NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: June 7, 2019


ACTION REQUESTED
The Board of Directors is asked to approve Resolution 2019-023, which approves the NOACA-ODOT biennial agreement from State Fiscal Years 2020-2021, which must be in place by July 1, 2019.

The Executive Committee recommended this action.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION
As the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for Northeast Ohio and a subrecipient of federal and state transportation planning funds, NOACA must work with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) in conducting the metropolitan planning process.

This agreement focuses on interagency coordination regarding various aspects of state and federal metropolitan planning requirements. It has been reviewed by ODOT staff and NOACA staff, and is consistent with previous agreements. Specifically, the agreement addresses:

- The purpose, designation and boundaries of the MPO
- Financial reporting
- NOACA’s Overall Work Program (OWP) and required planning activities/products
- Coordination with various transportation-related entities
- Billings, compensation, annual audits and OWP completion reports
- Nondiscrimination and compliance with regulations
- Conduct, ethics, integrity and conflicts of interest
- Restrictions on lobbying

FINANCIAL IMPACT
The biennial agreement must be in place by June 30, 2019 for planning work beginning July 1, 2019 to be eligible for federal and state funding reimbursement.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS
With Board approval, the Executive Director will sign this agreement and transmit the document to ODOT officials.

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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, as the metropolitan planning organization for Northeast Ohio, NOACA is responsible for the region's comprehensive, cooperative and continuing (3-C) metropolitan transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, NOACA receives federal and state transportation planning dollars, and is required to work with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to advance the transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, NOACA and ODOT have a long history of entering into biennial interagency agreements to cooperate on the transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, an interagency agreement between NOACA and ODOT that addresses various aspects of state and federal metropolitan planning requirements and best practices is required.

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 attached 2019 NOACA-ODOT interagency agreement is hereby approved.

Section 2. 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 Governing Board of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency adopted this 14th day of June, 2019.

Secretary

Date Signed: 6-14-2019