

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE
NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) is comprised of three elements: the Grants, Neighborhood, and Links programs; and

WHEREAS, during the months of June, July and August NOACA solicited for TLCI applications for the three TLCI programs throughout the NOACA region; and

WHEREAS, an approved task force was assembled, comprised of representatives from all counties in the NOACA region, The City of Cleveland, and The Ohio Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the task force was charged with review and selection of the TLCI applications for Governing Board consideration and approval; and

WHEREAS, current balances show that there is \$870,000 in NOACA federal funds for the Transportation for Livable Communities (TLCI) grants for State Fiscal Year 2009; and

WHEREAS, the NOACA Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) has reviewed the attached appendices and recommends them for approval as the TLCI Program of Projects for State Fiscal Year 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, consisting of thirty-eight principal elected and other officials of general purpose local government throughout and within the Counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina, that:

Section 1: The attached Exhibit 1 has had appropriate review and is approved. Exhibit 1 contains NOACA's Transportation for Livable Communities Program of Projects for State Fiscal Year 2009.

Section 2: The Executive Director is authorized to enter into contracts with appropriate entities, as needed, to implement the approved SFY 2009 TLCI program. For the Grant program, the federal funds expended shall not exceed \$870,000; individual contracts shall not exceed \$75,000 in federal funds.

Section 2: The Executive Director is authorized to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution of the Governing Board of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency adopted this 10th day of October 2008.

Secretary: Betty Blair

Date Signed: 10-10-08

NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Governing Board

FROM: Howard R. Maier, Executive Director

DATE: October 1, 2008

RE: **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-031: FY 2009 TLCI RECOMMENDATIONS**

NOACA's Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) helps communities in the NOACA region obtain assistance for planning transportation projects that strengthen community livability. The TLCI consists of the following components:

- Planning Grant Program: Provides federal funding to conduct or contract for the planning of transportation improvements that advance the Initiative's goals, awarding individual grants up to \$75,000.
- Neighborhood Planning Technical Assistance: Provides free staff technical assistance to NOACA urban core communities for planning medium- to large-scale transportation improvements that advance the Initiative's goals.
- Links Technical Assistance Program: Provides technical assistance from NOACA staff for planning small-scale traffic studies that advance the Initiative's goals.

Generally, a call for applications occurs annually for these programs. On June 19, 2008 application materials were mailed to all communities and potential project sponsors. To assist applicants, two workshops were held in June and July. Applications were due on August 20, 2008.

A Governing Board and Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) task force comprised of representatives from all five counties was assembled to review and score applications. The scoring system allowed for 120 total points. The task force averaged their individual scores to create a final score for each application. The averaged scores were then ranked from high to low. Staff provided administrative and technical support to the task force, but staff scores were not used to select awardees.

The task force reviewed 18 applications totaling \$1,147,800. This fiscal year there was \$870,000 available for project awards. The task force recommended 15 projects totaling \$869,600. Three applications did not score well. The task force directed staff to contact these applicants, and we are working with the communities to determine if some other form of financial or technical assistance might assist them.

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On September 19, 2008 the NOACA TAC approved the recommendations made by the Task Force. Please see the attached spreadsheet for the list of applicants and funding recommendations.

I wish to thank the task force members who contributed a good deal of their time and expertise in order to select planning projects that will not only benefit communities, but the region. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Johnson (extension 281) or me (extension 380).

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Attachment

Exhibit 1 FY 2009 TLCI Recommendations

Applicant	Project Co-Sponsors	Application Title	Amount Requested	Recommended Amount
City of Broadview Heights	Cleveland Metroparks City of Brecksville City of North Royalton	Valley Parkway Multipurpose Trail Connection	\$56,000.00	\$56,000.00
City of Brunswick	N/A	Brunswick Citywide Bicycle Route Master Plan	\$75,000.00	\$55,000.00
City of Cleveland	Downtown Cleveland Alliance	Erie/Sumner - Gateway/Playhouse Square Neighborhood Infrastructure Plan	\$75,000.00	\$55,000.00
City of Cleveland	St. Clair Superior Development Corporation	Superior Avenue Community Improvement Plan	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
City of Cleveland	Tremont West Development Corporation	Tremont Pedestrian and Bicycle Linkages	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00
City of Cleveland	University Circle Incorporated	Uptown Infrastructure Planning	\$75,000.00	\$55,000.00
Cleveland Metroparks	City of Garfield Heights	Warner Road - Garfield Boulevard Connector and Trailhead Design	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
City of East Cleveland	N/A	Village Park - Hayden Avenue Streetscape Improvements	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
GCRTA	Buckeye Area Development Corporation	E. 116th Street Station Area Development Plan	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
City of Maple Heights	N/A	Streetscape Improvement Plan	\$75,000.00	\$55,000.00
City of Medina	N/A	Champion Creek-Smith Road Development District	\$48,000.00	\$48,000.00
City of Painesville	N/A	Painesville Transportation and Streetscape Project	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
City of Parma	West Creek Preservation Committee	Parma-Avon Juniper Multipurpose Path	\$49,600.00	\$49,600.00
City of Shaker Heights	GCRTA	Warrensville/Van Aken Intermodal Program Plan	\$75,000.00	\$70,000.00
City of Wadsworth	Downtown Wadsworth, Inc.	Multi-Modal Transportation Plan for the City of Wadsworth	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00

Total Recommended: \$869,600.00