NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: June 7, 2019

RE: Resolution No. 2019-027: Procurement – Regional Strategic Transit Plan

ACTION REQUESTED
The Board is asked to approve this item, which will award a contract to AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for NOACA's Regional Strategic Transit Plan not to exceed the amount of $148,916.

The Finance and Audit Committee recommends this action.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION
Transit is an important aspect of the transportation network, and mobility choices are vital to the health and vibrancy of a region. Public transit options reduce congestion, personal transportation costs, and carbon output. Public transit is not just a form of alternative transportation, but provides options for lower-income households, the elderly, and people with disabilities. Public transit provides access to healthcare, entertainment, and educational facilities, among other daily activities and destinations.

The region's population density is declining, and the population is expanding outward into townships and previously rural areas. NOACA and the region's transit systems will need to plan accordingly to meet the needs of the region's population and to prioritize limited transportation funding. The region must balance transit needs with demands, determining where to expand or reduce service, and where to strengthen core services.

In light of these factors, NOACA is looking to develop a Regional Strategic Transit plan. The overall goals of this plan is to (1) recommend how to prioritize transit investments within the NOACA region (analyze current funding mechanisms, current and long term funding needs, provide a baseline economic value analysis), (2) identify gaps and needs in transit service regionally based upon the Fixed Route service networks of each of the transit agencies in the NOACA region and (3) identify strategies on how to better connect the region through transit and use of other NOACA products like the Transit Oriented Development and Transit Asset Management plans. This will be done through a collaborative effort of NOACA and regional transit agencies and stakeholders.

On March 8th, 2019 NOACA issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Regional Strategic Transit Plan.

The proposals were due on April 17th, 2019. NOACA received two proposals. Vendors were scored on four criteria: project approach, experience, qualifications and cost. After evaluating the proposals, the NOACA review team selected the vendor with the highest scores which was AECOM Technical Services Inc.
FINANCIAL IMPACT
The proposed contract will be executed for 18 months commencing on or around July 2019 and ending on or around December 2020; at a cost not to exceed $148,916. This project is funded by the Office of Statewide Planning and Research grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS
If approved, NOACA will enter into contract with AECOM Technical Services Inc. for a term July 1st, 2019-December 1st, 2020.

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RESOLUTION 2019-027
(REGIONAL STRATEGIC TRANSIT PLAN)

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, Medina, the City of Cleveland and the areawide water quality management agency for the same region; and

WHEREAS, Transit is an important aspect of the transportation network, and mobility choices are vital to the health and vibrancy of a region. Public transit options reduce congestion, personal transportation costs, and carbon output; and

WHEREAS, NOACA and the region’s transit systems will need to plan accordingly to meet the needs of the region’s population and to prioritize limited transportation funding. The region must balance transit needs with demands, determining where to expand or reduce service, and where to strengthen core services; and

WHEREAS, NOACA’s procurement policy requires that these consulting services be obtained through a competitive process following all applicable federal, state, and local policies and regulations, which was accomplished through a Request for Proposals issued on March 8th, 2019, with two proposals received on April 17th, 2019.

WHEREAS, AECOM Technical Services Inc. was determined to best provide these services.

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

Section 1. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to enter into a contract for services with the firm of AECOM Technical Services Inc in an amount not to exceed $148,916 for this project. Commencing on or around July 1st, 2019 and ending around December 1st, 2020.

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 Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency adopted this 14th day of June 2019.

Secretary: John R. Hamershek

Date Signed: 6-14-2019