



2019 NEORide Report of COG Activities

Members

NEORide was formed on November 19, 2014. At February 1, 2019, NEORide had the following voting members and their approval dates of membership by the NEORide Board.

- METRO RTA (Founding Member)
- PARTA (Founding Member)
- SARTA (Founding Member)
- Laketran – Approved April 27, 2017
- Medina County Public Transit - Approved July 9, 2018
- TARTA – Approved September 14, 2018
- WRTA – Approved September 14, 2018
- BCRTA – Approved June 20, 2019
- Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit – Approved June 20, 2019
- SORTA – Approved June 20, 2019
- TANK – Approved August 22, 2019
- Sandusky Public Transit – August 22, 2019
- GCRTA – October 22, 2019
- Cincinnati Bell Connector – December 12, 2019

Officers of the Governing Board

Chair: Ben Capelle, Executive Director, Laketran

Vice Chair: Dawn Distler, Executive Director, METRO RTA

Secretary/Treasurer: Dean Harris, Secretary/Treasurer

Contract Vendors

Fiscal Agent: Ohio Transit Risk Pool – Barbara J. Rhoades, CEO (By-laws approved 11-19-2014)

Corporate Counsel: Isaac Wiles – Mark Landes, Esq. (Approved by the Governing Board 10-22-19)

Mobile Ticketing: Masabi (Approved by the Governing Board 2-16-19)

Meetings

NEORide hosted 8 meetings of the Governing Board and well as subcommittee meetings for EZfare, Procurement and the Dues Committee.

NEORide attended the OPTA Annual Conference in Columbus and hosted a booth for informational and marketing purposes.

Financials – Fiscal Audit

Budget & Dues were adopted by the NEORide Governing Board on 02/06/2019 with \$20/rubber-tired vehicle as regular dues for 2019 with a minimum of \$1,000. A separate mobile ticketing fee was developed based on PCF for those members participating.

Unaudited Fiscal Audit Report for FYE 12/31/2018 was approved by the Governing Board and filed with the State of Ohio though Hinkle on 04/25/2019.

Last review by the State Auditor’s office was completed June 2019 for FYE 2017 and 2018.

Basic Cash Basis Financial Statement Fiscal Year 2019

Beginning Cash Balance: \$21,706.47
Income from Dues: \$38,436.33
Project Contributions: \$25,750
Other Income: \$0
Operational Expense: (\$6,406.72)
Professional Services: (\$14,751)
Mobile Ticketing App (\$20,282.98)
Final Cash Balance: \$47,646.70

Governing Board Policies in effect during 2018

11-19-2014 Acceptance of Bylaws of NEORide Regional Counsel of Governments

11-19-2014 Acknowledgement of Exhibit A to the By-laws and adherence to ORC 121.22

08-22-2019 Revision of Bylaws by NEORide Regional Counsel of Governments

Board Policy - Resolution #1 2016-01 - Limits Guest Communications to five minutes.

Board Policy - Resolution #2 2018-02 - A resolution authorizing the use of public funds for meals and refreshments for proper public purpose.

Projects in process/completed during 2019

Mobile Ticketing Rollout, RFP For Legal Counsel, Joint Grant/Funding Initiatives, Review Long-Term Strategic Objectives, Continue Towards a Multiagency Procurement

Grants and Grants Awarded during 2019

A motion was accepted to file a joint application for OTPP funds on for Validators for participating EZfare agencies. An award of \$3.2 million was announced in October 2019. Funds will be distributed directly to the individual members.

NEORide successfully applied for funding through the Paradox Prize and the Mobility Challenge Grant.

Select NEORide/EZfare agencies in collaboration with SARTA as the designated recipient applied for the FTA IMI Grant in August 2019. The award has not been made as of today's date.

This report is submitted to the Board of Trustees on February 27, 2020 by the Fiscal Agent, Ohio Transit Risk Pool