TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: June 5, 2020

RE: Resolution 2020-020 – OWP Budget Amendment - NACDD Grant for Walkability Action Institute

ACTION REQUESTED
The Board of Directors is asked to amend the SFY 2020 OWP and Budget in the amount of $10,374 for funding received through the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) for regional participation in the Sixth Annual Walkability Action Institute (WAI).

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION
In December 2019, NOACA submitted application to the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) for competitive funding assistance to support regional attendance at the Sixth Annual Walkability Action Institute (WAI). The purpose of the WAI is to prepare interdisciplinary teams from MPO regions (or other similar regional entities) to pursue policy, systems, and environmental (PSE) supports for walking and walkability. The WAI supports NOACA goals and objectives related to safe, affordable, and accessible transportation for all people, while improving health, safety, connectivity, and economic growth.

The proposal was successful and NOACA was awarded a grant in the amount of $10,374. The funding will support travel and registration for eight identified participants, with representation from NOACA, NEOSCC, Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Department of Transportation, public health agencies and institutions, and one local elected official. The WAI is currently postponed due to COVID-19, however it is expected to be rescheduled as soon as conditions allow for safe travel and gathering.

Attending WAI as a regional, multisector team will allow for greater interaction across public, private, and non-profit agencies, informing the process through multisector input, incorporating PSE actions, and creating regional cohesion for improved walkability, connectivity, health, and economic impact.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
The SFY 2020 Budget will be increased in the amount of $10,374. NOACA will be responsible for disbursements of the grant to attending participants.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS
Pending Board approval, staff will work with NACDD to execute necessary grant requirements. Lessons learned at the WAI will influence future NOACA work and collaboration.

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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 December 2019, NOACA submitted application to the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) for competitive funding assistance to support regional attendance at the Sixth Annual Walkability Action Institute (WAI); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the WAI is to prepare interdisciplinary teams from MPO regions (or other similar regional entities) to pursue policy, systems, and environmental (PSE) supports for walking and walkability; and

WHEREAS, the WAI supports NOACA goals and objectives related to safe, affordable, and accessible transportation for all people, while improving health, safety, connectivity, and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, NOACA was awarded a grant in the amount of $10,374 to support travel and registration for eight identified regional participants, with representation from NOACA, NEOSCC, Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Department of Transportation, public health agencies and institutions, and one local elected official; and

WHEREAS, NOACA will be responsible for disbursements of the grant to attending participants.

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, and Medina, and the City of Cleveland that:

Section 1. The SFY 2020 Budget will be increased in the amount of $10,374.

Section 2. The Executive Director is authorized to transmit certified copies of this resolution to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution of the Governing Board of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency adopted this 12th day of June, 2020.

Secretary:

Date Signed: 6/11/2020