Geauga County Request for an Additional Member

Governance Committee
February 27, 2015
Action Requested

Request that the Executive Committee consider placement of the following item on the Board of Directors’ agenda for March 13, 2015:

- Geauga County Request for an Additional Member

Previous Action

No prior action on this request
Background

Geauga County Resolution #15-010

• Requests NOACA Code of Regulations to be amended to include Geauga County’s three Commissioners and its County Engineer based on:
  • Other Counties having same representation
  • Importance of County Engineer to maintenance and construction of county roads
• Recognizes the addition would not reflect proportional representation
County Representation

- All five counties do not have 3 commissioners and the county engineer
  - Cuyahoga County – no commissioners and no elected engineer
  - Lorain County – either 3 commissioners or 2 commissioners and the County Engineer
  - Medina County – generally seats 1 commissioner and its County Engineer
Proportionality

- Geauga County’s representation already exceeds proportionality by 1 member

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<th>Jurisdiction</th>
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<th>% of Total</th>
<th>Current Membership</th>
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*Population Exclusive of Cleveland

** The Ohio Department of Transportation’s vote is not included in the analysis.
Projects

- Funding only accrues to NOACA for population in the urbanized area
  - Geauga’s urbanized population is 1% of the urbanized area’s
Next Steps

If the Board were to approve this request, the Code change would require ratification by all five of NOACA’s counties before it became effective.
NOACA will **STRENGTHEN** regional cohesion, **PRESERVE** existing infrastructure, and **BUILD** a sustainable multimodal transportation system to **SUPPORT** economic development and **ENHANCE** quality of life in Northeast Ohio.