NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: December 6, 2019

RE: Resolution No. 2019-052: Programming Grant Funds for an Update to the E 66th Street Corridor Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) Plan

ACTION REQUESTED
The Board of Directors is asked to approve the addition of the E 66th Street Corridor Update Project to the 2020 TLCI program, amend the fiscal year 2020 budget, and award the contract to the selected consultant; funded through a Cleveland Foundation Grant, in the amount of $150,000.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION
In 2010, NOACA approved funding for the League Park Neighborhood District Plan, sponsored by the City of Cleveland, through the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) program. The study was completed in 2012, which established a strategy for future investment in the Hough neighborhood, specifically the League Park District.

Since the completion of the original plan in 2012, there have been significant undertakings within and beyond the immediate study area. In addition to investments made by the residents and community stakeholders, several recent catalytic announcements have tipped the momentum toward the need to revisit the plan for a comprehensive update, including:

- the recent decision by The Cleveland Foundation to move its headquarters to E. 66th and Euclid;
- the new location of the Hough Branch of the Cleveland Public Library at the corner of E. 66th and Lexington;
- the development plans for Allen Estates single and multi-family housing; and the plans for an innovation district between Euclid and Chester along E. 66th Street.

An immediate update to the original plan, both in content and expanded geography, is needed to best guide known and planned future investments in the corridor. The study update will address the following areas of focus:

- Conduct new community outreach and involvement;
- Expand the original study area along E. 66th Street from Chester to Euclid;
- Integrate the updated land uses adjacent to the E. 66th Corridor study area;
• Consider the planned Cleveland Foundation Head Quarters, Innovation District campus plans, proposed housing developments, and updated vacant land mapping;
• Align with existing or identified future planning efforts;
• Update of infrastructure plans providing for green and complete streets to provide seamless transportation access for all modes;
• Update the implementation schedule and general cost estimates.

City Architecture has been selected to develop the E 66th Street Corridor Update Project in accordance with standard TLCI procurement procedures. This is the firm that completed the original 2012 TLCI study as well.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
The total cost of the project is $150,000, funded by a Cleveland Foundation Grant award. This action will not impact any funding for the current TLCI solicitation.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS
With Board approval, the budget will be amended and staff will work with the project sponsor to program and develop 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, in 2010, NOACA approved funding for the League Park Neighborhood District Plan, sponsored by the City of Cleveland, through the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) program.; and

WHEREAS, the study was completed in 2012, which established a strategy for future investment in the Hough neighborhood, specifically the League Park District; and

WHEREAS, In addition to investments made by the residents and community stakeholders, several recent catalytic announcements have tipped the momentum toward the need to revisit the plan for a comprehensive update, including:

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WHEREAS, an immediate update to the original plan, both in content and expanded geography, is needed to best guide known and planned future investments in the corridor; and

WHEREAS, NOACA received a grant in the amount of $150,000 to fund the comprehensive update to the League Park District TLCI; and

WHEREAS, City Architecture has been selected to develop the E 66th Street Corridor Update Project in accordance with standard TLCI procurement procedures.

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. The E 66th Street Corridor Update Project will be added to the 2020 TLCI Program.

Section 2. The fiscal year 2020 OWP and budget will be amended in the amount of $150,000 received from the Cleveland Foundation from a grant award.

Section 3. The Executive Director is authorized to enter into a contract with City Architecture for the development of the E 66th Street Corridor Update Project.

Section 4. The Executive Director is authorized to transmit certified copies of this resolution to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies.
Resolution No. 2019-052:
Programming Grant Funds to
Update the E 66th St. Corridor TLCI Plan

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

Secretary: John R. Hameshaur

Date Signed: 12-13-2019