NORTH EAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: December 6, 2019

RE: Resolution 2019-047: NOACA’s 2020 Legislative Agenda

ACTION REQUESTED
The Board of Directors is asked to adopt the 2020 NOACA Legislative Agenda. The Executive Committee recommended the proposed Legislative Agenda at its meeting on November 8, 2019, and the External Affairs Committee recommended it on October 11, 2019.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION
The 2020 NOACA Legislative Agenda is comprised of a platform of basic principals and specific priorities for advocacy efforts in Washington D.C. and Columbus. The 2019 NOACA Legislative Agenda was approved by the NOACA Board in December 2018. Similarly, the 2020 Legislative Agenda will be used to inform audiences of the values and priorities of the NOACA region as they relate to state and federal policy.

The basic principles in the Legislative Agenda do not change much from year to year, as they are statements that reflect the core policy ideas of the Agency and are representative of fundamental NOACA values articulated in the NOACA Regional Strategic Plan. At this time, the 2020 Legislative Agenda remains identical to the 2019 Legislative Agenda.

However, the Board may wish to give consideration to articulating more specific Initiatives for Action that address policy priorities highlighted in the Legislative Agenda. These Initiatives would require significant planning and coordination to achieve, either through legislative or administrative means. To this end, NOACA will engage the Board in a discussion regarding potential advocacy initiatives to augment our 2020 Legislative Agenda. For your reference, a copy of the proposed 2020 Legislative Agenda is attached, along with proposed Initiatives for Action.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
There is no direct financial impact.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS
The NOACA 2020 Legislative Agenda will guide advocacy efforts during calendar year 2020.
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, NOACA is responsible for transportation planning and transportation system performance management in accordance with federal law – the FAST Act.

WHEREAS, the resources needed to preserve and maintain the transportation system of the NOACA region currently far exceed the funds available to the region in aggregate.

WHEREAS, NOACA has developed a legislative agenda that advocates for a transportation platform that is consistent with the NOACA vision as well as specific priorities for consideration by policy makers.

WHEREAS, NOACA’s Executive Committee has recommended this resolution for adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, consisting of forty-four 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 NOACA 2020 Legislative Agenda (Exhibit 1) is hereby endorsed.

Section 2. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of this Resolution and the Legislative Agenda to President Donald Trump, federal administration officials, and members of Congress; as well as Governor Mike DeWine, Ohio administration officials, and members of the Ohio General Assembly.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency adopted this day of December 13, 2019.

Secretary: John R. Hamersdick
Date Signed: 12-13-2019