue comes from a combination of federal and state funding, passenger fares, contracts and miscellaneous revenues (i.e. advertising on buses).

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio continues to fund transit significantly below the amount recommended in the Ohio Department of Transportation Statewide Transit Needs Study, which was completed in 2015;

WHEREAS, Laketran's Dial-a-Ride demand has continued to grow alongside Lake County's aging population. Nearly 25% of Lake County's population is 60 years and older, resulting in an 18% increase in Dial-a-Ride ridership since 2015 and by 2030, 34% of Lake County will be 60 years and older;

WHEREAS, Laketran's Dial-a-Ride ridership currently exceeds capacity by over 50,000 trips annually, which is over 20% of Dial-a-Ride ridership;

WHEREAS, Trips to medical appointments have risen by over 50% and work trips by 21% over the past five years;

WHEREAS, Laketran's ridership has grown to over 750,000 trips a year and over 60% of those trips are to take people to their employment on all modes of service;

WHEREAS, an increase in sales tax funding will primarily be used to allow Laketran's

Dial-a-Ride service to meet the continued demand from an aging community;

WHEREAS, this Board now desires to submit to the electors of LAKETRAN at the November 5, 2019 - general election the question of a new sales and use tax in the amount of one-quarter of one percent for a continuing period of time, effective January 1, 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the LAKETRAN Regional Transit Authority, that:

Section 1. The question of: Shall a sales and use tax be levied for all transit purposes with prioritization on meeting the transportation needs of seniors and people with disabilities and improving job access in Lake County, of the LAKETRAN Regional Transit Authority ("LAKETRAN") at a rate or amount not exceeding of one-quarter of one percent, pursuant to Sections 306.70, 5739.023 and 5741.022 of the Revised Code the tax is to be in effect for a continuing period of time, effective January 1, 2020, should be submitted to the electors of LAKETRAN at the general election on November 5, 2019.

Section 2. The ballot form for this question shall be substantially as follows:

PROPOSED CONTINUATION OF SALES AND USE TAX
LAKETRAN REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. (Vote ballot with an "X")

Shall a sales and use tax be levied for all transit purposes, with prioritization on the transportation needs of seniors and people with disabilities and improving job access in Lake County, for the LAKETRAN Regional Transit Authority ("LAKETRAN") at a rate or amount not exceeding of one-quarter of one percent, pursuant to Sections 306.70, 5739.023 and 5741.022 of the Revised Code, the tax is to be in effect for a continuing period of time, effective January 1, 2020?

- FOR THE TAX
 AGAINST THE TAX
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Section 3. The Secretary of the Board, as fiscal officer, is directed, on behalf of this Board, to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Lake County Board of Elections no later than August 6, 2019 and deliver, either personally or by certified mail, a copy of this Resolution to the Tax Commissioner of the State of Ohio.

Section 4. The Secretary of the Board is hereby directed, on behalf of this Board, to request that the Lake County Board of Elections submit the question of the levied tax to the electors of LAKETRAN at the general election to be held in Lake County on November 5, 2019. The election shall be held at the regular places of voting in Lake County as established by the Board of Elections, or otherwise, within the time provided by law and shall be conducted, canvassed and certified in the manner provided by law.

Section 5. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

_____ seconded the resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

"AYES" :

"NAYS"

Resolution adopted,

Adopted: _____, 2019

Secretary-Treasurer

President

I hereby certify that this the true and exact copy of the Resolution passed by the LAKETRAN Regional Transit Authority Board of Trustees on _____, 2019

Secretary-Treasurer