Present: See attached attendance record.

President Valarie McCall convened the meeting at 10:10 a.m., a quorum having been established. She noted that a public notice of the meeting and its agenda were issued.

Approval of the August 9, 2013, Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Stephen D. Hambley moved to approve the meeting minutes of August 9, 2013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Joseph A. Calabrese. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Committee Reports

President McCall advised members that the Committee reports were included in their packets.

Public Comment

There were no requests to address the Board of Directors.

Financial Report

President McCall informed the Board that the Financial Report was included in their packets and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

President’s Report/Executive Director’s Report

President McCall and Ms. Grace Gallucci stated they did not have reports for this meeting.

Resolutions/Action Items

Resolution 2013-028 - JARC / New Freedom Grant Awards

Mr. Ryan Noles, NOACA, reviewed the purpose of the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom programs as well as the selection process for the proposed projects. Only projects located in the Cleveland Urbanized Area were eligible for the funds. All the projects were required to be derived from the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. Mr. Noles stated a task force was convened and consisted of representatives of public and
private stakeholders, including transit agencies and private operators in the NOACA region. The recommended funding award for the JARC and New Freedom programs is $2,370,134.

Mr. Richard Wong moved to approve Resolution 2013-028. Mr. Ray Jurkowski seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote.

**Resolution 2013-029 - 1st Quarter 2014 Project Planning Reviews**

Mr. Ed May, NOACA, reviewed the proposed projects. He said that information was reviewed by staff, committees, and was processed through Intergovernmental Review, and that all comments had been posted on NOACA’s website.

Commissioner Mary Samide moved to approve Resolution 2013-029. The motion was seconded by Councilman Anthony Brancatelli. The motion was approved by voice vote.

**Resolution 2013-030 - 1st Quarter SFY 2014 Long-Range Transportation Plan and TIP Amendments**

Mr. May introduced Resolution 2013-030 to the Board for approval.

Mr. Christopher Easton moved to approve Resolution 2013-030. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wong. The motion was approved by voice vote.

**Resolution 2013-031 - 2013 Regional Benefit Account Award**

President McCall stated Lake County submitted a request for the Regional Benefit Account award. She asked Commissioner Daniel P. Troy to discuss how the funds will be used. Commissioner Troy stated Lake County will receive $16,000 to use for a retail trade study update that will focus on retail land use and zoning in Lake County. He mentioned that NOACA’s retail trade survey six-county analysis, done in 2000, will be the basis of this study. The NOACA survey showed that Lake County had the second biggest retail community in the region. Once the study has been completed, the information will be made available for other decision makers to use. He noted the study will include regional and national trends in older commercial downtown areas, as well as businesses that are trending in those areas in Lake County.

Commissioner Troy moved to approve Resolution 2013-031. The motion was seconded by Mayor John Hunter. The motion was approved by voice vote.

**Old Business**

President McCall encouraged the Board to read a letter from Congressman Bob Gibbs regarding the municipal bond tax exemption, as well as a letter of support addressed to Speaker John Boehner and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi signed by 24 members of Congress. Both letters were included in the Board packet.

Commissioner Troy stated the municipal bonds play a critical role in local infrastructure and are the most important tool in the United States for financing investment in schools, hospitals, roads, water and sewer systems, airports, and bridges. He noted 16 major groups have signed on to protect this benefit, and 130 members of Congress signed the “Dear Colleague” letter.

President McCall suggested Board members pass resolutions in their own communities to gain support for this issue.
Ms. Kathleen Scheutzow stated Ms. Virginia Ainslie has kept the Board apprised of the right time to contact delegates on important issues and asked when the right time to take action on this issue is.

President McCall cautioned the Board not to wait until they hear from Ms. Ainslie. She suggested members remain alert to what is happening around them and contact their delegates for support.

Commissioner Troy suggested when Board members discuss this issue with their delegates to be sure to mention what the money will be used for and who will be helped by municipal bonds.

Ms. Gallucci introduced Mr. Brian Newbacher as NOACA’s Director of External Affairs. Mr. Newbacher will be handling the media, intergovernmental affairs, and working with the Board to develop an agenda for Columbus and Washington, D.C. Mr. Newbacher formerly worked for AAA as the director of public affairs for the Midwest region and was responsible for communications and marketing for the Ohio Bicentennial Commission.

**New Business**

President McCall asked Mr. Calabrese to comment on the groundbreaking ceremony for the $20 million Clifton Boulevard Transportation Enhancement Project. Mr. Calabrese stated the transit component, to be called the West Shore Express, is a $20 million project that will operate from the Westgate Transit Center to the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Transit Center in downtown Cleveland. Significant improvements will be made along Clifton Boulevard in Lakewood and the west side of Cleveland. The service will provide a more efficient link to Bay Village, Westlake, Rocky River, Fairview Park, Lakewood, and Cleveland. The new buses will begin running in late 2014 or early 2015. The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) partnered with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Federal Transit Agency (FTA), the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA), the City of Cleveland, and the City of Lakewood. Mr. Calabrese thanked everyone involved with the project, including Ms. Marisol Simon, FTA Regional Administrator, and Mr. Peter Rogoff, FTA Administrator.

**Presentations/Discussion Items**

**Transportation Asset Management Program**

Ms. Gallucci said NOACA’s Transportation Asset Management program will be used to develop a strategic framework for making cost-effective decisions for allocating resources and managing the infrastructure in Northeast Ohio. She noted the program has been included in NOACA’s 2014 Overall Work Program (OWP). The Transportation Asset Management program will help NOACA to advance projects through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in a systematic, strategic way by looking at data that drives the decision-making process.

Ms. Gallucci introduced Ms. Kathy Sarli as NOACA’s Director of Planning, who previously worked at ODOT Districts 3 and 12.

Ms. Sarli gave a presentation on the Transportation Asset Management program. She explained the importance of maintaining the roads to support the economy in Northeast Ohio. She stated 33% of pavements and 11% of bridges are not in a state of good repair. The American Society of Civil Engineers gave the State of Ohio a C+ grade and stated it costs Ohio drivers $212 extra per year repairing vehicles when driving on poor roads. She noted it would cost $574 million to $1.4 billion to bring all pavements to a state of good repair and at least $96 million annually to bring bridges to a state of good repair over time.
Ms. Sarli reviewed the asset management process and noted the program is currently in the inventory and assessment stage. She mentioned the process must go through a continuous cycle in order to maintain the assets. She also reviewed the next steps in the program:

- Develop a project management plan
- Develop a data collection plan
- Organize a task force

Ms. Gallucci stated letters and preliminary reports on Northeast Ohio’s pavement conditions were sent to county commissioners, county engineers, and mayors in the NOACA region. She noted the data is from 2010. She stated NOACA staff will be working with each jurisdiction to update the data and that the collaboration will help to develop a full comprehensive picture of the approach to managing the assets in the region.

Ms. Gallucci stated each jurisdiction has been asked to submit to Ms. Sarli the name of someone who can serve on the task force. The task force will build a consensus on how a state of good repair is defined.

President McCall commented that Ms. Gallucci was interviewed by the Plain Dealer and the subject of asset management was covered. President McCall stated she heard positive comments about NOACA’s efforts.

Ms. Gallucci stated NOACA will use funds available to contract with an engineering firm to provide technical assistance to communities that will need help updating or preparing inventories.

Mr. Calabrese asked if transit assets will be included in the asset management process or in a parallel process. Ms. Gallucci stated transit assets are important, however, the first phase of the asset management program will focus on pavement conditions and bridges. She noted transit will be added to the process as it grows and matures.

Mr. Myron Pakush asked when interim reports will be made available and what the schedule for the asset management program is.

Ms. Gallucci stated a full schedule to produce the output will be 12-18 months. She said the schedule depends on how current the data is from each community. She advised that a report will be developed at the end of each phase and an update will be presented to the Board on a quarterly basis.

Mr. Pakush asked if assessments for traffic signals, sidewalks, curbs, and drainage are going to be done.

Ms. Gallucci stated the focus is on pavement and bridge conditions, but eventually those items may be layered into the process. She added the reason pavement conditions are being assessed first is because the majority of NOACA’s funds are invested in pavement management.

President McCall encouraged Board members to sit down with their engineers to discuss what their needs are for their communities and to provide that information to NOACA.
TRAC/Turnpike Funding Recommendations

Mr. Randy Lane, NOACA, stated that $1 billion is available in turnpike bond funding. He reviewed the schedule for the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) and turnpike funding recommendations:

- The TRAC final draft list of major new projects was approved on August 22.
- Project applications were submitted to the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (OTIC) on August 28.
- Project recommendations were reviewed by OTIC for ‘nexus’ eligibility on September 9.
- The final project list will be presented to OTIC for approval on September 16.
- The final major new program will be voted on by the TRAC on September 26.

Mr. Lane stated that three projects in the NOACA region were recommended to receive turnpike dollars in 2014:

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Mr. Lane mentioned that $340 million in turnpike funding will supplant TRAC funds previously committed in 2016 for the Innerbelt Bridge Project. Mayor Michael Summers asked Mr. Lane to explain why the turnpike funds of $340 million supplanted the previously committed TRAC funds. Mr. Lane stated the $340 million in TRAC funds is planned for other major new projects regionally and statewide. He noted the NOACA region received a total of $555 million in new funding through the recommended TRAC list.

Mr. Ed Jerse stated when the turnpike program was created, it was suggested northern Ohio would receive 90% of $1.3 billion and asked Mr. Pakush if the $340 million in TRAC funds will be allocated elsewhere. Mr. Pakush advised the priorities of the TRAC have not changed and were set based on a scoring system and as monies became available from the turnpike, the Second Innerbelt Bridge project moved up the priority list. He explained that by using turnpike funds instead of the design-build-finance model that was originally planned for the Second Innerbelt Bridge, it saved $10 million in interest charges.

Mr. Jerse stated it should be noted the turnpike funds are accelerating some projects and that northern Ohio is not getting the full amount that was originally stated. Ms. Gallucci explained to Mr. Jerse that ODOT looks at the TRAC funds from a statewide perspective; while NOACA looks at the funds from a five-county region and that the $340 million did not belong to the Second Innerbelt Bridge project, but to the TRAC program.

Mr. Jerse asked what is the status of phase II of the Opportunity Corridor Project and if turnpike funds are guaranteed. Mr. Pakush stated he could not guarantee turnpike funds for the project, but will be approaching the OTIC at the next bond sale to prioritize the project.

Commissioner Troy asked who serves on the OTIC. Mr. Pakush stated the OTIC is made up of seven voting members and three non-voting members. Six of the voting members are appointed by the Governor.
Revised Code of Regulations Committee Assignments

President McCall stated she will be contacting each Board member to discuss committee assignments. She thanked NOACA staff for putting together a chart listing all the committees. She stated she will try to accommodate each member’s first and second committee choices. A subcommittee sign-up sheet was distributed to the Board. President McCall asked members to select the subcommittees to which they or their alternates would like to be assigned.

Reports/Updates

President McCall informed the Board that the legislative liaison report and the NOACA-attributable funded project monitoring report were included in their packets for review.

Next Meeting

President McCall announced that the next Board of Directors meeting would be held on Friday, October 11, 2013, 10:00 a.m. at NOACA offices.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valarie J. McCall
President

Brenda Walker, Recorder