RESOLUTION NO. 2012-026
(APPRECIATION TO HOWARD R. MAIER)

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE
NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

WHEREAS, Howard R. Maier was appointed Acting Executive Director of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) for almost two years at a time of crisis for NOACA, during which Howard kept the Agency intact and high-functioning, overcoming the many obstacles placed in NOACA’s path; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his distinguished service and steady hand, Howard R. Maier was appointed to be the Executive Director of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) for the following 21 years, providing leadership, stability, and focused energy for NOACA’s tasks; and

WHEREAS, Howard R. Maier is a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners, possessing a Bachelor’s degree in Economics, a Master’s degree in City Planning from Ohio State University, and a Master’s degree in Public Management from Case Western Reserve University; and

WHEREAS, Howard R. Maier led NOACA and its team to national awards such as the 1999 Overall Achievement Award for large MPOs from the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations for NOACA’s policy-based transportation planning process; the 2008 FHWA/FTA Transportation Excellence Award for the agency’s Regional Pavement Management System; and the 2008 National Association of Regional Councils’ Major Metro Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, Howard R. Maier has received a number of professional awards during his tenure at NOACA, including the American Planning Association’s Ohio Chapter Award for “Excellence in Planning Leadership” in 1991 and most recently the Senator George V. Voinovich BUGC Public Works Employee of the Year Award for 2011 from Build Up Greater Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, Howard R. Maier has served as President of the Ohio Association of Regional Councils and on many committees of the National Association of Regional Councils, lending his time, talents, and exceptional facilitation skills to drawing out good ideas and consensus; and

WHEREAS, Howard R. Maier has served in various roles with the City of Cleveland Heights, the Senior Transportation Connection of Cuyahoga County, the Lorain County Community Alliance, the United Way of Greater Cleveland, the Planned Lifetime Assistance Network of Northeast Ohio, and as an adjunct faculty member at Cleveland State University; and

WHEREAS, Howard R. Maier brought NOACA successfully through times of creation and reorganization, blending interpersonal skills with sincerity and respect for all the communities of Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Howard R. Maier led NOACA through the Euclid Corridor Project, the Stimulus Fund projects, the creation of the Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium, the Inner Belt

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Bridge Project, the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative, intensive funding for transit, consistent and much-needed planning for Air Quality State Implementation Plans and Water Quality Facility Planning Areas, as well as many other NOACA priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, Howard R. Maier has taken the time to teach, mentor, and coach countless young people in their careers, giving of himself in order to bring the next generation forward; and

**WHEREAS**, Howard R. Maier’s talent as a cartoonist has enlivened many meetings, reports, and awards, bringing a touch of humanity and humor to each subject; and

**WHEREAS**, Howard R. Maier’s good nature, academic attitude, tolerance, intelligence, and true appreciation of his staff, his Governing Board members, and the people of Northeast Ohio shine out as a model for good managers and mentors everywhere.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Board of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, consisting of forty-four principal officials serving general purpose local governments throughout and within the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina that appreciation be conveyed to Howard R. Maier for his unflagging dedication, vision, and service to NOACA, with best wishes for a prosperous and equally successful future.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution of the Governing Board of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency adopted this 8th day of June 2012.

Secretary: [Signature]

Date Signed: 6-8-12