The purpose of the TLCI Program is to improve livability in Northeast Ohio’s communities through transportation investments

- Support the vision of NOACA’s Regional Strategic Plan and Long-Range Transportation Plan
- Provides federal funding assistance to local communities
- Support planning that leads to implementation
TLCI was authorized by the NOACA Board of Directors in May 2004

• Initially $1 million in Fiscal Year 2005, individual projects launched in calendar year 2006

• Over 100 TLCI planning studies have been completed since 2006
TLCl Program Investment:

- NOACA Planning Study Investment (2006-2020)
  - NOACA has partnered on 133 TLCl Planning Studies
  - $9,335,058 NOACA Investment
- NOACA Implementation Program Investment (2015-2020)
  - NOACA has supported 59 Implementation Projects since 2015
  - $8,049,667 NOACA Investment
Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI)

NOACA is now accepting applications for its 2021 TLCI Program!

- Applications for NOACA's Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative Planning Studies Program can be found here.
- Applications for NOACA's Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative Implementation Program can be found here.
TLCL APPLICANT WORKSHOP

TLCL Policy

• Adopted by the NOACA Board January 23, 2015
• Continues positive impact of the program with support of Planning Awards
• Created Implementation Program
• Policy lays out:
  • TLCL Program Objectives
  • Eligibility
  • Project Selection
  • Funding
  • Sponsor Responsibility
TLCI Policy Objectives:

• Develop transportation projects that provide more travel options through complete streets and context sensitive solutions, increasing user safety and supporting positive public health impacts

• Promote reinvestment in underutilized or vacant/abandoned properties through development concepts supported by multimodal transportation systems

• Support economic development through place-based transportation and land use recommendations, and connect these proposals with existing assets and investments
TLCI APPLICANT WORKSHOP

TLCI Policy Objectives (Continued):

• Ensure that the benefits and burdens of growth, change and transportation projects are distributed equitably by integrating accessibility and environmental justice into projects

• Enhance regional cohesion by supporting collaboration between regional and community partners

• Provide people with safe and reliable transportation choices that enhance their quality of life
TLCI APPLICANT WORKSHOP

TLCI Funding

• The annual budget for the TLCI program is set by the NOACA Board of Directors

• Currently, $2 million per funding cycle
  • Up to $500,000 available for Planning Studies
  • Remainder will be allocated to Implementation projects
  • Implementation projects must have a minimum $100,000 total project cost

• No funding cap on how much local project sponsors can request
TLCI APPLICANT WORKSHOP

TLCI Funding

- Awards will be made up to 80% of the total project cost
- As designated in NOACA Regional Transportation Investment Policy, Local match requirements can be waived or partially waived for:
  - Environmental Justice Areas,
  - Urban Core Communities, and
  - Disadvantaged Communities,
- This is consistent with and in support of NOACA’s Commitment to Racial Equity in Planning statement adopted on June 26, 2020, which in part states “NOACA is committed to being a leader in transforming our region into one where equity is achieved by creating access to opportunity through transportation and environmental planning.”
TLCI APPLICANT WORKSHOP

Eligibility

All local government agencies in NOACA region
  • Legal authority to sponsor a federal-aid capital improvement (ORC Chapter 5501.03 (d))
  • Non-profits (such as community development corporations) and advocacy organizations must partner with eligible government entity with jurisdiction over proposed project
  • Only eligible applicants can complete online application

Implementation Projects must be based on recommendations from a TLCI or TLCI-like study
  • TLCI-Like
    • Transportation focus
    • Sufficient public involvement (including 3 public meetings focused on the project)
    • Countermeasures that address a transportation problem
TLCI APPLICANT WORKSHOP

Project Sponsor Responsibilities

• TLCI is a federal reimbursable program
• TLCI Planning Studies awardees will work with NOACA and review the TLCI Consultant List to select potential primary (prime) consultants
• NOACA will hold contract with TLCI prime consultants
• TLCI projects are typically expected to be implemented within 24 months of award
2021 TLCI Planning Study Application

Transportation For Livable Communities Initiative

THIS APPLICATION IS DUE OCTOBER 16, 2020 by 12:00 p.m., EST.

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- 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

**THIS APPLICATION IS FOR PLANNING STUDIES ONLY!**

For more program information, including the IMPLEMENTATION APPLICATION, go to noaca.org/tlc.

Previously awarded TLCI supported planning studies can be found here: http://noaca.org/index.aspx?page=139.

Application Instructions

Please answer all application questions. Awards will be made for up to 80% of the total project cost and will require a minimum of a 20% local match. Local match requirements can be waived or partially waived for Environmental Justice Areas, Urban Core Communities and Disadvantaged Communities, as designated in NOACA Regional Transportation Investment Policy (pages 8 - 11). This approach is consistent with and in support of NOACA’s Commitment to Racial Equity in Planning statement adopted on June 26, 2020, which in part states “NOACA is committed to being a leader in transforming our region into one where equity is achieved by creating access to opportunity through transportation and environmental planning.”

Please submit applications, with all attachments, no later than 12:00 p.m., EST on October 16, 2020. All entities with eligible applications will be asked to discuss their project with NOACA staff for up to 30 minutes via video call during late October or early November 2020. NOACA will reach out to all applicants to schedule discussion times. For questions or concerns about the application, please contact Jim Thompson at jthompson@mpo.noaca.org or 216-241-2414 ext. 275.
Contact Information

Project Sponsor / Agency Name *

Address *
Address Line 1
Address Line 2
City State ZIP Code

Contact Name *

Title *

Office Phone Number *

E-mail Address *

Study Information

Preference for TLCI planning study development *
○ Consultant-led TLCI Planning Study
○ NOACA-led TLCI Planning Study (NOACA may consider NOACA-led studies based on staff capabilities, availability, and project needs)
○ Either Will Work

Study Name *

Total Project Cost *

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NOACA Funding Requested *

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Local Funding Committed *

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Please put ‘O’ if no local dollars are committed to this project.
Describe local funding sources here, if applicable

NOACA may consider partial funding for some projects. Please check the appropriate box below:

- My agency will be able to implement the project if provided partial funding
- My agency will not be able to implement the project if provided partial funding

Project Location (attach a location map at the end of the application)*

(e.g. city(s), neighborhood(s), etc.)

Project Study Area (including geographic boundaries)*

(e.g. node, intersection, corridor segment with termini, neighborhood, etc.)

Detailed Project Description (Please explain the transportation problem which will be studied, and why the study is needed).*

Proposed Study Components*

- Bicycle/Scooter Transportation Planning
- Pedestrian Transportation Planning
- Traffic Analysis
- Transit Planning
- Transportation Demand Management
- Economic Analysis*
- Land Use Planning*
- Redevelopment Planning*
- Other: __________________________

* Only transportation components are eligible as stand alone projects. Those with an asterisk above are only eligible as part of a transportation-focused study.
**Application Questions**

**Regional Strategic Plan Goals and TLCI Objectives (90 Points)**

**Instructions:** Each of the questions below relate TLCI Objectives with Regional Strategic Plan Goals. Projects are not required to meet all TLCI objectives to be considered for funding. Please answer the questions as concisely as possible.

1. How does the proposed study meet the first and sixth TLCI objectives to (1) Develop transportation projects that provide more travel options through complete streets and context sensitive solutions, increasing user safety and supporting positive public health impacts and to (6) Provide people with safe and reliable transportation choices that enhance their quality of life, while also advancing NOACA’s regional goals to build a sustainable, multi-modal transportation system and to enhance the quality of life in Northeast Ohio? (30 points)

2. How does the proposed study meet the second TLCI objective to (2) Promote reinvestment in underutilized or vacant/abandoned properties through development concepts supported by multimodal transportation systems and advance NOACA’s regional goal to enhance the quality of life in Northeast Ohio? (15 points)
3. How does the proposed study meet the third TLCI objective to (3) Support economic development through place-based transportation and land use recommendations, and connect these proposals with existing assets and investments and advance NOACA’s regional goals to PRESERVE existing infrastructure and to SUPPORT economic development? (15 points)

4. How does the proposed study meet the fourth TLCI objective to (4) Ensure that the benefits and burdens of growth, change and transportation projects are distributed equitably by integrating accessibility and environmental justice into projects and advance NOACA’s regional goals to BUILD a sustainable, multi-modal transportation system and to PRESERVE existing infrastructure? (15 points)

*Environmental Justice in the NOACA region is a framework to ensure that the benefits and burdens of regional transportation investments are shared by all socioeconomic groups. For more information, see page 18 here: http://www.noaca.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentId=21248.

5. How does the proposed study meet the fifth TLCI objective to (5) Enhance regional cohesion by supporting collaboration between regional and community partners and advance NOACA’s regional goal to STRENGTHEN regional cohesion? (15 points)
Project Administration and Organization (10 Points)

6. How will the sponsor manage the study, and ultimately deliver its recommendations? Include any experience the sponsor has in managing a TLCI or TLCI-like public planning process. (10 Points)

Application Authorization

Attachment 1: Map of proposed study area
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Attachment 2: Council/Board Resolution to apply for TLCI Planning study and, if applicable, to fund local match
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If the local match is being funded by multiple non-sponsor sources, please indicate in the resolution. Note: some local agencies also add the authority in their legislation for a designated local official/staff to enter into contract, as appropriate, with consultants to implement the grants as defined in the legislation. This is not required, but can shorten the time from project initiation to the study kick-off with the local agency, NOACA, and the selected consultant.

Attachment 3: Letter of Support from head of community/organization (e.g. Mayor, City Manager, Executive Director, etc.), that is sponsoring the study.
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Attachment 4: Letter of Support from impacted political jurisdictions that are included in the study area, but are not the project sponsor (required if applicable).
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Attachment 5: Additional Letters of Support (from non-government organizations)
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Are you submitting more than one TLCI Planning Study application?*

- Yes
- No

If you are submitting several TLCI Planning Study applications, please prioritize them by project name below:

1.

2.
Thank You for Completing the 2021 TLCI Planning Study Application!
TLCI APPLICANT WORKSHOP

TLCI Planning Study Selection Process

• NOACA staff will score each Planning Study application
• Application Scoring (out of 100 points):
  • TLCI Objectives/NOACA Strategic Goals (90 points)
  • Project Administration and Organization (10 points)
• NOACA staff will present recommendations to Committees and Board of Directors
TLCI APPLICANT WORKSHOP

TLCI Implementation Projects
Support low-cost infrastructure projects implemented through programmatic approach

Examples:
- Bicycle lane striping
- Bike parking
- Crosswalk infrastructure
  - High Visibility Walks
  - Curb Bump Outs
  - Mid-Block Crossings
TLCI APPLICANT WORKSHOP

TLCI Implementation Projects
Support low-cost infrastructure projects implemented through programmatic approach

Examples:
• Transit Waiting Environment
• Wayfinding/Signage
• Traffic Calming
  • Road Diets
2021 TLCI Implementation Program Application

Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative

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- 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

THIS APPLICATION IS FOR IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS ONLY.
TOTAL PROJECT COST MUST BE AT LEAST $100,000.

For more program information, including the PLANNING STUDY APPLICATION, go to noaca.org/TLCI

Application Instructions

Please answer all application questions. Awards will be made for up to 60% of the total project cost and will require a minimum of a 20% local match. Local match requirements can be waived or partially waived for Environmental Justice Areas, Urban Core Communities, and Disadvantaged Communities, as designated in NOACA Regional Transportation Investment Policy (pages 8 - 11). This approach is consistent with and in support of NOACA’s Commitment to Racial Equity in Planning statement adopted on June 25, 2020, which in part states “NOACA is committed to being a leader in transforming our region into one where equity is achieved by creating access to opportunity through transportation and environmental planning.”

Please submit applications, with all attachments, no later than 12:00 p.m., EST on October 16, 2020. All TLCI Implementation Program entities with eligible applications may be asked to present on their TLCI request to NOACA staff for up to 30 minutes during late October or early November 2020. NOACA will reach out to all applicants to schedule presentation times, which will be held via video call. For questions or concerns about the application, please contact Jim Thompson at jthompson@mco.noaca.org or 216-241-2414 ext. 275.
Contact Information

Project Sponsor / Agency Name

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Project Eligibility

Instructions: The questions below determine if the project originated from a TLCI or TLCI-like planning process. These questions determine eligibility for the TLCI Implementation Program. Please answer the questions in order.

1. Is the project recommended in a completed TLCI plan?
   - Yes (Project is Eligible: Skip questions 2-4)
   - No (Proceed to Question 2)

2. Does the plan include a public involvement/engagement component (this must include documented public meetings, and neighborhood/community feedback specific to the transportation component)?
   - Yes (Proceed to Question 3)
   - No (Project is ineligible)

3. Does the plan include a multimodal transportation focus? (i.e. pedestrian, bicycle, transit, vehicular analysis and recommendations)?
   - Yes (Proceed to Question 4)
   - No (Project is ineligible)

4. Does the plan's proposed projects and recommendations designate specific countermeasures at specific locations?
   - Yes (Project is Eligible)
   - No (Project is ineligible)
Plan Implementation Status

Instructions: Please provide us with an update on implementation of your TLCI or TLCI-like plan below.

What have you achieved/accomplished to support implementation of your TLCI or TLCI-like plan?

What percentage of your TLCI or TLCI-like plan would you say is currently implemented?

What is your plan to implement the recommendations of your TLCI or TLCI-like plan which would not be covered by those currently requested funds?

Is this project programmed in your existing local capital improvement plan (CIP)? If so summarize the funding components and timeline in the CIP.

Project Information

TLCI Project Name

TLCI or TLCI-like Study Name

Please provide a website here as well if this project is based upon a TLCI-like study.

If this project is based upon a TLCI-like study and there is no weblink, please upload the TLCI-like planning study here.

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Total Project Cost ($100,000 minimum)

$ [ ]

NOACA Funding Requested

$ [ ]

Local Funding Committed

$ [ ]

Please put "0" if no local dollars are committed to the project.

Please list local funding sources here (if applicable)

Who is anticipated to administer the construction of this project?

(e.g. GDOT, local agency, etc.)
What State Fiscal Year (SFY) do you anticipate project construction to begin? *

(SFY is July 1 - June 30, i.e. SFY 2020 is July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. If more detail, such as a starting month, is known please include that as well. Consider ODOT's Project Development Process and time required to scope and schedule the project milestones dates. Projects will most likely be awarded by the NOACA Board of Directors in March 2021; construction cannot start beforehand.)

Project Components

Project Components: please select all components which are part of your TLCI project funding request:

- Access Management
- Benches
- Bike Lanes
- Bike Parking
- Bus Lanes
- Crosswalk Enhancements
- Curbing
- On-Street Parking
- Reconfigured Intersection
- Road Diet
- Sharrow
- Sidewalk Improvements
- Sidewalk Safety
- Traffic Calming
- Transit Waiting Environment
- Wayfinding and Signage
- Other:

Detailed Project Description *

Please include details on the project components selected above.

If your project is a component of a larger project (such as a scheduled resurfacing project), please provide details about that project here, including other funding commitments and ODOT Project Identification Number (PID), if applicable.
Application Questions
Regional Strategic Plan Goals and TLCI Objectives (80 Points)

Instructions: Each of the questions below relate TLCI Objectives with Regional Strategic Plan Goals. Projects are not required to meet all TLCI objectives to be considered for funding.

Project Alignment with TLCI Objectives and NOACA’s Regional Strategic Plan Goals. Please select below which Goals and Objectives your project addresses.
- First TLCI objective to (1) Develop transportation projects that provide more travel options through complete streets and connect sensitive solutions, increasing user safety and supporting positive public health impacts while also advancing NOACA’s regional goals to BUILD a sustainable, multi-modal transportation system and to ENHANCE the quality of life in Northeast Ohio. (15 points)
- Second TLCI objective to (2) Promote reinvestment in underutilized or vacant/abandoned properties through development concepts supported by multimodal transportation systems and advance NOACA’s regional goal to ENHANCE the quality of life in Northeast Ohio. (15 points)
- Third TLCI objective to (3) Support economic development through place-based transportation and land use recommendations, and connect these proposals with existing assets and investments and advance NOACA’s regional goals to PRESERVE existing infrastructure and to SUPPORT economic development. (15 points)
- Fourth TLCI objective to (4) Ensure that the benefits and burdens of growth, change and transportation projects are distributed equitably by integrating accessibility and environmental justice into projects and advance NOACA’s regional goals to BUILD a sustainable, multi-modal transportation system and to PRESERVE existing infrastructure. (15 points)
- Fifth TLCI objective to (5) Enhance regional cohesion by supporting collaboration between regional and community partners and advance NOACA’s regional goal to STRENGTHEN regional cohesion. (15 points)
- Sixth TLCI objective to (6) Provide people with safe and reliable transportation choices that enhance their quality of life while also advancing NOACA’s regional goal to ENHANCE the quality of life in Northeast Ohio. (15 points)

Please briefly explain below how your project addresses the TLCI Objectives and NOACA Regional Strategic Goals checked above.

Project Maintenance Plan
Up to 10 points.

What is the long term maintenance plan for the project? (Please include responsible parties and describe based on roles in various components-e.g.: resurfacing, striping, lighting, etc.). (10 Points)
Application Authorization

Attachment 1: Map of proposed project area/termini*
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Attachment 4: Detailed line item construction cost estimate stamped by a licensed engineer. *
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Attachment 5: Project design plans, if available
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(e.g. drawing with proposed improvements, typical sections, preliminary construction plans, etc.)

Attachment 6: Letter of Support from impacted political jurisdictions that are included in the project area, but are not the project sponsor (required if applicable).
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Attachment 7: Letters of support from non-government organizations
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Are you submitting more than one TLCI Implementation Program application?*

○ Yes
○ No

If you are submitting several TLCI implementation applications, please prioritize them by project name below:

1. 

2. 
3.

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Digital signature of person submitting application:

Thank You for Completing the 2021 TLCI Implementation Application!
TLCI APPLICANT WORKSHOP

TLCI Implementation Selection Process

• NOACA staff will score each Implementation application

• Application Scoring (out of 100 points):
  • TLCI Objectives/NOACA Strategic Goals (90 points)
  • Project Maintenance Plan (10 points)

• NOACA staff will present recommendations to Committees and Board of Directors
TLCI APPLICANT WORKSHOP

TLCI Implementation Projects

- Projects must follow the ODOT Project Development Process.
  - http://www.dot.state.oh.us/projects/pdp/Pages/default.aspx
- Construction will either be ODOT administered or Locally Administered following the ODOT Local-Let Process.
  - http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/LocalPrograms/Pages/LocalLetProcesses.aspx
TLCI APPLICANT WORKSHOP

TLCI Implementation Projects-Local Let Requirements

1) All Federal requirements must be met.
2) The LPA must be adequately staffed and suitably equipped to undertake and satisfactorily complete the work.
3) The LPA must successfully complete all 12 eLearning training modules.
4) The LPA must provide a full-time employee to be in responsible charge of the project; and
5) The LPA has completed and submitted the LPA Local-Let Participation Requirement Review Form to their respective ODOT district office.
## 2021 TLCI Program Schedule

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