

OWPnews

NOACA Serving Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina Counties



Calendar Accomplishments in Fiscal Year 2011

NOACA's fiscal year **2011 Overall Work Program (OWP)** describes transportation and environmental programs, projects and studies undertaken by staff between July 1, 2010, and June 30, 2011. The federal government requires that NOACA produce the OWP as well as a **Transportation Plan** and **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**. The projects in the OWP cover all modes of transportation and include both short- and long-range transportation planning.

Throughout this publication you will read about transportation and environmental planning activities from NOACA's **Fiscal Year 2011 OWP**. All products in green are available online at noaca.org.



NOACA Adopts Three Major Documents

NOACA adopted the **Public Interaction Policy - 2011 Update (PIP)** in April 2011. The PIP outlines NOACA's policies related to public involvement, public information and public access.

NOACA also adopted two major documents in May 2011:

- ▶ **Fiscal Year 2012 Overall Work Program** describing staff work from July 2011 through June 2012.
- ▶ **Fiscal Year 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program**, which budgets, prioritizes and schedules federal-aid highway, bikeway, transit and transportation enhancement projects that are scheduled for the next four years in Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina counties.



NOACA at Work Series Features Work in Each County

What transportation planning projects and events are happening in your county? Every year, NOACA staff produces **NOACA at Work** publications for each county and the city of Cleveland. You can see what transportation improvement projects are planned, scheduled and completed in your area. The publications also include air and water quality updates along with reports on special programs. Pick up copies at NOACA, or find them at noaca.org under publications.





July 2010

The following pages highlight Governing Board actions and staff activities in fiscal year 2011.

- Conducted the 2010 Commuter Challenge, which had its largest corporate participation to date. The Commuter Challenge program encourages people to use more sustainable modes of transportation during the last two weeks in July.
- Staffed Walk+Roll events in Old Brooklyn and Slavic Village, promoting safe walking, strolling, skateboarding and bicycling.
- Added a Road Safety Audit page to the NOACA website, including a description of the program, available reports, brochure and a newsletter from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).
- Improved expertise on NOACA's transportation modeling software, MOVES 2010, during a two-day course in Columbus.
- Participated in WDOK FM 102.1 Free Lunch events in downtown Cleveland, distributing information on OhioRideshare and NOACA air quality programs.



WDOK Free Lunch event

August 2010

- Approved Job Access/Reverse Commute (JARC) projects for the Greater Cleveland RTA and New Freedom projects for RTA, Laketran, Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities and Senior Transportation Connection.
- Entered into an agreement with the Akron, Canton and Youngstown metropolitan planning organizations to apply for the federal sustainable communities regional planning grant.
- Completed the *Chagrin Falls Alternative Transportation Study*, which focuses on creating a more complete network of non-motorized routes and trails.
- Added **Geographic Information Systems (GIS)** interactive data access and mapping portal to the NOACA website. GIS is an advanced technology that allows one to tie mapping and data research to geographic locations.
- Participated in the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Outdoor Safety and Health Fair, distributing information on OhioRideshare and air quality programs.



Senior Transportation Connection

November 2010

- Approved the *Overall Work Program Completion Report*, highlighting NOACA staff work and accomplishments for fiscal year 2010.
- Initiated the application processes for NOACA's fiscal year 2011 Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) and Specialized Transportation Program.
- Prepared the *NOACA at Work in Lake County and Lorain County* publications.
- Updated the agency's **bicycle transportation maps** using GIS technology.
- Coordinated, with VanPool Services, Inc., a new seven-passenger vanpool traveling from the Youngstown/Warren area to the Federal Building in downtown Cleveland.
- Created the *OWPnews* publication highlighting NOACA staff work and accomplishments for fiscal year 2010.



New Vanpool Begins

December 2010

- Added seven projects to the **Transportation Plan** and 11 projects to the **Transportation Improvement Program**.
- Amended the Code of Regulations to reflect changes in Cuyahoga County's new administrative structure.
- Approved 17 projects totaling \$9 million for federal Transportation Enhancement funding.
- Posted several TLCI studies on the NOACA website, including:
 - ▶ *The Uptown District Study*,
 - ▶ *The Canal Basin District Plan*,
 - ▶ *The Asiatown Transportation and Streetscape Plan*.
- Conducted a TLCI training workshop for potential applicants and project sponsors.
- Prepared the *NOACA at Work in Cuyahoga County* publication.
- Hosted a workshop for municipalities wishing to apply for federal and state diesel retrofit funds.



Detroit Avenue TE Project

September 2010

- Added 29 new projects to the **Transportation Plan** and 11 projects to the **Transportation Improvement Program**.
- Approved the development of an annual Sustainable Transportation Award to recognize organizations that have a high percentage of employees commuting to work in environmentally friendly ways.
- Amended **Clean Water 2000** to provide sanitary service to three Eaton Township properties.
- Prepared an addendum to the **Strategic Plan for Reducing Vehicle-Animal Accidents in Northeast Ohio**.
- Prepared the **NOACA at Work in Medina County** publication.
- Completed the **Broadview Heights Signal Warrant Study**.
- Completed the **2009 Air Quality Trends and Nonattainment Status Report for Northeast Ohio**.
- Contributed technical expertise during the Ohio Conference on freight in Toledo.



Read about the city of Brunswick's road safety audit in NOACA at Work in Medina County.

October 2010

- Collaborated with ODOT to update Board members on Innerbelt Bridge Project developments.
- Approved a partnership between NOACA, Ohio University, the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, and MetroHealth Medical Center to set up a HazeCam in Cleveland.
- Demonstrated an overview of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to the Board.
- Prepared the **NOACA at Work in Geauga County** publication.
- Coordinated the development of the Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium, which received a \$4.25 million federal grant to develop a cooperative regional sustainability plan.
- Promoted NOACA's clean air message at the Brunswick Green Expo.
- Scored 38 projects from 26 sponsors for transportation enhancement (TE) funding in cooperation with a TE task force.



Haze over Cleveland

January 2011

- Approved a request for proposal to purchase an online service for the **Transportation Plan** and the **Transportation Improvement Program**.
- Approved NOACA as the fiscal agent and consultant selection coordinator for a new study to determine the most effective way to provide wastewater treatment services in Lorain County.
- Posted the TLCI Study, **Multi-Modal Transportation Plan for the City of Wadsworth** on the NOACA website.
- Completed the **fiscal year 2010 Six-Month OWP Progress Report** for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).
- Prepared the **NOACA at Work in the City of Cleveland** publication.
- Conducted a benchmark survey to compare NOACA's air quality program to similar programs across the United States.



2011 Governing Board Officers (from left), Robert Aufuldish, Mary Samide, Stephen Hambley and James Gills.

February 2011

- Helped ODOT safety program manager Michelle May to promote the statewide safety program to the Board.
- Approved GeoStats, LP, as the consultant for NOACA's Household Travel Survey.
- Advocated to our congressional delegation, the reauthorization of the federal surface transportation law while participating in the National Association of Regional Councils National Conference of Regions, held in Washington, D.C. (Howard Maier, Stephen Hambley, and Thomas Jordan represented NOACA).
- Launched the **NOACA connection**, a monthly e-newsletter for the Governing Board, committees and other interested parties to provide information on NOACA news and activities.
- Initiated the public comment period for the **Public Interaction Policy - 2011 Update**.



Commissioner Stephen Hambley, Howard Maier, and Thomas Jordan met with Congressman Robert Gibbs (second from right) in Washington, D.C.

March 2011

- Amended **Clean Water 2000** by:
 - ▶ moving a portion of Columbia Township from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District facility planning area (FPA) to the Lorain County Wastewater FPA.
 - ▶ moving a portion of Carlisle and Eaton Township from the Elyria FPA to the Avon Lake/LORCO Phase I FPA.
- Approved 13 projects for the fiscal year 2011 TLCI grant program.
- Added seven new projects to the **Transportation Plan** and four projects to the **Transportation Improvement Program**.
- Hired former three-time NOACA Governing Board president Hunter Morrison as program director for the Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium (NEOSCC).
- Completed a **speed zone study** for the city of Broadview Heights.
- Participated in the groundbreaking for the Innerbelt Bridge Project.



Innerbelt Bridge Groundbreaking

May 2011

- Adopted the **Fiscal Year 2012 OWP**.
- Adopted the **Fiscal Year 2012-2015 TIP**.
- Approved a resolution opposing the sale or lease of the Ohio Turnpike under present circumstances.
- Presented Census 2010 data, focusing on how census data is used for transportation demand forecasting.
- Prepared the **2011 Board Resource Guide**, with information about agency policies, programs, services and public outreach.
- Completed the **2010 Air Quality Trends Report**.
- Prepared the **Fiscal Year 2012 OWPnews Summary**.
- Completed the **2010 Medina County traffic count map**.
- Conducted two road safety audit reports: **W. 25th Street and Clark Avenue Intersection** and **Lee Road and Miles Avenue/South Miles Road Intersection**.



The road safety team evaluates the safety and performance of road segments and intersections.

April 2011

- Approved the **Public Interaction Policy - 2011 Update**.
- Amended the **Fiscal Year 2011 TIP** by adding two Geauga County resurfacing projects.
- Presented details about the **Fiscal Year 2012-2015 TIP** and **Fiscal Year 2012 OWP**.
- Participated in a Regional Freight and Logistics Conference in Florence, KY.
- Launched the public involvement period for the **Fiscal Year 2012 OWP** and **Fiscal Year 2012-2015 TIP**, and participated in open houses at ODOT District 12, ODOT District 3 and NOACA.
- Participated in Earth Day events at Buffalo Creek in Medina County, Earthfest at the Cleveland MetroParks Zoo, Philips Medical Systems in Highland Heights, Lakeland Community College, and Kent State University Geauga Campus, distributing fuel-saving tips, clean air car magnets, anti-idling bumper stickers and OhioRideshare information.



TIP Open House

June 2011

- Amended **Clean Water 2000** to modify the French Creek and Avon Lake FPA boundaries temporarily.
- Presented the 2011 Walter F. Ehrnfelt Jr. Award for Outstanding Regional Contribution to Lake County Commissioner Daniel P. Troy.



Daniel P. Troy, center, with previous Ehrnfelt Award recipients

- Added 177 projects to the **Transportation Plan**.
- Conducted NOACA's 12th annual Summit at the CSU Wolstein Center.
- Prepared the 2011 Summit Report, **Sustainable Planning, Green Living**.
- Completed the **Freeway Travel Time Study**.
- Staffed the Fight for Air Walk in Oberlin.
- Produced the **2010 Air Quality Annual Report**.