

RESOLUTION NO. 8 -95

By: Jeffrey W. McLelland

WHEREAS, the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) is seeking additional funding to address long-term transportation issues, doubling the level of service hours by the year 2005 by providing more frequent service, expanded hours, increased weekend service, and new service between and within growing suburban areas; and

WHEREAS, the current 10-year COTA sales tax of 1/4% will expire in 1999 and does not generate enough funds to meet transit needs of thousands of citizens for job accessibility, and to provide independence for older adults, youngsters, and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the expanded service plan includes more than just the same familiar buses that you know today; it would also utilize vans, and neighborhood-friendly 25 foot buses to respond to changing consumer demand; and

WHEREAS, current trends will increase demand for suburban and crosstown commuting, as daily vehicle travel miles are expected to rise by 37 percent; and

WHEREAS, the plan for expanded service will require a total capital cost of \$246.7 million over a 10-year period, half of that paid with federal matching funds, and the operating budget will be \$51 million in 1996, rising to \$120 million when the plan is fully implemented in 2005;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO:

Section 1. That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bexley hereby endorse the COTA action to restore funding to the 1985 level of 1/2% sales tax, replacing the existing 1/4% sales tax, and urge the citizens of central Ohio to approve such levy on the November 7th ballot.

Passed: October 24, 1995

John M. Brenne
President of Council

Attest: John W. [Signature]
Clerk of Council

Approved: October 24, 1995

Oct. 24, 1995 - 1st reading
Passed

John T. Loehnert
John T. Loehnert, Mayor