NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: January 16, 2015

RE: Resolution No. 2015-005: Calendar Year 2015 Subcommittee Structure

ACTION REQUESTED
The Board of Directors is asked to adopt Resolution No. 2015-005, which approves recommended revisions developed by the Governance Committee to NOACA’s subcommittee structure.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION
During the development of the revised Code of Regulations, it was decided to leave discussion of the existing structure of the subcommittees outlined in the Code to a later time. As we are determining Committee membership for 2015, now was the appropriate time to review the subcommittees’ membership structure and recommend any beneficial revisions.

In the current code of regulations, the Planning and Programming Committee was created. The duties of the Planning and Programming Committee are:

- Administer the Regional Transportation Investment Policy to advance targeted funding priorities
- Recommend projects for inclusion in the long-range transportation plan, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and annual priority list.
- Recommend approaches for implementation of the agency’s transportation programs and activities
- Monitor NOACA controlled funds to ensure the efficient use of resources
- Evaluate procedures for continued improvement and streamlining
- Monitor performance of the region’s transportation system
- Develop a comprehensive regional approach to environmental concerns
- Implement the Water Quality Management Plan
- Implement air quality efforts and programs

The Planning and Programming Committee has three subcommittees that report to it; two related to our environmental functions - Water Quality and Air Quality, and one, Transportation, related to our transportation function. At the May Planning and Programming Committee meeting, subcommittee membership and charters were discussed. The Committee deferred passing the charters until staff discussed the topic further with the Governance Committee. They held this discussion at the December 2014 meeting and the Committee made recommended revisions to the membership of the Transportation Subcommittee.
FINANCIAL IMPACT
There is no financial impact to this action.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS
Following Board adoption,

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Proposed revisions for discussion by the NOACA Board of Directors

Existing Section 6.4 (j) (1) language:

(j) Transportation Subcommittee. The Transportation Subcommittee shall provide advice and policy recommendations to the Planning and Programming Committee with regard to transportation matters affecting the Planning Area.

(1) Membership. The Transportation Subcommittee shall consist of the following 34 members:

A. The County Engineer or Director of Public Works and Planning Director of each member county [10].
B. From the City of Cleveland: Commissioner of Traffic Engineering, Commissioner of Engineering and Construction, a member of Cleveland City Council (selected by the Council) and the City Planning Director [4].
C. The General Manager of the largest transit authority or agency in each member county [5].
D. The Deputy Directors of the Ohio Department Transportation, Districts 3 and 12 [2].
E. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Regional Office [1].
F. One member representing the Chamber of Commerce (or equivalent organization) of each member county, appointed by the President of the Board of Directors upon consultation with each county [5].
G. Six members of the Board of Directors with at least one from each member county and one representative of the Cleveland-Cuyahoga Port Authority, [7].
H. Additional non-voting members may be appointed by the President of the Board of Directors to insure inclusion of elected officials, public administrators, funding agencies and private sector organizations concerned with transportation planning and implementation in the Planning Area.

Proposed Section 6.4 (j) (1) language:

(j) Transportation Subcommittee. The Transportation Subcommittee shall provide advice and policy recommendations to the Planning and Programming Committee with regard to transportation matters affecting the Planning Area.

(1) Membership. The Transportation Subcommittee shall consist of the following 11 members:

A. The County Engineer, Director of Public Works or Planning Director of each member county and the City of Cleveland [6].
B. The Deputy Director of the Ohio Department Transportation from either Districts 3 or 12 [1].
C. The General Manager of Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority [1].
D. The President/CEO of the Cleveland-Cuyahoga Port Authority, [1].
E. A member of Cleveland City Council (selected by the Council) [1].
F. The Mayor of the largest City in Lorain County [1].
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 areawide water quality management agency for the same region; and

WHEREAS, during the development of the revised Code of Regulations, it was decided to leave discussion of the existing structure of the subcommittees outlined in the Code to a later time; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Programming Committee has three subcommittees that report to it; Water Quality, Air Quality and Transportation; and

WHEREAS, currently, the membership structure is not consistent among the three subcommittees; and

WHEREAS, the NOACA Code of Regulations provides for the organization and operation of NOACA, its officers, its committees, and the Board of Directors itself; and

WHEREAS, the NOACA Governance Committee met to discuss improvements that might be made to the Subcommittee structure in the Code of Regulations and arrived at recommended edits to Section 6.4 (j) (1) as detailed in the attached document; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, consisting of 45 principal officials serving general purpose local governments throughout and within the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina that:

Section 1. Section 6.4 (j) (1) of the Code are amended with the changes detailed in the attachment.

Section 2. The Executive Director is authorized to work with the Board President and Chair of the Transportation Subcommittee to establish the membership and council charter.

Section 3. The Executive Director is authorized to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the 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 23rd day of January 2015.

Secretary: __________________________

Date Signed: 1/27/15

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