

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I pledge allegiance
to the Flag
of the United States of America,
and to the Republic
for which it stands,
one Nation
under God,
indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.





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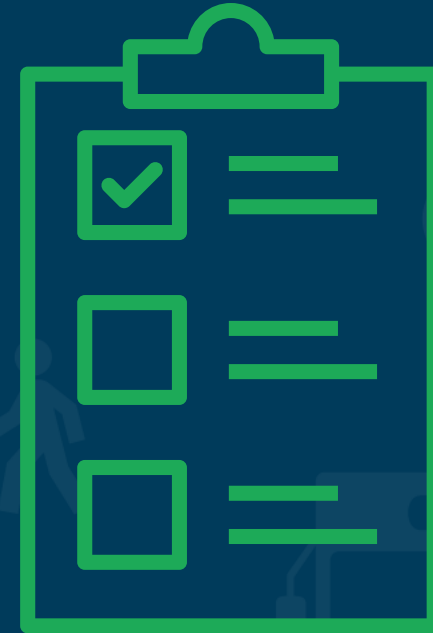
Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & CEO REPORT

**Board of Directors
September 12, 2025**

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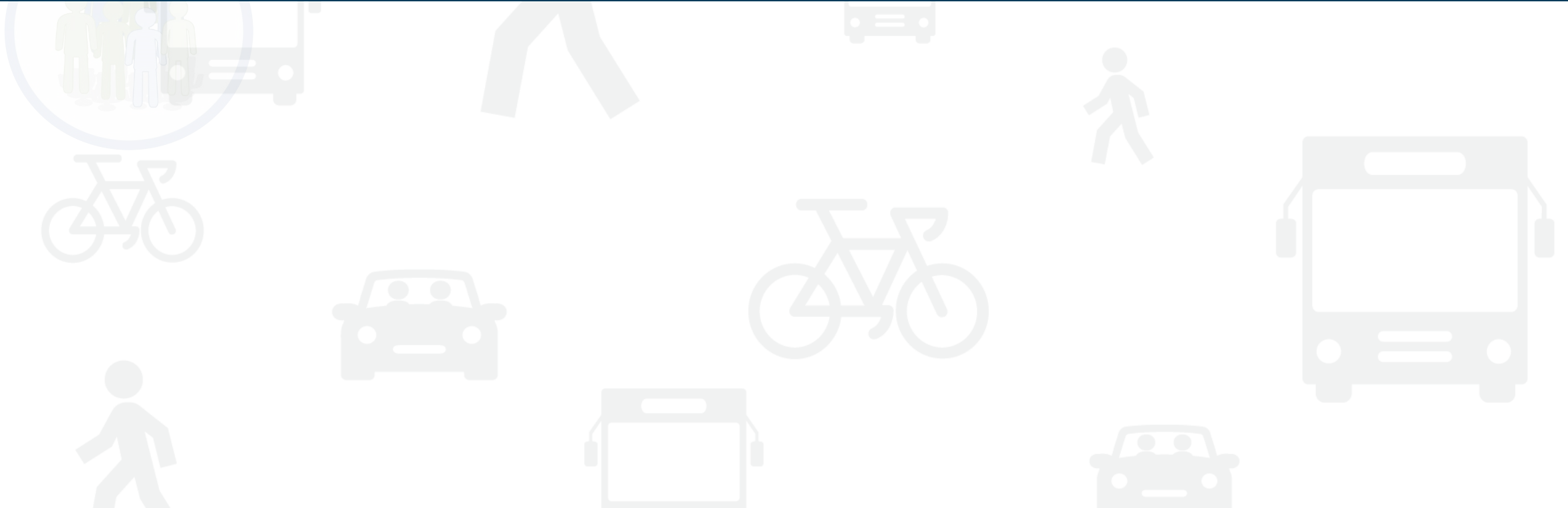
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COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH

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COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH

NOACA Finalist for Zenith Awards

- Awards recognize outstanding achievements in communications, public relations, marketing, and external communications
- Finalist in two categories
 - Integrated Communications Category for *NOACA Brand Identity Campaign* (1 of 8 finalists)
 - Government Award for *Regional Climate Action Planning* (1 of 3 finalists)
- Winners will be announced Nov. 12, Austin, TX





LEGISLATIVE & FUNDING ISSUES

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LEGISLATIVE & FUNDING ISSUES

USDOT Surface Transportation Reauthorization


- IIJA expires in September 2026
- NOACA submitted its priorities in response to US DOT's Request for Information (RFI) on Aug. 19



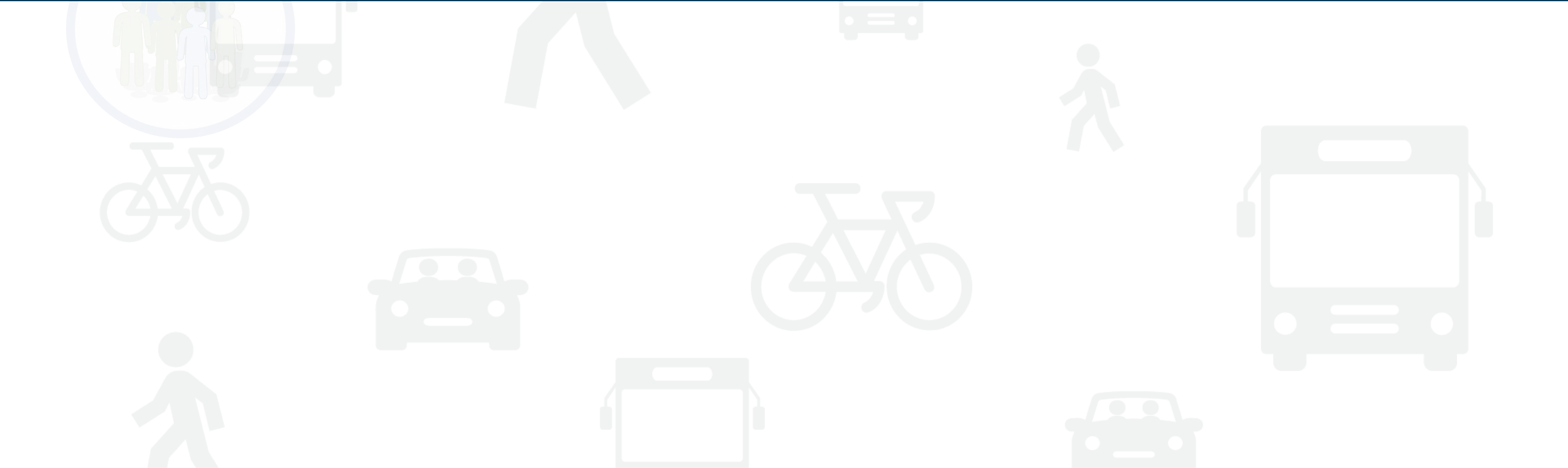
LEGISLATIVE & FUNDING ISSUES

Submitted Priorities Include:

- Empower MPOs to advance safety
- Modernize funding for effective, streamlined regional delivery; streamline environmental review
- Increase planning funds & reduce local match
- Shift some discretionary funding to formula
- Strengthen state coordination with MPOs
- Recognize local governments as co-owners of the nation's transportation network, leading investments decisions by **working through their MPOs**
- Fund passenger rail expansion and improvements
- Support multimodal transportation, including transit, bike, & pedestrian



**OVERALL WORK PROGRAM
(OWP)**



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Engagements & Meetings

June 19 - ASCE National/OH Infrastructure Report Car Panel

June 24 - Access Ohio 2050 Steering Committee Meeting #3

June 27 - I-71 Corridor Study Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) Meeting #1

July 17 - OARC Executive Directors NARC Workshop, Columbus, OH

July 29-31 - Ohio Freight Conference, Toledo, OH

August 1 - Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Tour with CVSR President/CEO and CVNP Superintendent

August 5 - EPA Brownfields National Conference, Chicago



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August 8 - Meeting with Ohio State Rep. Chris Glassburn

August 12 - NOACA/ODOT District 12 Collaboration Workshop

August 19 - NOACA staff attended Ohio Scenic Byway Tour

August 21 - ED/CEO presented at CSU EDA Conference, *Putting Strategy into Action: Growing Ohio's Manufacturing Sector: Connecting Innovation Policy and Practice Ohio*

September 2 - Vibrant NEO Special Board Meeting

September 3 - Access Ohio 2050 Steering Committee Meeting #4, Columbus, Ohio

September 8 - Aerozone Annual Summit 2025

September 9-11 – Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission (MIPRC) Annual Conference, Kansas City, MO

OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP)

TLCI Park Place Safety and Streetscape Improvement Project

- Initial TLCI investment to Painesville in SFY2018 for \$250K for two projects:
 - Painesville Complete Street and Connectivity Plan
 - Wayfinding and Signage Plan
- Ribbon-cutting Aug. 13
- NOACA funding programs have awarded Painesville almost \$4 million over the past 10 years



OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP)

NOACA External Affairs Virtual Forum



EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FORUM

The Impact of Workforce Mobility on Business Growth, Development and Job Retention

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 12PM - 1PM



MODERATOR

Bishara Addison

Director of Workforce Innovation,
Fund for Our Economic Future



Michelle Rose

Chief Executive Officer,
Greater Cleveland Works



Molly Schnoke

Director,
Center for Economic Development,
Cleveland State University



Ben Capelle

Chief Executive Officer,
Laketran



OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP)

CCAP Public Comment

- **Public comment period: July 17-August 31**
 - Comments could be submitted by email, online, phone, or mail
 - 47 comments received
 - 13 comments resulted in specific revisions to technical information
 - 34 comments resulted in general revisions
- **August 21 Virtual Public Meeting**
 - 87 attendees
 - 21 comments/questions
- **Additional comments from stakeholders led to additional revisions**

OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP)

SFY2026 TLCI Applications Open

- Accepting applications for Planning Studies and Implementation projects; **due October 10**
- TLCI helps communities study and implement projects to strengthen livability
- \$1.5M for Implementation Projects
- \$500,000 for Planning Studies
- Applicant webinar held on September 3
- Visit noaca.org/TLCI for applications and webinar recording



OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP)

Board Listening Tour

- Listening Tour Discussions with Board Members
- ED/CEO participated in meetings in July, August, and September
- Meetings encourage regional cohesion, reinforces members' role on the Board
- More than half of meetings have been held or scheduled, including all Lorain County members

3:11 PM
FRIDAY, JULY 18TH

NOW 75 Sat 88 Sun 80

UPCOMING EVENTS

ELYRIA CITY WELCOMES
Grace Gallucci, Executive Director & CEO
“listening tour”
meeting with Mayor Kevin A. Brubaker
July 18th 2:15 PM
Welcome

JUL 27 Original Glorious Apostolic Church Service
995 Foster Ave, Elyria, OH 44035, USA
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

JUL 29 Amtrak/ Commissioner Marty Gallagher
Microsoft Teams
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

CITY OF ELYRIA gathered at the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument in downtown Elyria to honor...

OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP)

I-71 Corridor Study

- Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting held 6/27
 - Next scheduled for 10/17
- NOACA actively collecting traffic counts data in the study area

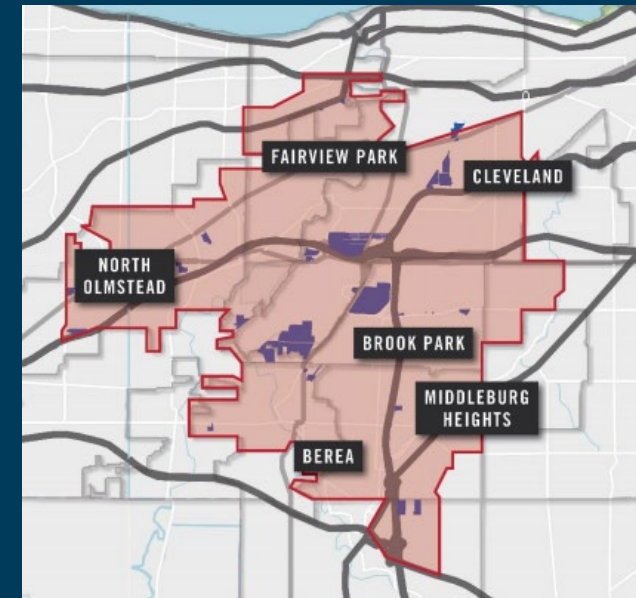


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Aerozone Transportation for Economic Development Initiative (TEDI)

Aerozone Strategy Map

- Sept. 25 stakeholder meeting
- Study area covers 50 sq. mi. in western Cuyahoga County; portions of nine municipalities
- District anchors include CLE Hopkins Airport, NASA Glenn Research Center, Ford, IX Center



NOACA Aerozone Region



Identified Regional Redevelopment Sites

OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP)

EV Charging Station Program Phase I

- 40 total sites
 - 4 in progress
 - 5 canceled and relocated
 - 31 completed as of September 9



OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP)

Geauga County Board Membership

- Needed before January Board meeting to take effect in CY2026
 - Cuyahoga, Geauga, and Lorain Counties have ratified
 - Lake and Medina Counties outstanding

OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP)

Ohio Inspector General Report – SR 162/River Styx Rd.

- 2022 CMAQ application for construction of a roundabout at the intersection of SR 162 and River Styx Rd. in Medina County
- OIG investigation found that incorrect information was included in the application regarding traffic level of service
- NOACA will conduct an official review based on OIG findings
 - A preliminary review indicates that the project most likely would have still been funded with the correct information



OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP)

NOACA Building Mural

ANNOUNCEMENTS



2025 ANNUAL MEETING

Northeast Ohio's Maritime Transportation System: Challenges and Opportunities

Oct. 3, 12PM - 2PM

Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland

[Click HERE for more information.](#)

Moderated by
Chris Ronayne,
Cuyahoga County
Executive
and NOACA
Board President



Jon Altenberg
Great Lakes and
St. Lawrence Cities
Initiative



David S. Gutheil
Port of Cleveland



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Lorain Port and
Finance Authority



Joe Starck
The Great
Lakes Group



John Waggoner
Victory Cruise
Lines



Kate Wells
Interlake Maritime
Services

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Jacqueline Muhammad

November 3, 1961 - June 19, 2025





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NOACA will **strengthen** regional cohesion, **preserve** existing infrastructure, and **build** a sustainable multimodal transportation system to **support** economic development and **enhance** quality of life in Northeast Ohio.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Board of Directors Meeting:
December 12, 2025

