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ACTION REQUESTED

No action is requested at this time. This item is for information and presentation only.

PREVIOUS ACTION

TLCI Policy adopted January 2015 (Resolution 2015-016)

BACKGROUND

- **Purpose of TLCI is to improve livability in Northeast Ohio's communities**
- **Two components:**
 - Planning Study Program: Assists communities to develop transportation planning studies that facilitate and promote sustainable development, multimodal transportation, and complete and green streets
 - Implementation Program: Provides funding assistance for communities to implement priority projects identified in TLCI or TLCI-like community developed plans
- **Support the vision of NOACA's Regional Strategic Plan and long-range transportation plan**
 - TLCI program objectives



BACKGROUND

September 2018 Citizens Advisory Council Meeting

- Staff presented an overview of TLCI program policy and process

February 2019 Special Meeting with CAC Members

- NOACA staff further presented the TLCI application process
- City of Cleveland Planning Commission presented the City's process to partner with stakeholders and non-eligible entities
- CAC members offered to provide a role in communicating TLCI program and improving coordination with local stakeholders



BACKGROUND

- **CAC expressed concerns regarding:**
 - Effective dissemination of program information to external stakeholders
 - Coordination of potential project impacts with community and business groups
 - Ensuring that public and stakeholder input informs proposed projects prior to sponsor application – ‘bottom up planning’



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TLCI PROGRAM POLICY

- **Adopted in 2015 (2015-016), establishing a framework for TLCI program management**
 - Project eligibility
 - Project selection
 - Sponsor responsibilities
- **Does not adequately address the CAC concerns**



BACKGROUND

Opportunities for improvement based on CAC input

- Require a public meeting/hearing for the proposed project prior to application
- Require coordination with interested and/or impacted community and business groups prior to application



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Opportunities for improvement based on CAC input

- Develop application guidance specific to external partners, including community and business groups
- Disseminate program announcements through advisory councils and stakeholders to better target special groups

Others based on Policy Committee experience?



NEXT STEPS

Potential revisions of the TLCI program policy will be brought back to the Committee, as necessary

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NOACA: Planning For Greater Cleveland

NOACA will **STRENGTHEN** regional cohesion, **PRESERVE** existing infrastructure, and **BUILD** a sustainable multimodal transportation system to **SUPPORT** economic development and **ENHANCE** quality of life in Northeast Ohio.

