NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: September 4, 2020

RE: Resolution No 2020-031: Procurement – Downtown Cleveland Transportation Connectivity Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI)

ACTION REQUESTED
The Board of Directors is asked to award a contract to Burgess & Niple, Inc. for NOACA’s Downtown Cleveland Transportation Connectivity TLCI for an amount not to exceed $250,000.

The Finance and Audit Committee recommended this action.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION
The Downtown Cleveland Transportation Connectivity Study will develop a framework for comprehensive transportation management that includes all modes of transportation to meet the rising downtown development demand over the coming years. It will study the connections and access into downtown from the entire region, as well as the distribution and activity within downtown. This study will analyze the movement of pedestrians, bikes, transit, cars, trucks, and other modes (such as scooters), and recommend major improvements for these modes that will benefit the economic vitality of downtown Cleveland and Northeast Ohio.

In downtown, providing robust access to all modes of travel in the future is expected to be a growing challenge that could potentially strain existing infrastructure, including parking. These challenges can be addressed by studying existing land use patterns and transportation networks, and by providing recommendations through a robust process of strategic planning, analysis, and active coordination with the appropriate stakeholders.

The overall goal of this study is to improve the cohesion of all modes and circulation within the existing transportation system of downtown Cleveland. The outcome will increase user safety, support multiple modes of travel and create positive impacts on the continuing growth of downtown Cleveland as a place to work, live, and play.

On July 10th, 2020 NOACA issued a Request for Technical Proposals (RFTP) for the Downtown Cleveland Transportation Connectivity Study. The proposals were due on July 31st, 2020. The review team requested proposals from five Consultants on the NOACA preapproved TLCI consultant list. After evaluating the proposals, the NOACA review team selected the vendor with the highest scores which was Burgess & Niple, Inc.
ABOUT THE VENDOR

Burgess & Niple is headquartered in Columbus Ohio. They have a local office in Painesville, Ohio. Notable clients include: The City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Lake County, City of Mentor and ODOT. DBE work commitment is 18%, higher than the 12% required.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The proposed contract length is 18 months commencing on or around October 2020 and ending on or around March 2022; at a cost not to exceed $250,000. This project is funded through the Transportation for Livable Communities (TLCI) program.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

Pending Board approval, staff will engage with Burgess & Niple, Inc. for a term October 1st, 2020-March 31st, 2022 to complete the Downtown Cleveland Transportation Connectivity TLCI
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-031
((DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND TRANSPORTATION CONNECTIVITY FOR LIVABLE COMMUNICATIONS INITIATIVE (TLCI)))

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, The Downtown Cleveland Transportation Connectivity Study will develop a framework for comprehensive transportation management that includes all modes of transportation to meet the rising downtown development demand over the coming years; and

WHEREAS, in downtown, providing robust access to all modes of travel in the future is expected to be a growing challenge that could potentially strain existing infrastructure, including parking; and

WHEREAS, these challenges can be addressed by studying existing land use patterns and transportation networks, and by providing recommendations through a robust process of strategic planning, analysis, and active coordination with the appropriate stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, NOACA’s procurement policy requires that these consulting services be obtained through a competitive process following all applicable federal, state, and local policies and regulations, which was accomplished through NOACA issuing a Request for Technical Proposals (RFTP) for the Downtown Cleveland Transportation Connectivity Study on July 10th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the proposals were due on July 31st, 2020. The review team requested proposals from five Consultants on the NOACA preapproved TLCI consultant list. After evaluating the proposals, the NOACA review team selected the vendor with the highest scores which was Burgess & Niple, Inc.

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: The Executive Director is hereby authorized to enter into a contract for services with the firm Burgess & Niple, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $250,000 for a term October 1st, 2020-March 31st, 2022 to complete the Downtown Cleveland Transportation Connectivity TLCI

Section 2: 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 11th day of September 2020.

Secretary: _______________________
Date Signed: _____________