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RTA News

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Strongsville Park-n-Ride lot expansion opens Dec. 13

CLEVELAND – The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA) will open the first of three park-n-ride lot expansions on Dec. 13, when the [Strongsville facility](#) grows by 186 spaces.

Other expansions are being planned at North Olmsted and Westlake.

A 1:30 p.m. ceremony is planned at [9355 Pearl Road](#), adjacent to the I-71 exchange of the [Ohio Turnpike](#).

Carla Cefaratti, Deputy Director of Local Programs, and District 12 Deputy Director David Coyle, will represent the [Ohio Department of Transportation](#), which paid for 80 percent of the funding for the expansion.

ODOT officials are funding the expansion of all three facilities, to encourage increased transit usage during the upcoming Innerbelt construction.

RTA hired [Osborn Engineering](#) of Cleveland to design all three expansion projects, at a cost of \$215,000, with 31 percent of the work going to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs).

[Schirmer Construction](#) of North Olmsted built the expansion for \$696,000.

The [Strongsville](#) lot opened in 1990 with 370 spaces, in partnership with the [Ohio Turnpike Commission](#), the City of Strongsville and RTA. The site is leased from the [Ohio Turnpike Commission](#).

NORTH OLMSTED:

- On Nov. 21, RTA Trustees approved the purchase of two acres of land on Kennedy Ridge Road.
- The design is complete.
- A construction contract will be awarded in the spring, with work to add 176 spaces to be completed by next fall.
- The facility, built in 2002 with 310 spaces, is filled to capacity on most weekdays.
- It is located on the [southeast corner of I-480 and Columbia Road](#).

WESTLAKE:

- The environmental documentation and design are on-going.
- RTA still has to purchase 5-8 acres of land.
- Construction should be completed in late 2007.
- The \$2.2 million project will add 200 spaces to the present lot of 550 spaces.
- The site opened in 1995 on [Sperry Road](#), near the intersection of I-90 and Columbia Road.

Elsewhere....

RTA operates four other transit centers:

- Near the Euclid Square Mall in Euclid, [map](#)
- Near the Westgate Mall in Fairview Park, [map](#)
- Near the Southgate Shopping Center in Maple Heights, [map](#)
- Near the Parmatown Mall, [map](#)

RTA wants to build five more facilities in the next five years.

- **Brecksville** – RTA is working city officials and the Ohio Turnpike Commission to select a site near the I-77 exchange.
- **Independence** – RTA hopes to purchase land near the intersection of I-77 and Rockside Road.
- **Oakwood Village** – RTA plans to purchase land near the junction of I-271 and I-480.
- **Solon** – RTA uses an interim site, and is working with Solon City officials to find a permanent site with convenient access to Rt. 422.
- **Mayfield/Highland Heights** – RTA wants to buy land along I-271.

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