EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Board of Directors
March 13, 2020
LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Hyperloop Feasibility Study:
Public comments accepted through March 30
Kick-off for LRTP Public Engagement

- January 28 at the Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum/ Cleveland History Center.
- Presentation highlighted what has been accomplished since AIM Forward 2040’s adoption and expectations to consider in upcoming plan.
- Attendees offered opinions on Plan issues using polling devices.

https://www.noaca.org/regional-planning/major-planning-documents/lrtp
Several news articles followed the press conference, including:

**NOACA looks to the next 20 years of transportation**
The Elyria Chronicle Telegram – January 29

**NOACA's Long-Range Plan Looking At Transportation Aspirations For 2045**
Ideastream.org – January 29

**Northeast Ohio transit in 2045: What’s next?**
cleveland.com – January 28

**Hyperloop, Other Opportunities Considered by NOACA in Long Range Transportation Plan**
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette – December 17
LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Presentation: *From Hyperloop to Electric Charging Vehicles*

- Tuesday, February 18, 4 – 6 p.m.
- Focus on Transportation Technology Innovations
- Held at the Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum/Cleveland History Center - Guests toured the Alternative Fuels - *Electric, Steam or Gasoline* Exhibit
- NOACA was one of the exhibit sponsors.
Letter from The White House

February 25, 2020

Ms. Grace Gallucci
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Ms. Gallucci,

I appreciate you taking the time to share your suggestions on critical issues facing our Nation. I am proud to continue working on behalf of all Americans to strengthen our economy, protect our country, and hold our Government accountable.

I know that no challenge will outmatch the resolve of the American people. Together, united in our efforts, we will build a stronger and more prosperous country for future generations.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

• Acknowledges NOACA’s federal advocacy efforts on key issues
• “I am proud to continue working on behalf of all Americans to strengthen our economy, protect our country, and hold our Government accountable.”
LEGISLATIVE & FUNDING ISSUES

USDOT BUILD Program

• USDOT has issued a notice of funding for the BUILD- “Better Utilizing Infrastructure to Leverage Development” Program

• $1 billion is available for surface transportation infrastructure projects that will have a significant local or regional impact

• The deadline to submit projects to USDOT is May 18th
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NARC National Conference of Regions

- February 9 – 12, 2020
  - Annual forum to determine the legislative agenda and significant policy issues for the calendar year
- February 12 – Capitol Hill Day
  - Met with nearly all members of NOACA’s Congressional delegation
  - Discussed reauthorization of the federal FAST Act; federal funding for transportation and infrastructure investments; and the Great Lakes Hyperloop project
OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP)

Ozone Season Began March 1

- Air Quality advisories issued when air pollution levels are determined to be unhealthy for sensitive populations
- Actions people can take are recommended to reduce pollution levels
- Anyone can sign up to receive advisories
  https://www.noaca.org/regional-planning/air-quality-planning/air-quality-advisories
- Season ends October 31
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Lunch and Learn – April 16, noon – 1 p.m.

“Equitable Public Engagement”

Panel Discussion: How an equitable, inclusive community engagement approach helps ensure that the people most affected by transportation projects have a say in the decisions that can affect their quality of life

Panelists:

• Richard Wong, Planning Director, City of Cleveland Heights
• Nick Gorris, Deputy Engineer, Geauga County Engineer’s Office
• Nelson Beckford, The Cleveland Foundation, Program Director, Neighborhood Revitalization & Engagement
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SFYs 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Public Involvement

- 30-day public involvement period: March 13 – April 16
- Seven public meetings were cancelled due to the COVID-19 as a precautionary measure
- Media Releases, Social Media and other marketing efforts have been used to solicit public comment with a newly developed interactive online tool
- Draft copy of TIP will be available as well as maps of TIP projects in all five counties
- Interactive TIP tool available at www.noaca.org/tip2124
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NOACA Transportation Day

- Friday, May 1, 9 a.m.
- Jerry Sue Thornton Center at Cuyahoga Community College (Metro campus)
- Opportunity for local officials to learn about NOACA responsibilities, programs and projects
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Next Board of Directors meeting:
June 12, 2020, 9 a.m.

RSVP to Amy at astacy@mpo.noaca.org
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.