Redistribution of MPO Carryover Balances

NOACA Planning and Programming Committee

February 12, 2015
Action Requested:

- Request that the Executive Committee consider inclusion of the following item on the Board of Directors’ agenda for March 2015:
  - Approval of a project solicitation and prioritization strategy that allocates additional funds provided to NOACA based on successful SFY 2014 program delivery

Previous Action:

- Finance and Audit Committee recommendation and Board of Directors approval
  - Approval of a strategy to direct the additional funding being redistributed to NOACA as a result of the ODOT’s MPO Carryover Reduction Policy
Background

- ODOT distributes Federal funds for capital transportation improvements to each of Ohio’s MPOs
- Comprised of funds distributed by formula and additional funds made available at the discretion of ODOT
- NOACA total allocation is $30,332,741
  - Surface Transportation Program - $27,575,220
  - Transportation Alternatives Program - $2,757,521
May, 2012 ODOT directed a policy aimed at reducing MPO carry over balances

- Approved by Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC)
- Establishes percent limits on the amount each MPO may carry forward from one SFY to the next
  - SFY 2014 – 75% of original allocation
  - SFY 2015 – 50% of original allocation
  - SFY 2016 and beyond – 25% of original allocation
Background

- In SFY 2014, first year policy in effect -
  - NOACA carried over only 8% of the 75% allowable
    - Largest and most efficient program in the state
  - Five MPOs carried over more than the 75% allowable
  - Excess funds have been recalled by ODOT and redistributed to those that met the % limit
Financial Impact

- $2,720,421 subject to recall by ODOT from other MPOs
- NOACA gains $1,683,293 (62%) of the total recalled

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Recommendation for Allocation

- Finance and Audit Committee recommended and Board approved strategy:
  - Allocate funds to short-term (12 months) projects that address immediate needs and provide regional benefit

- The Planning and Programming Committee has been charged to develop a procedure by which to select projects
Proposed Project Selection

- In line with Finance and Audit Committee recommendation and Board approval, funding will be allocated to projects that:
  - Represent a need identified by an existing study or plan
  - Can award to contract in SFY 2016
  - Meet federal eligibility requirements for the respective program (STP and TAP)
- Priority consideration could be given to projects that meet above conditions but that can also be accelerated to enhance an important event
  - Such as the RNC, as supported by the Board adopted RNC Cooperative Agreement
Proposed Schedule

- Proposed project selection schedule
  - February - March, 2015 – Staff review of projects for eligibility against approved conditions
  - April 10, 2015 – Potential projects presented to the Committee for funding determination
  - June 12, 2015 – Recommended projects presented to Board of Directors for approval
Next Steps

- With Committee approval, staff will assemble a list of potential projects from existing project studies or plans of member communities.
- Projects will be reviewed for eligibility and presented to the Planning and Programming Committee for funding determination at their April 10, 2015 meeting.