

# Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority

Joe Calabrese – CEO/General Manager



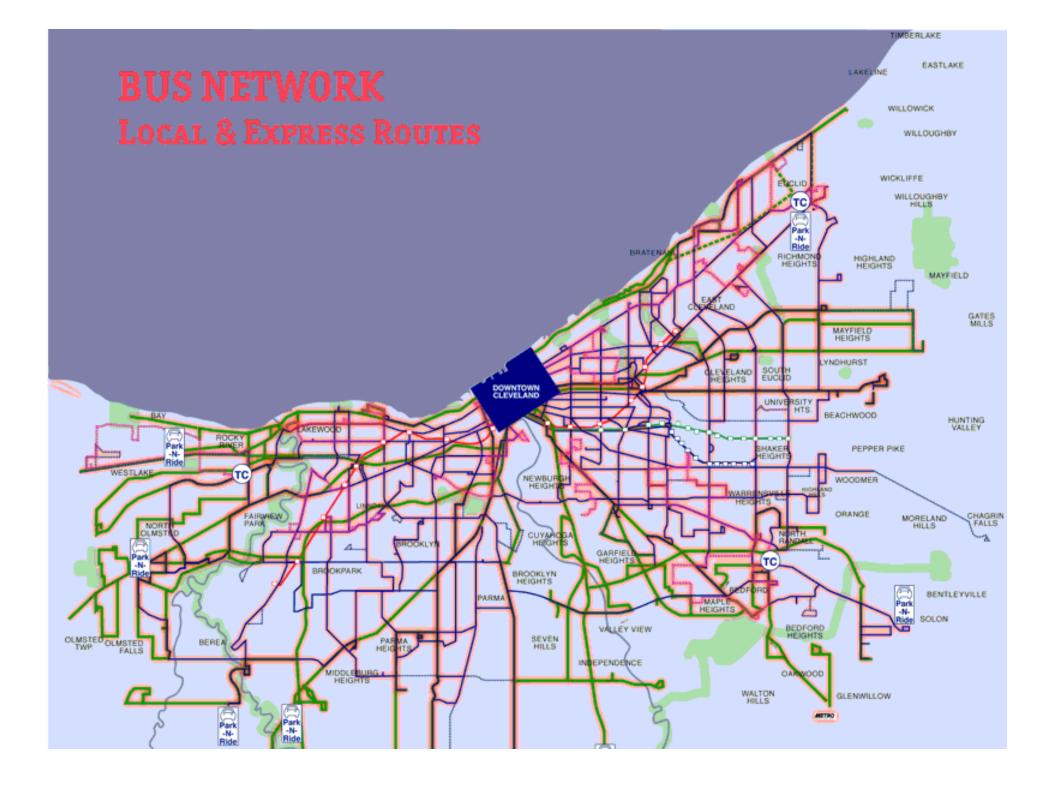
### **Greater Cleveland RTA Overview**

- Service Area
  - Population of 1.5 million
- Customers Served
  - 200,000 on a typical weekday
  - 1.6 million annual departures
- Budget
  - \$350 million annually (2014)
  - 2,500 Employees



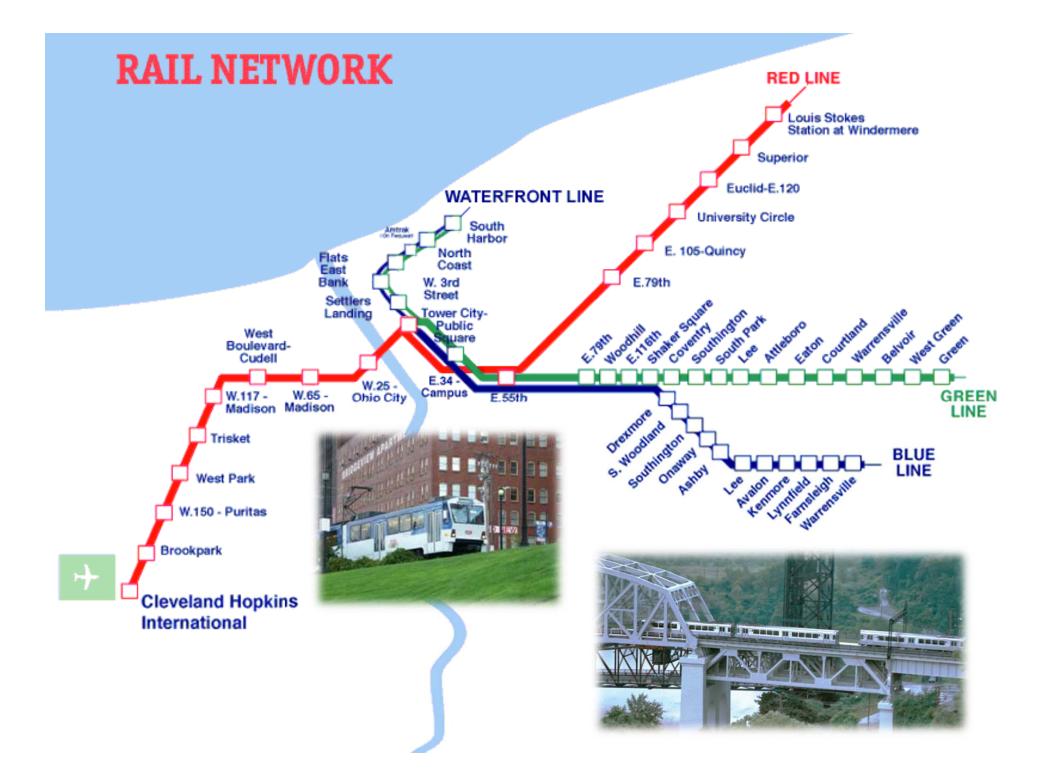
#### Multi-Modal

- Services Modes
  - 500 Buses (70% of customers)
  - 60 Heavy Rail Vehicles (12%)
  - 24 RTV's (HealthLine BRT) (10%)
  - 48 Light Rail Vehicles (7%)
  - 100 Paratransit /Job Access (1%)

















#### GCRTA HealthLine Euclid Avenue Transformation













# **Euclid Avenue History**

- Streetcars disappeared in 1954
- # 6 Bus Route put in service
  - Great Service with Poor Image
- Alternative Analysis
  - Subway or Light Rail
  - Do Nothing (keep the #6 bus)
  - Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)



## Mode Selection Criteria

- Capacity (30,000 + daily customers)
- Connectivity
- Funding possibilities (FTA)
- Cost
  - Capital
  - Operating
- Economic development potential



#### Vision for the "Silver Line"

- "Rail-Like" Image
  - Fast
  - Simple
  - Safe
  - First Class
- Promote Economic Development



#### Euclid Corridor Project – 9.38 Miles

- 36 stations (from 108 bus stops)
- Travel time from 28 to 40 minutes
- Building face to building face
- Pedestrian friendly with bike lanes
- Landscape/hardscape treatment
  - 1,500 trees with irrigation
- Integrated/stand-alone public art





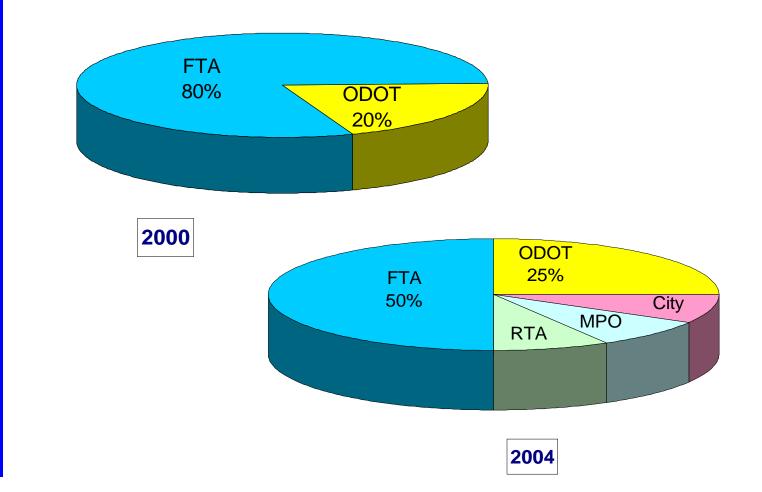


#### Ground Breaking October 2004





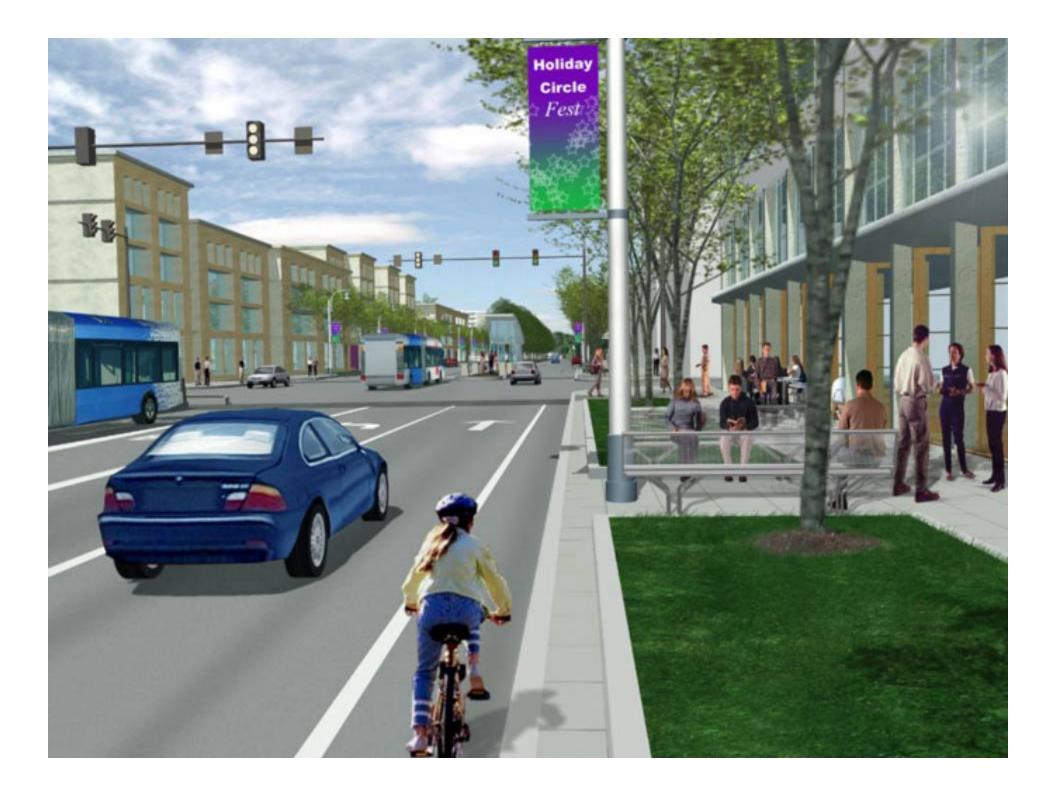
#### Funding Pie Charts - \$200 Million

















#### "Rail-Like" Characteristics

- Quicker Travel Times
  - Exclusive Right-of-Way
    - Higher Travel Speed Limit
  - Traffic Signal Prioritization
  - Precision Docking
  - Level Boarding "Stations"
  - Off Board Fare Collection

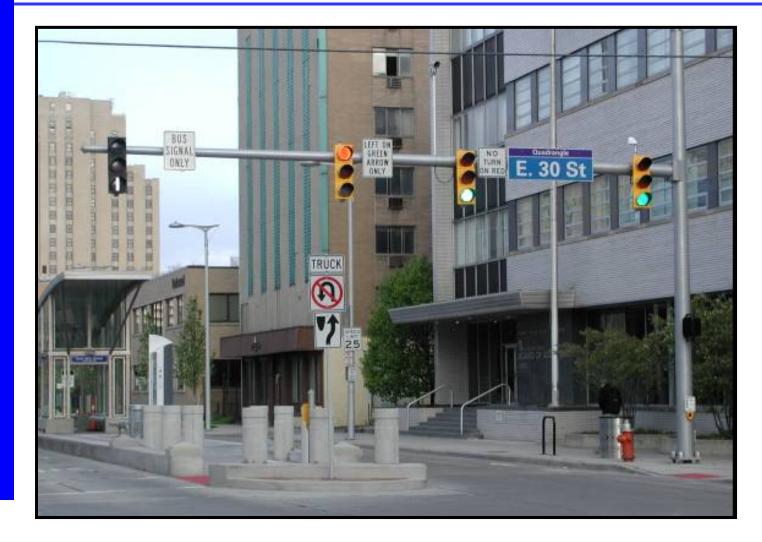


#### "Rail-Like" Service and Image

- Hi-Frequency Service
  - 24x7
  - Peak every 5 minutes
  - Off-Peak every 8 to 15 minutes
- Rapid Transit Vehicles (RTV's)
  - "Rail-Like" Horn
- Use of latest technology
  - Real Time Information



#### **Traffic Signal Prioritization**





















#### Level Boarding Bridge-Plates





#### **Off Board Fare Collection**





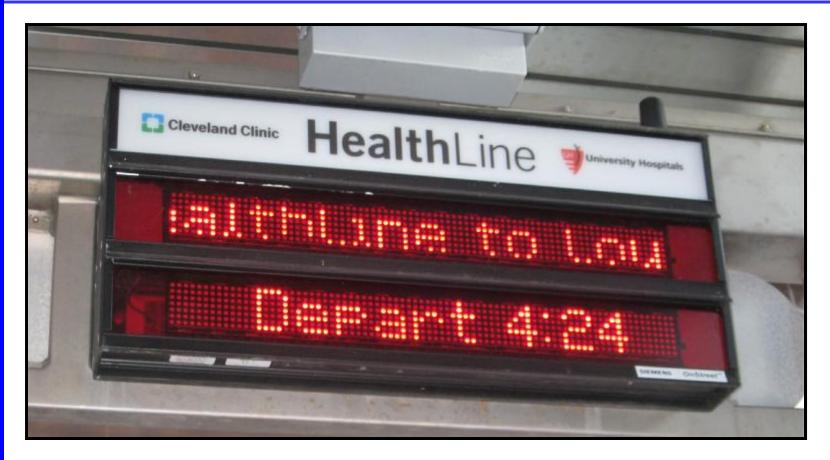




# Technology

- Real time information displays
- Emergency call boxes
- Security cameras
  - Stations
  - Vehicles



















## **Downtown Station Design**





















## New Flyer Rapid Transit Vehicle"RTV"





# Landscaping and Public Art





# Landscaping





#### Integrated Public Art Waste Receptacles

#### • Evolution of "Euclid Avenue"

The Euclid Avenue of the Future is being described as "Cleveland's SMART STREET." With this notion as a starting point, Mark Howard uses the nearly ubiquitous computer-generate "trash"' symbols as a decorative treatment to waste receptacles along the corridor. The "garbage" cans will appear along Euclid Avenue in the pedestrian areas. They will be laser cut stainless steel with a removable lid.





# Branding of BRT

- "Better" Rapid Transit
  - Characteristics of rail
    - Permanence
    - Image
    - Service level
  - Characteristics of a bus
    - Flexibility
    - Lower costs





It's not a bus. It's not a train. It's the future.

Euclid Corridor Project It's going to move you

RT/I





#### \$2.3 billion in business development.

Euclid Corridor Project It's going to move you

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20% Faster Commute. 90% Fewer Emissions. 100% Revolutionary.

Euclid Corridor Project It's going to move you





Coming soon: 9 miles of 13,000 new jobs.

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Historic Euclid Avenue meets green hybrid technology.

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# Strong Community Support

- More than just an RTA Project
- Success was achieved by others leveraging RTA's investment
- Toby Cosgrove Cleveland Clinic

"I can't stress enough the importance of healthy arteries. The entire system depends on them to function properly. In some cases, a complete reconstruction is necessary to ensure a healthier future."

> Dr. Toby Cosgrove Heart Surgeon/CEO, The Cleveland Clinic

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# **Economic Development**



#### The Rebirth





# The Rebirth





# Department of Economic Development City of Cleveland





#### **Downtown Economic Development**



Redevelopment into apartments and retail







#### **Cumberland Development LLC**









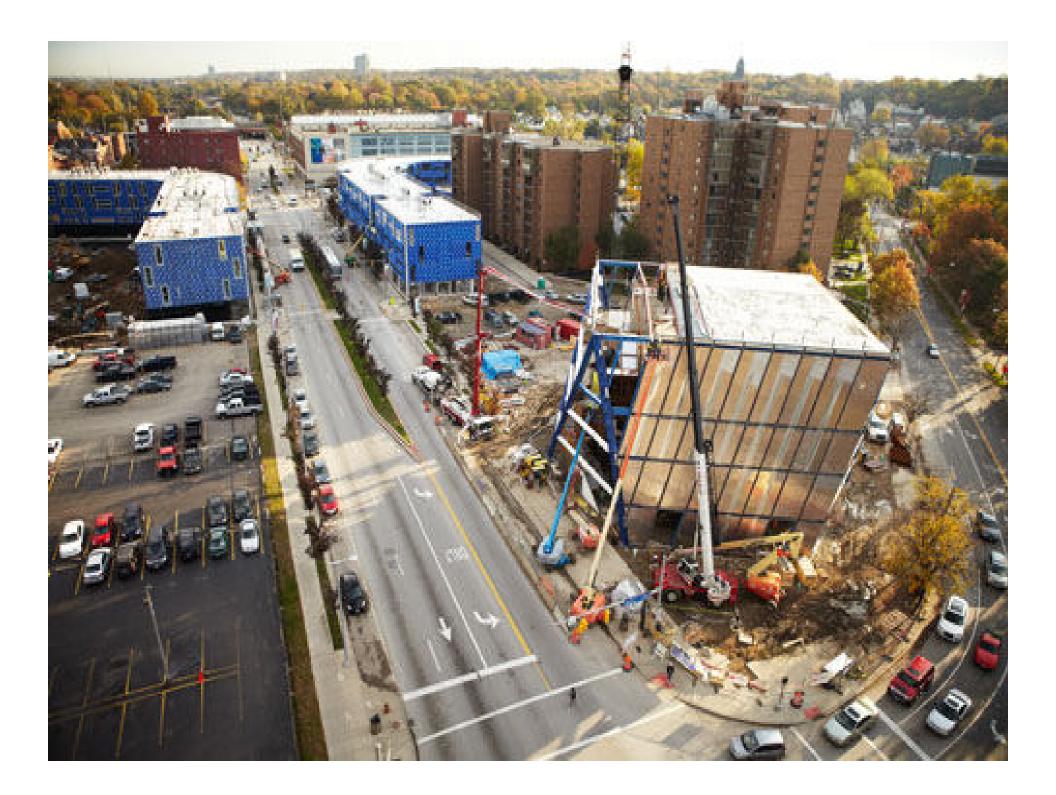
#### **MRN & Associates**



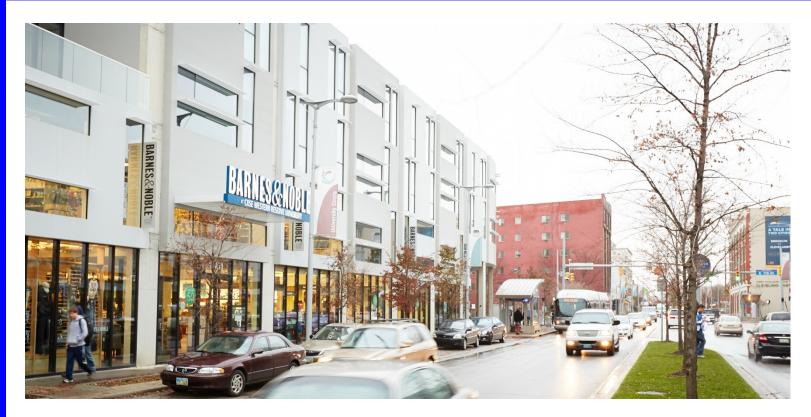


#### **Downtown Economic Development**



















-MMmmmmmm HEALTHLINE PUMPING NEW LIFE INTO THIS CITY







## **Promoting the HealthLine**

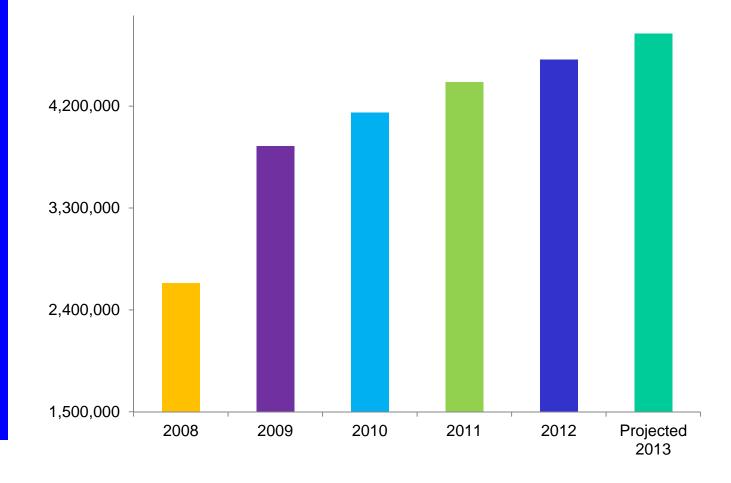
#### "WITH MY SCHEDULE, THE HEALTHLINE IS MORE LIKE MY LIFELINE."

Leah Strazisar Registered Nurse, University Hospitals Masters Student, Case Western Reserve University





#### Ridership has increased over 60%!





# "HealthLine" Customer Survey

#### **On-time Performance**

94% - Trip was On-Time

#### Travel Time

95% - Travel Time Reasonable

How else would you be taking this trip?

- 18% By automobile
- 13% RTA Rail Service (Red Line)

**Overall Satisfaction with HealthLine** 

87% - Overall Satisfied



### "HealthLine" Success





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American Council of Engineering Companies

2010 Grand Award





# **Other HealthLine Award**

#### **Urban Land Institute**

# ULI 2011 Award for Excellence







#### Silver Designation "Best in North America"



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