NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Galiucci, Executive Director

DATE: March 6, 2020

RE: Resolution No. 2020-015: Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) Program Project Recommendations

ACTION REQUESTED
The Board of Directors is asked to approve the 2020 Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) Program project recommendations. The Planning and Programming Committee has recommended this action.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION
NOACA's Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) Program provides assistance to communities for integrated transportation and land use planning and projects that strengthen community livability. TLCI advances the goals of NOACA's Regional Strategic Plan by:

- Developing transportation projects that provide more travel options
- Promoting reinvestment in underutilized or vacant/abandoned properties
- Supporting economic development
- Ensuring that the benefits of growth and change are available to all members of a community
- Enhancing regional cohesion
- Providing people with safe and reliable transportation choices

The TLCI Program has two components: The TLCI Planning Studies Program and the TLCI Implementation Program. The TLCI Planning Studies Program assists communities to develop transportation planning studies that facilitate and promote sustainable development, multimodal transportation, and complete and green streets. The TLCI Implementation Program provides funding assistance for communities to implement priority projects identified in TLCI or TLCI-like community developed plans.

An application round was opened for both planning studies and implementation projects on August 29, 2019. On October 11, 2019, NOACA received 20 requests for funding: four planning study requests totaling about $476,000 and 16 implementation project requests totaling about $4.8 million. In addition, NOACA's proposed three regional planning study projects total $750,000. All requests were evaluated based on the criteria established in the TLCI Policy.

This year NOACA focused its solicitation of applications for its Planning Studies program on projects that promote regional benefit. Applications for community-based planning studies that did not provide a larger regional benefit were not considered to be eligible. Three of the applications that were deemed
ineligible as a result, however, were incorporated into the regional studies as they were closely aligned. As previously discussed, studies that provide a regional benefit and are being recommended this round by NOACA are:

- Downtown Cleveland Transportation Connectivity Study
- Regional Metroparks Trails/Transportation Connections Study
- Regional Lakefront Transportation Connections Study

Projects recommended for both the planning studies and implementation projects are attached.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**
This action recommends $2,020,500 ($2,000,000 annual allocation and $20,500 in carryover) in available funding for the 2020 TLCI program to be awarded to the recommended projects. The TLCI program is funded by an annual set aside from NOACA’s Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program funds during the development of NOACA’s annual Overall Work Program and biennial TIP.

Based on TLCI policy, up to $500,000 of the $2,000,000 annually budgeted amount has historically been made available for planning studies, and the remaining $1,500,000 for implementation projects. In order to meet the scope needs of the three regionally focused planning studies recommended this round, NOACA is seeking an exception to approved TLCI annual budget to allow for $750,000 in TLCI funds for those planning studies, with the remaining $1,270,500 allocated to implementation projects. The overall TLCI budget is not impacted.

**CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**
Pending Board approval, NOACA staff will work with project sponsors as needed to implement the projects.

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**Attachment 1** – NOACA SFY2020 TLCI Planning Study Recommendations

**Attachment 2** – NOACA SFY2020 TLCI Implementation Project Recommendations
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, Medina, and the City of Cleveland; and the areawide water quality management agency for the same region; and

WHEREAS, NOACA’s Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) provides assistance to communities for integrated transportation and land use planning and projects that strengthen community livability; and

WHEREAS, the TLCI Program has two components: The TLCI Planning Studies Program and the TLCI Implementation Program; and

WHEREAS, the TLCI Planning Studies Program assists communities to develop transportation planning studies that facilitate and promote sustainable development, multimodal transportation, and complete and green streets. The TLCI Implementation Program provides funding assistance for communities to implement priority projects identified in TLCI or TLCI-like community developed plans; and

WHEREAS, the TLCI program is funded by the Board approved annual set aside of $2,000,000 from NOACA’s Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program funds (Resolution 2019-045) and the annual Overall Work Program (OWP); and

WHEREAS, an application round was opened for both planning studies and implementation projects on August 29, 2019 - October 11, 2019. NOACA received 20 requests for funding: four planning study requests totaling about $476,000 and 16 implementation project requests totaling about $4.8 million. In addition, NOACA proposed three regional planning study projects totaling $750,000.

WHEREAS, based on the TLCI Policy, up to $500,000 of a $2,000,000 allocation has historically been available for planning studies, and the remaining $1,500,000 for implementation projects. NOACA is seeking an exception this round to approved TLCI annual budget to allow for $750,000 in TLCI funds for the planning studies, with the remaining $1,270,500 allocated to implementation projects.

WHEREAS, all applications were evaluated based on the criteria established in the TLCI Policy; and

WHEREAS, this action recommends $2,020,500 ($2M annual allocation and $20,500 in carryover) in available TLCI program funding to be awarded to the recommended projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, consisting of 46 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: Projects and funding amounts contained in Attachment 1 are approved for incorporation in the NOACA 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
**Section 2:** Projects are approved with 2021 funding but can be advanced within the TIP with prior year funds should they become available.

**Section 3:** The Executive Director is authorized to enter into contracts with appropriate entities, as needed, to implement the approved projects.

**Section 4:** The Executive Director is authorized to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency adopted this 13th day of March 2020.

Secretary: [Signature]

Date Signed: March 13, 2020
## Attachment 1 – NOACA SFY2020 TLCI Planning Study Recommendations

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