



RESOLUTION 2019-024: NOACA GEAUGA COUNTY AMISH SAFETY BUILD PROJECT

**Board of Directors
June 14, 2019**

ACTION REQUESTED

Request that the Board of Directors approve the following Resolution:

- **Resolution 2019-2024, which approves \$1.5 million of NOACA Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding for the NOACA Geauga County Amish Safety BUILD project**

PREVIOUS ACTION

- **Resolution 2017-023 approving Geauga County Amish safety projects to NOACA long-range transportation plan**
- **Recommended for approval by the Executive Committee at its May 2019 meeting**



BACKGROUND

- Geauga County Amish Safety project was developed as a result of a strategic safety plan (2015)
 - Partnership between Geauga County, ODOT D12 and NOACA
- Plan identified projects needed to improve safety for motorists, Amish buggies, and pedestrians
 - Adopted into the NOACA LRTP (2017)



BACKGROUND

- 2018 – NOACA submitted an application for US DOT BUILD program funding
- Project included:
 - Widened shoulders
 - buggy lanes (8')
 - pedestrian facilities (4')
 - Warning and detection signal systems
 - Signage improvements
 - Motorists and pedestrians



BACKGROUND

- **\$14.3 million – total application project cost**
 - \$9,651,000 BUILD program request
 - \$3.1 million ODOT Safety funds
 - \$1.5 million NOACA TAP funds
 - Best enable the project to compete for funding under the BUILD program guidelines and criteria



BACKGROUND

- **December 2018: NOACA was notified by US DOT that the project was selected for BUILD program funding**
 - Full \$9,651,000 request awarded
- **Since announcement, staff has worked with ODOT, FHWA and Geauga County to determine approach for project administration**



BACKGROUND

- **BUILD program requires all funds to be obligated for construction prior to September 30, 2020**
- **NOACA funds are planned for preliminary engineering and design phases**
 - Eligible in accordance with Board approved Environmental Justice and Toll Credits policies
- **Activities must begin as soon as possible for completion prior to obligation deadline**
 - One year estimated for completion (June 2020)



BACKGROUND

- **\$1.5 million funding request planned for inclusion in with development of 2021-2024 TIP**
- **Originally planned for Board approval in June 2019**
 - Delayed to September 2019 due to postponement of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
- **Allows for the necessary time to complete engineering and design phases prior to BUILD program deadline**

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **Request would commit \$1.5 million of NOACA TAP funding to the project**
 - Funding advanced through NOACA Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program authority in SFY 2019
 - Returned to STBG program from TAP program in SFY 2021
- **No impact to existing SFY 2018-2021 TIP projects**

NEXT STEPS

- Pending Board approval, the NOACA TIP will be amended to incorporate the recommended project funding
- Project development and design activities will be advanced



ACTION

Approval of Resolution 2019-024, which approves \$1.5 million of NOACA Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding for the NOACA Geauga County Amish Safety BUILD project



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