NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: June 7, 2019

RE: Resolution 2019-029: Project Funding Requests – LOR Avon Citywide Bicycle and Multi-use Path TLCI Study

ACTION REQUESTED
The Board of Directors is asked to approve Resolution 2019-029, which approves additional funding for the City of Avon Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) study project of $15,000 to expand the study area into the adjacent community of Sheffield Village.

The Finance and Audit Committee recommended this action.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION
The Avon Citywide Bicycle and Multi-Use Path Master Plan TLCI study project is programmed in SFY 2019 of the current 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with a NOACA commitment of $30,000 of TLCI program funds. The current project scope and funding commitment was developed to establish a bicycle and pedestrian plan for the Avon incorporated area.

In the most recent TLCI funding cycle, Sheffield Village submitted an application to study a potential bicycle route connection in an area adjacent to the Avon incorporated area. Sheffield Village requested $15,000 for the project, however, the project was not recommended for funding at that time as an independent project.

Subsequent meetings with Avon and Sheffield Village, and Lorain County Metro Parks officials were conducted to better understand the larger context of the communities’ needs, it was collectively determined that extending the existing Avon TLCI study area into the proposed Sheffield Village study area is needed to best plan and evaluate connection of the communities to the larger regional bicycle and pedestrian network in Lorain County.

Therefore, the communities are requesting an increased NOACA TLCI program funding commitment of $15,000, as originally requested by Sheffield Village, to expand the study project across communities to provide maximum project benefit. A local match of $5,000 (20%) has been committed from the Lorain County Metro Parks for a total cost of $20,000. If approved, the existing Avon TLCI consultant contract would be modified in scope and cost and the communities would partner in performance of the study.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
The request would increase the NOACA funding commitment to the City of Avon TLCI study project by $15,000 from $30,000 to $45,000. The increase would be funded utilizing savings from TLCI projects.
coming in under estimate. Therefore, there is no impact to other projects funded through the TLCI program or the TIP.

**CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

With Board approval, the TIP will be amended to incorporate the additional scope and funding for the project.

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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, the Avon Citywide Bicycle and Multi-Use Path Master Plan TLCI study project was awarded $30,000 of TLCI study funds (Resolution 2018-012) programmed in SFY 2019 of the current 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, the current project scope and funding commitment was developed to establish a bicycle and pedestrian plan for the Avon incorporated area; and

WHEREAS, Sheffield Village submitted an application in 2019 to study bicycle route connections in an area adjacent to the Avon incorporated area, requesting $15,000 of NOACA TLCI funds; and

WHEREAS, the Sheffield Village project was not was not recommended for funding at that time as an independent project; and

WHEREAS, subsequent meetings with Avon and Sheffield Village, and Lorain County Metro Parks officials were conducted to better understand the larger context of the communities’ needs; and

WHEREAS, it was collectively determined that extending the existing Avon TLCI study area into the proposed Sheffield Village study area is needed to best plan and evaluate connection of the communities to the larger regional bicycle and pedestrian network in Lorain County; and

WHEREAS, the communities are requesting an increase to the NOACA funding commitment to the City of Avon TLCI study project by $15,000 from $30,000 to $45,000, as originally requested by Sheffield Village, to expand the study project across communities to provide maximum project benefit; and

WHEREAS, a local match of $5,000 (20%) has been committed from the Lorain County Metro Parks for a total cost of $20,000; and

WHEREAS, the increase would be funded utilizing savings from TLCI projects coming in under estimate. Therefore, there is no impact to other projects funded through the TLCI program or the TIP.

WHEREAS, if approved, the existing Avon TLCI consultant contract would be modified in scope and cost and the communities would partner in performance of the study.

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. Additional funding for the City of Avon Citywide Bicycle and Multi-Use Path Master Plan Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) project of $15,000 to expand the study area into the adjacent community of Sheffield Village is approved.

Section 2. The Executive Director is authorized to transmit certified copies of this resolution to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies.
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-029
(Project Funding Requests – LOR Avon Citywide Bicycle and Multi-use Path TLCI Study)

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: John. R. Hamrock

Date Signed: 6-14-2019