

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2013-0127

Sponsored by: Council President Connally	A Resolution directing the County Executive to develop and propose a program to encourage environmentally and economically efficient employee transportation, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
Co-sponsored by: Councilmembers Brady and Rogers	

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works' Rules and Regulations currently discourage ride sharing by limiting the use of parking passes to one employee; and

WHEREAS, the County substantially subsidizes the cost of employee parking at the Huntington Park Garage; and

WHEREAS, the County minimally subsidizes the cost of employee public transit passes; and

WHEREAS, Municipalities, Counties, and States throughout the Country subsidize public transportation for employees; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government wholly subsidizes the cost of public transportation for employees; and

WHEREAS, free resources are available that facilitate individuals searching for others with whom to ride share; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.10 of the Cuyahoga County Human Resources Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual, last approved by Council Ordinance No. O2013-0003, states that the County encourages all employees to seek opportunities to incorporate sustainable principles in work and home life, including using public transportation and fuel efficient vehicles; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order to maximize the economic and environmental benefits of improved transportation and parking policies and in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of County departments, offices, and agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the County Executive, acting through the appropriate department(s), propose transportation policies and procedures that include, at a minimum, the following:

- a) A public transportation subsidy of a percentage at least equal to the subsidy currently provided to employees parking at the Huntington Park Garage; and,
- b) A program whereby employee contributions to public transportation costs are paid with pre-tax dollars; and,
- c) Encouragement for employees to carpool/ride share.

SECTION 2. That the County Executive shall provide Council with the above-outlined proposal not later than sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Resolution.

SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Rogers, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Germana, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Brady and Connally

Nays: None

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: June 25, 2013
Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

Committee Report/Second Reading: July 23, 2013

Additional Sponsorship Requested on the Floor: August 13, 2013

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