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

WHEREAS, the NOCA Board adopted a resolution at their March 8, 2019, Board of Directors supporting an increase to the motor fuel user fee with the recommendation to the Ohio General Assembly to also increase funding for public transportation to at least the $120 million goal contained in the 2015 Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Transit Needs Study, representative of the benefit that transit provides to the entire transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the NOCA Board’s March 8 resolution also supports the continued exploration of additional resources for public transit in Ohio;

WHEREAS, the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020-2021 Ohio Transportation Budget, enacted on April 3, 2019, committed to funding public transportation at $70 million annually, but deferred the actual funding action to the upcoming state Operating Budget, due to be finalized by June 30;

WHEREAS, NOACA’s External Affairs Committee requested that the NOACA Board adopt a resolution requesting that members of the Ohio General Assembly and the Governor of Ohio ensure that the previous commitment to fund public transportation at $70 million annually is approved in the Operating Budget, and continue to explore additional resources for public transit in order to fulfill the recommendations of the 2015 ODOT Transit Needs Study;

WHEREAS, the Governor of Ohio’s budget proposal and the Ohio House-passed budget actually funded transit at $76.5 million; and

WHEREAS, the substitute budget introduced by the Ohio Senate reduced transit funding back to the $70 million level;

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 NOACA Board requests that members of the Ohio General Assembly and the Governor of Ohio fund public transportation at $76.5 million annually in the SFY 2020-2021 Operating Budget, and continue to explore additional resources for public transit in order to fulfill the recommendations of the 2015 ODOT Transit Needs Study.

Section 2. The NOACA Board requests that ODOT allocate funds, to the extent possible, using Federal Transit Authority (FTA) formulas; National Transit Database (NTD) ridership, population, and other applicable data; and consistent local match requirements to provide equity to transit systems that raise and use local dollars.
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-025
(NOACA Board support for increased funding for public transportation in Ohio)

Section 3. The Executive Director is authorized to transmit certified copies of this resolution to members of the legislature, and 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 X day of [month year].

Secretary: [Signature]

Date Signed: 6-14-2019