Executive Director Agenda

Priorities—Status

- NOACA Regional Strategic Plan
- Communications & Outreach
- Legislative & Funding Issues
- Overall Work Program (OWP)
NOACA Regional Strategic Plan:

Water Quality Strategic Plan

- First stakeholder meeting held March 3
- 29 stakeholders asked to help develop a 5-year plan to guide NOACA’s water planning work
- Next meeting: Late spring
  - Goal: To frame a water mission statement & develop goals & objectives
Communications & Outreach:

**NOACA in the News**

- NOACA awarded $42.7M in CMAQ funding for 11 transportation projects
  - **ABC News Channel 5 on Jan 23:** “New trail funding”
  - **PD on Jan. 25:** “RTA natural gas conversion, Red Line Greenway, among projects landing $42.7 million”
  - **PD on Jan. 26:** “A $2.1 million federal CMAQ grant means validation for the proposed Red Line Greenway”
  - **PD on Feb. 4:** “Port study outlines $49M fix for Irishtown Bend that could enable Lake Link Trail, other projects”
Communications & Outreach:

NOACA in the News

- Eastside Greenway project meetings
  - News Herald on Jan. 28: “Meetings set for Eastside Greenway Project”
  - PD on Jan. 28: “Think outside the curb” (editorial)
Communications & Outreach:

NOACA in the News

- Strongsville Town Center Study
  - **PD on Feb. 20:** “Strongsville study recommends walkway from Pearl Road to Community Center”
  - NOACA will:
    - revise recommendations based on committee feedback
    - develop cost estimates for various plan options
    - identify funding sources
Communications & Outreach:

NOACA in the News

- Cleveland Heights Streetscape Plan
- PD on Feb. 10:
  “Cleveland Heights moves forward with $3 million Cedar-Lee streetscape plan”
Communications & Outreach:

Stakeholder Engagement

- NOACA’s External Affairs Committee forms Community Advisory & Business Advisory Councils
  - Councils will provide insight and feedback on how NOACA programs and policies affect Northeast Ohio
  - First meeting:
    Joint meeting on March 20, 1:30 to 3 p.m.
Communications & Outreach:

Stakeholder Engagement

- NOACA testified to Ohio EPA & Army Corps of Engineers at 2 public meetings for the disposal of Cuyahoga River dredge material
  - NOACA’s position consistent with other NE Ohio institutions: Alternative strategies to open lake disposal should be formulated
    - Seek productive uses for the dredged material
Communications & Outreach:

Stakeholder Engagement

- NOACA presented information at the Lorain County Public Transit Forum on:
  - Its transit-related plans & programs
  - How NOACA acts as a convener with human service agencies to help address barriers of coordination

- Next meeting: Visioning session tentatively scheduled for May
Legislative & Funding Issues:
State Transportation Budget

- Timeline
  - Full Senate vote on March 18
  - House/Senate Conference Committee meets to resolve differences
  - Last voting session of the month is March 25
  - Governor signs by April 1

- NOACA has been active in advocating for inclusion of the Board Legislative Agenda
  - NOACA testified before the Senate Transportation Committee regarding Asset Management
Legislative & Funding Issues:

State General Assembly Engagement

- Rep. Doug Green (Tyler Warner – LA)
- Finance Chairman Ryan Smith
- Rep. Terry Booze
- Rep. Stephen D. Hambley
- Rep. Mike Dovilla (Bill White – LA)

- Rep. Marlene Anielski
- Rep. Ron Amstutz
- Senator Tom Patton
- Senator Gayle Manning
- Senator Kenny Yuko
- Senator John Eklund
Legislative and Funding Issues:

State General Assembly Engagement

- Hosted by External Affairs Committee
- Presented legislative agenda to NE Ohio delegation of the General Assembly
- Exchange of ideas about state policy
- Attended by:
  - Rep. Nicholas Celebrezze, District 15
  - Rep. Stephen D. Hambley, District 69
  - Rep. Stephanie Howse, District 11
  - Rep. Sarah LaTourette, District 76
  - Rep. Kent Smith, District 8
  - Sen. John Eklund, District 18
  - Sen. Kenny Yuko, District 25
Legislative & Funding Issues:

State Funding Awards

- NOACA is currently seeking new projects to expend additional funds
  - Received $1.7M in 2015 from ODOT due to a successful performance in 2014
- Application due March 30
- See NOACA.org for conditions
Legislative & Funding Issues:

State Funding Awards

- TRAC finalizes list of jobs and transportation plan projects
  - No new projects awarded funding in NOACA region
  - Advances existing TRAC projects for sooner implementation
    - Cleveland Innerbelt Corridor Phased Improvements
    - Lorain Center Ridge Road Widening
    - Medina SR 42 Widening
Overall Work Program (OWP):

**Transportation Asset Management Program**

- Self-assessment survey completed by Steering Committee and staff to access current state of practice
- Draft Regional Asset Inventory and Condition Assessment submitted for review
- Pavement management software packages being evaluated
- Performance gap analysis workshop scheduled for March 18
Overall Work Program (OWP):

Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310)

- Received 15 applications for a combined total of $2.3M
- Next steps:
  - Transportation Subcommittee March 20
  - Planning and Programming Committee April 10
  - Executive Committee May 8
  - Transit Council May 16
  - Board of Directors June 12
Overall Work Program (OWP):

Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI)

- TLCI Planning Grants
  - Received 10 applications
  - Held a workshop in February
  - Recommendation will go to the Board for Approval in June

- TLCI Implementation Grants
  - Held three workshops in March
  - Received feedback from local partners and will work with them to develop program to deliver lower cost improvements from completed TLCI and local plans
  - Accepting letters of interest for the implementation grants until April 3
Overall Work Program (OWP):

Section 208 Water Quality Management Planning Workshop

- Free training workshop for those interested in planning for wastewater infrastructure efficiency
- Hosts: NOACA, Northeast Ohio Four County Regional Planning & Development Organization (NEFCO) & Ohio EPA
- Thursday, March 19, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Ohio Peace Officers Academy Auditorium in Richfield
Overall Work Program (OWP):

NOACA Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Program Report

- Provides information about:
  - National guidelines used for NOACA’s count program
  - Analysis of count data from 6 sessions since 2011

- Attend APBP webinar on bicycle and pedestrian count programs on March 18, 3 p.m., at NOACA
  - RSVP to Melissa Thompson at thompson@mpo.noaca.org
Overall Work Program (OWP):

Financial Compliance

- NOACA receives clean audit for 2014
- State Auditor issues report with no findings, no management comments
- Audit report can be found at www.auditor.state.oh.us
Executive Directors Report

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