The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) in coordination with the City of Shaker Heights (Shaker) has completed an alternatives analysis for extending transit service east and south of the Blue Line terminus in the northwest quadrant of the Chagrin Boulevard/Warrensville Road intersection. The intersection of Chagrin/Warrensville was studied with funding partially provided by NOACA through the Transportation Links to Communities Initiative (TLCI) and the recommendations of that study are now in the TIP for construction in 2014. After completion of the modifications to the Chagrin/Warrensville intersection, which will improve safety and service levels for both vehicles and pedestrians, the simpler intersection geometry will also enable extension of the existing transit service.

The alternatives analysis was conducted within the guidelines of the Federal Transit New Starts/Small Starts program. One of the requirements of the New Starts program is that the locally preferred alternative of the alternatives analysis must be reviewed and approved by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Specifically, the MPO must approve a resolution concurring with the recommendations specified in the locally preferred alternative.

In the past two months, the GCRTA made presentations to both the NOACA Transportation Advisory Committee and to the NOACA Governing Board. In March, the NOACA Transportation Advisory Committee recommended the locally preferred alternative for NOACA Governing Board approval. Both the Board of the GCRTA and the Shaker City Council have approved the recommendations of the locally preferred alternative.

The Locally Preferred Alternative for the Blue Line Extension Alternatives Analysis contains the following items:

- Extension of the Blue Line 0.3 miles across the Chagrin Warrensville intersection
- A new Intermodal transit center
- University Circle bus service from the transit center
- Park and ride lots near freeway interchanges at Northfield and Harvard with bus connections to the transit center
Total capital cost is estimated at $36 million. A financial plan including New Starts/Small Starts funding will be sought. Through \textbf{Resolution 2012-016}, the Governing Board of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency resolves that NOACA concurs with the recommendation of the locally preferred alternative. NOACA staff recommends approval.
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-016
(GCRTA BLUE LINE ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS)

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

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) in coordination with the City of Shaker Heights (Shaker) has completed an alternatives analysis for extending transit service east and south of the Blue Line terminus in the northwest quadrant of the Chagrin Boulevard/Warrensville Road intersection; and

WHEREAS, the alternatives analysis has resulted in the selection of the baseline alternative as the current locally preferred alternative (LPA); and

WHEREAS, the LPA includes:

• A 0.3 mile Blue Line extension
• Shaker Intermodal Transit Center construction
• University Circle Express (UCX) direct bus service initiation
• Construction of additional bus stations
• Construction of Park-N-Ride lots at both Northfield Road and Harvard Avenue locations

WHEREAS, the intersection of Chagrin/Warrensville has also been studied with funding in part provided by NOACA through the Transportation Links to Communities Initiative (TLCI) and the recommendations of that study are now in project development; and

WHEREAS, the modifications to the Chagrin/Warrensville intersection, which will improve safety and service levels for both vehicles and pedestrians, also will enable extension of the existing transit service; and

WHEREAS, the alternatives analysis has been conducted within the guidelines of the Federal Transit New Starts/Small Starts program; and

WHEREAS, the locally preferred alternative of the alternatives analysis must be reviewed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization and the MPO must approve a resolution concurring with the recommendations specified in the locally preferred alternative; and

WHEREAS, the GCRTA has made presentation to both the NOACA Transportation Advisory Committee and to the NOACA Governing Board; and
WHEREAS, the NOACA Transportation Advisory Committee has recommended the locally preferred alternative for NOACA Governing Board approval; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the GCRTA and the Shaker City Council have approved the recommendation of the locally preferred alternative.

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 government throughout and within the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina, that:

Section 1. NOACA concurs with the recommendation of the locally preferred alternative.

Section 2. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to transmit a copy of this resolution to any federal and/or state agencies.

Certified to be a true copy of a resolution of the Governing Board of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating agency adopted this 13th day of April, 2012.

Secretary: [Signature]
Date Signed: 4/13/12