

OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION (OTIC) MEMBERSHIP

**Governance Committee
August 23, 2019**



ACTION REQUESTED

No action is requested in this time. This is for information and discussion only.

PREVIOUS ACTION

This issue was discussed at the May Governance Committee meeting.

BACKGROUND

- At the May Governance Committee meeting, staff was asked to research whether other MPOs have Tolling Authorities representation on their boards.
- In Ohio, the following MPO regions touch the Turnpike, but the OTIC is not represented on their boards:
 - Toledo (TMACOG)
 - Erie County (ERMPO)
 - NOACA
 - Akron (AMATS)
 - Youngstown (EASTGATE)

BACKGROUND

Policy Boards for the following MPOs outside of Ohio also do not have Turnpike Commissions represented as members:

- Philadelphia
- New York
- New Jersey
- San Francisco
- Chicago

BACKGROUND

Other facts to consider:

- In the NOACA region, the Ohio Turnpike has four exits in Lorain County and one in Cuyahoga County.
- The Ohio Turnpike Commission is headquartered in Berea.
- There is currently no opportunity to receive funding from the Ohio Turnpike Commission as bonding has been exhausted.
- Turnpike Commission Director Ferzan Ahmed has expressed interest in participating in discussions on the Hyperloop.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

There is no financial impact.



NEXT STEPS

If the Governance Committee recommends adding the OTIC to the NOACA Board, an amendment to the NOACA Code of Regulations would be required.

That amendment would have to be ratified by all five counties.

Discussion



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OHIO**

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Geauga
Cuyahoga
Lorain
Medina

**AREAWIDE
COORDINATING
AGENCY**

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.

