MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: December 9, 2016

RE: Resolution 2016-036 – Project Planning Reviews for 2nd Quarter State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2017

ACTION REQUESTED
The Board of Directors is asked to approve projects proposed for 2nd Quarter SFY 2017 to acknowledge that they have successfully completed project planning review (PPR).

The Transportation Subcommittee and Planning and Programming Committee support this recommendation.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION
The fourth quarter PPRs cover streetscape, shared use and transit projects in Cuyahoga County. Detailed information about these projects can be found at:

http://www.noaca.org/index.aspx?page=6514 (Transportation Alternatives Program in Cleveland)
http://www.noaca.org/index.aspx?page=6516 (Shared Use Projects in Cleveland); and

The proposed projects were presented to the NOACA Transportation Subcommittee (TS) at its September 16, 2016 meeting, the NOACA Planning and Programming Committee at its October 21, 2016 meeting and to the NOACA Executive Committee at its November 14, 2016 meeting in accordance with the PPR process.

NOACA’s Regional Transportation Investment Policy (Resolution 2015-015) requires that all proposed federal-aid transportation projects be processed through PPR in order to meet NOACA’s adopted goals and federal requirements.

PPR consists of four components: staff review, committee review, intergovernmental review and consultation (IGRC), and public involvement. The end product of PPR is a Board resolution that certifies that the project has had thorough review, allowing the project to proceed to the programming stages of the planning process.
As part of the PPR process, a detailed summary of the proposed improvement and staff and committee assessment of the project are posted on NOACA’s website, www.NOACA.org. A link to the PPRs is included on the home page by clicking the ‘Comment of Projects’ button. Staff adds comments obtained from the public, governmental organizations and NOACA committees as they are received. Proposed projects are posted on the website for three months, allowing adequate time for review and comment.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**
There is no financial impact. The proposed projects have completed project planning review consistent with NOACA’s planning requirements.

**CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**
Following Board approval, project sponsors will be notified that their project has completed PPR. NOACA staff will work with project sponsors to address any planning issues identified during PPR prior to amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

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Attachment: 2\textsuperscript{nd} Quarter PPR Project List
RESOLUTION 2016-036
(PROJECT PLANNING REVIEWS
for 2nd QUARTER SFY 2017)

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina, and the City of Cleveland; and the areawide water quality management agency for the same region; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States, through law, and the U.S. Department of Transportation, through regulation, have determined that a long-range transportation plan and a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that include federal-aid transportation projects expected to be implemented during their time frames shall be prepared; and

WHEREAS, the NOACA’s Regional Transportation Investment Policy (Resolution No. 2015-015) requires that all proposed federal-aid transportation projects be processed through project planning review in order to meet transportation plan goals and federal requirements; and

WHEREAS, project planning review consists of staff technical and policy assessment, committee review, public involvement, and Intergovernmental Review and Consultation; and

WHEREAS, the following projects have been processed through project planning review:

a) City of Cleveland: CUY CLARK AVE STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS - The proposed project involves streetscape improvements along Clark Avenue, between West 41st Street and Quigley Avenue, in Cleveland.

b) City of Cleveland: CUY DETROIT AVE STREETSCAPE (PHASE 2) - The proposed project involves streetscape improvements along Detroit Avenue from West 78th Street to West 73rd Street, including 480 feet on Lake Road from West 78th Street to Detroit Avenue and from West 58th Street to West 52nd Street in Cleveland.

c) Cleveland Metroparks: CUY RE-CONNECTING CLEVELAND: PATHWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY - The proposed project involves the completion of regional bicycle and pedestrian trails, in Cleveland, including the Wendy Park Bridge to the lakefront, the Whiskey Island Connector, the Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway Connector, the Canal Basin Park Connector and the Red Line Greenway.

d) Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Agency (GCRTA), SFY 2017 Capital Grant Program - GCRTA is adding four new projects to its FFY 2017 program and the TIP and revising its FFY 2016 State of Good Repair and its FFY 2015 and FFY 2014 Capital formula grants to re-allocate project funds due to under-runs, over-runs, and revised project priorities impacting 10 TIP projects and adding one project previously on the 2014 - 2017 TIP to the 2016 - 2019 TIP.

WHEREAS, the project planning reviews may contain recommendations that require project sponsor attention or action; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that the project sponsors will, in good faith, endeavor to address comments and recommendations and will provide evidence of such, prior to the projects advancing; and
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WHEREAS, the above project planning reviews were recommended by the Transportation Subcommittee, the Planning and Programming Committee and the Executive Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, consisting of 45 principal officials serving general purpose local governments throughout and within the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina that:

Section 1: The projects in attachment 1 have successfully completed project planning review. The project planning reviews are a part of the projects’ permanent record, and will be used in future programming and prioritization decisions. The projects are not subject to additional planning review unless there are significant changes in scope or finances, as determined by the appropriate committee.

Section 2: The project sponsors must endeavor to comply with any recommendations that have occurred as a result of the project planning review and will provide evidence of such in coordination meetings with NOACA staff. NOACA staff will report back to appropriate NOACA committees and the Board regarding the coordination meetings.

Section 3: The Executive Director is authorized to transmit certified copies of this resolution to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency adopted this 16th day of December 2016.

Secretary: 

Date Signed: 12.16.16