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Preference for TLCI planning study development	Either Will Work
Study Name	Village of Middlefield Transportation Improvement Plan
Total Project Cost	85000
NOACA Funding Requested	85000
Local Funding Committed	0
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Project Location (attach a location map at the end of the application)	Village of Middlefield, Ohio Boundaries
Project Study Area (including geographic boundaries)	The project area will consist of all roadways throughout the Village that are public. The study will also take into account the Maple Highlands Trail - South that is used as a hike/bike/buggy path through the center of the Village.

Detailed Project Description

The Village of Middlefield is requesting funding assistance to provide assistance for integrated transportation and land use planning that will strengthen the community livability while furthering the regional goals of NOACA's Strategic Plan.

The Village of Middlefield is home to Geauga County's top industries, and also the east side 'hub' for commercial shopping all while serving its residential community. The Village is unique that it has a robust economy, (current employee to residential population is 3:1) but is surrounded by rural land. More specifically, it is surrounded by the 4th largest Amish settlement (located in Middlefield Township).

The Village is growing, and with that growth comes the need for proper planning for all transportation modes, while looking at our current assets and identifying what can be improved or eliminated. The Village also just finished in 2018 a project with the Geauga Park District where the Maple Highlands Trail-South was paved creating a new recreational area for visitors and residents alike. This area of the trail is also used for Amish buggy traffic to get into town. Proper planning for land use in the area will enhance this feature of the Village also.

The Village estimates that in order to have a complete comprehensive study, which includes traffic studies for vehicular and Amish buggy traffic, to cost no more than \$85,000. The Village is not in a financial position to fund the project but has recognized this project as the best tool to properly allocate future dollars to implement project goals.

Proposed Study Components

Bicycle Transportation Planning
Pedestrian Transportation Planning
Traffic Analysis
Transit Planning
Transportation Demand Management
Other: Buggy Planning

Proposed Study Components Description

The project will study all modes of transportation including but not limited to, Amish Buggies, pedestrian, vehicular, and bicycles. The project will also review all potential deficiencies and verify that all traffic loops are being utilized in the correct patterns to not impede the industrial growth in the area.

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)

The Village does not currently have an integrated transportation study that looks at all aspects of the Village's strengths/weaknesses and growth patterns. By having one prepared the Village can effectively and comprehensively plan for and develop transportation systems throughout the Village. This would advance the goals to build sustainable multi-modal transportation that enhances the quality of life in eastern Geauga County and northeast Ohio, by integrating land uses, buggy and bike lanes, pedestrian/bicycle and vehicular traffic safely.

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)

The project meets the second TLCI objective and advances the regional goal by providing investment in an often under served transportation modes in rural areas of the MPO. By development of multi-modal transportation systems existing commercial/industrial/residential areas will be served more efficiently and underutilized or vacant property would then be able to be properly developed and maintained.

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)

Economic Development is a large priority for the Village of Middlefield. The Village takes a proactive approach to re/development and tourism to the area. There has been an increase in tourism and re/development within the Village causing an increase in a variety of modes of transportation on the roadways. Having the proper planning study completed will proved a layout and vision for where the Village's growth is going.

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)

The Village of Middlefield is growing. An inclusive integrated transportation plan will assist the Village in properly managing that growth by integrating accessibility and regional goals that build sustainable, multi-modal transportation system throughout the Village. This plan would also help to assist with the preservation of our existing infrastructure by identifying what is working and what is currently impeding growth.

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)

The village economy is picking up and our transportation systems are being tested. By completing the integrated study the Village will have a cohesive plan to move forward with the anticipated and current growth. This flows into NOACA's plan to create regional cohesion due to the 3 state routes that dissect the Village (SR 528, 87, and 608). Bringing cohesion and a sense of inclusion between the Village roadways and the State Routes will provide for a more pleasurable experience for the residents and visitors alike.

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

While the study is being completed the Village of Middlefield will take the lead in project management more specifically the Economic Development Department. The Village and the department have experience in managing a variety of different projects and is committed to finding ways to improve transportation and safety for multi-modal transportation. Once the study is completed the sponsor want to apply for further funding right away to start implementing the findings/recommendations.

The Village has been the recipient of grants in the past and have managed them according to program requirements effectively. The Village has also done other public planning process activities such as Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects and master planning projects that had defined areas and included public involvement.

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

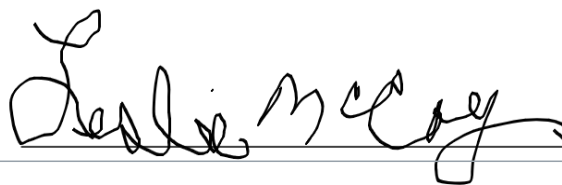
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Attachment 3: Letter of Support from head of community/organization (e.g. Mayor, City Manager, Executive Director, etc.), that is sponsoring the study.

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