

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-11**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PORT OF GREATER CINCINNATI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR A TRAC GRANT TO PERFORM A FEASIBILITY STUDY RELATED TO THE CINCINNATI FOURTH MAIN RAIL AND UNION TERMINAL FEASIBILITY STUDY, AND TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS IF AWARDED**

WHEREAS, the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority (the "Port Authority") may, among other matters, engage in activities that enhance, foster, aid, provide, or promote transportation, economic development, governmental operations, and other activities within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, both the Ohio Freight Rail Choke Points Study in August 2007, and the Ohio Intermodal Rail Freight Growth Strategy Concept Study in November 2006 identified the Gest Street Yards and the Queensgate Terminal as major points of railroad congestion in the region; and

WHEREAS, delays at the Gest Street yard and the Queensgate Terminal impact nearly 600,000 rail carloads annually, impacting many local businesses and traffic bound for locations outside the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, passenger rail service and development in the area adjacent to the Cincinnati Museum Center is negatively impacted by congestion at the Gest Street Yards and the Queensgate Terminal; and

WHEREAS, due to grant application deadlines the Port Authority staff has completed and submitted a grant application under the TRAC program of the Ohio Department of Transportation for funding a feasibility study regarding among other things the economic impact of development in the area of the Gest Street Yards, Queensgate Terminal, and the Cincinnati Museum Terminal; options associated with easing existing rail congestions; identifying opportunities for developing intermodal services in the area; and enhancing passenger facilities in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Port Authority expects to receive funding for the study by virtue of the grant application and to enter into grant contracts, conduct activities, engage contractors, and provide services in the exercise of its powers as set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4582, and in furtherance of economic development activities contemplated in Section 13 of Article VII of the Ohio Constitution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby approves the filing of the TRAC grant application that was prepared and submitted by the President of the Port Authority, and upon the advice and consent of the Chairperson of the Board, or his/her designee, the President is hereby authorized to accept grant funds on behalf of the Port Authority and to enter into any contracts or other documents necessary to effectuate the receipt of the funds and performance of the study.

Section 2. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken, and that all

deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were held, in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

Adopted: August 27, 2009

Yeas: 9

Nays: 0

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Chairperson

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary