



**RESOLUTION 2019-025:  
NOACA BOARD SUPPORT FOR INCREASED  
FUNDING FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN OHIO**

**Board of Directors  
June 14, 2019**

# ACTION REQUESTED

The Board is asked to consider Resolution 2019-025, which expresses support for increased funding for public transportation in the SFY 2020-2021 Ohio Operating Budget

## PREVIOUS ACTION

In March 2019, the Board adopted a resolution supporting increased transit funding as part of the SFY 2020-2021 Transportation Budget

External Affairs Committee directed development of another resolution of support prior to enactment of the SFY 2020-2021 Operating Budget

# BACKGROUND

- **March 8 NOACA Board resolution supported increased revenue for transportation, in the SFY 2020-2021 Transportation Budget**
- **Resolution 2019-013 also recommended funding public transportation to at least the \$120 million goal contained in the 2015 ODOT Transit Needs Study**



# BACKGROUND

Transportation Budget, signed into law on April 3, commits to funding public transit at \$70 million

- Up from the current \$33 million level
- Actual funding deferred to the upcoming state Operating Budget, due to be finalized by June 30.



# BACKGROUND

## Operating Budget legislation (HB 166):

- Includes \$70 million for transit
- Passed the Ohio House and pending before the Senate



# BACKGROUND

At April External Affairs Committee meeting, chair directed NOACA Board to send resolution requesting that the Ohio General Assembly and the Governor ensure:

- The previous commitment to fund public transportation at \$70 million annually is approved in the Operating Budget, and
- Continued search for additional resources for public transit



# UPDATE

- **New development: An additional \$6.5 million, proposed by the Governor and appropriated by the House for rural transit and elderly assistance programs, was removed by Senate**
- **These dollars are in addition to the \$70 million committed in the Transportation Budget**
- **Loss will hurt both rural and urban transit agencies**
- **OPTA urging Senate to restore these funds**
- **Board may wish to amend today's resolution to include this additional \$6.5 million**

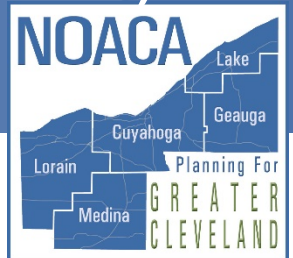
# UPDATE

## PROPOSED ODOT TRANSIT FUNDING:

**\$13 million GRF:** Rural Transit Program  
Urban Transit Program  
Elderly & Disabled Fare Assistance Program  
Specialized Transportation Program  
ODOT administration

**\$63.5 million GRF:** Urban Transit Program (\$14.8 M)  
Ohio Transit Partnership Program (\$48.7)

**\$76.5 million TOTAL**





# UPDATE

**Board may further wish to stipulate that ODOT allocate \$63.5 million (previous flex funds) using:**

- Federal Transit Authority (FTA) formulas, based on ridership, population, and other applicable metrics
- National Transit Database (NTD) verified data and metrics
- Equitable and consistent local match requirements – to provide equity to transit systems that raise and use local dollars, and not penalize those who've made significant local investments

# FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact from adoption of this resolution.

# NEXT STEPS

Once approved, NOACA staff will transmit copies of this resolution to members of the Ohio General Assembly and the Governor of Ohio

# ACTION

Approval of Resolution 2019-025, which expresses the NOACA Board's support for funding transit in the state Operating Budget at the \$70 million level, as previously committed to by the General Assembly and Governor of Ohio in the Transportation Budget



Motion  
Second  
Discussion  
Put the Question



# ACTION

Action to modify Resolution 2019-025, to change the recommended funding level for public transportation from \$70 million to \$76.5 million, inclusive of the additional \$6.5 million included in the House version of HB 166, the SFY 2020-2021 Ohio Operating Budget



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