

RESOLUTION 2025-044: SFY 2025 CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS

**Board of Directors
September 12, 2025**

ACTION REQUESTED

Request that the Board of Directors adopt the following Resolution:

- Resolution 2025-044, which recommends new Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program projects to be implemented through SFY 2031 and the regional priority of the recommended projects.

PREVIOUS ACTION

Recommended by the Planning and Programming Committee.

BACKGROUND

Purpose of CMAQ program

- Advance transportation projects or programs that will contribute to attainment or maintenance of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for Ozone (O_3), Carbon Monoxide (CO), and Particulate Matter (PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$).

Program Goals

- Improve Air Quality
- Relieve Congestion



BACKGROUND

CMAQ Program Funding Cycles: NOACA Region



BACKGROUND

Eligible Applicants

- Qualified government entities, including local governments, regional transit agencies, port authorities, state agencies
- Projects may also be implemented through a Public-Private Partnership

Phases of Development Eligible for Funding

- Provides eligible project costs associated with:
 - 1) Non-infrastructure activities (e.g. operating costs, procurement)
 - 2) Infrastructure projects (e.g. preliminary development (PE), detailed design (DD), right-of-way acquisition (ROW), and construction (CO))

BACKGROUND

Project Evaluation Criteria (up to 100 Points)

1. Project Type (10)
2. Cost Effectiveness (20)
3. Other Benefits (10)
4. Existing Modal Level of Service/Quality of Service (LOS/QOS) (15)
5. Positive Impact on LOS/QOS (15)
6. Status of Project (10)
7. Non-Federal Match of Requested CMAQ Funds (10)
8. Regional Priority (10)
9. Past Project Delivery (-10)

BACKGROUND

Recommended Regional Priority Points

- **10 points:** City of Cleveland-B, *Cleveland MOVES Implementation*
- **7 points:** City of Lorain, *Bridge Notification Project*
- **4 points:** ODOT, *CUY-90 Westbound Smart Lane*
- **2 points:** Laketrans-A, *Vehicle Replacement: Diesel Commuter Buses*

PROGRAM TIMELINE

DATE (2025)	ACTIVITY
March 14	Project Solicitation Begins
April 9	CMAQ Applicant Virtual Workshop
May 2	Applications Due to NOACA
NOACA and Statewide Committee Review	
May 16	Transit Council, BPAC, and SOC for Information
June 20	Air Quality and Transportation Subcommittees for Information
June 27	Business, Community, Rural, & Emerging Leaders Council for Information
July 11	Planning and Programming Committee Recommendation of Priority Projects
August 8	Executive Committee
September 12	Board of Directors Action on Priority Projects
October/November	Ohio Statewide Urban CMAQ Committee (OSUCC) Evaluation and Project Funding Recommendation

2025 CMAQ PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS

County	Sponsor Agency	Project Name and Description	Total Cost	CMAQ \$ Requested	Total CMAQ \$ Recommended
LOR	LORAIN	BRIDGE NOTIFICATION PROJECT	\$1,230,014	\$1,230,014	\$300,000
CUY	GCRTA	GCRTA BUS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (2030-2032 VEHICLES)	\$57,000,000	\$24,400,000	\$16,740,000
CUY	OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	CUY-90 WB SMART LANE	\$19,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
LAK	LAKETRAN - B	LAKETRAN VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT: DIAL-A-RIDE PARATRANSIT	\$4,375,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000
CUY	INDEPENDENCE	BRECKSVILLE ROAD & PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADE	\$1,346,929	\$794,688	\$800,000
LAK	LAKETRAN - A	LAKETRAN VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT: DIESEL HEAVY DUTY COMMUTER.	\$5,250,000	\$4,200,000	\$4,200,000
CUY	CLEVELAND-B	CLEVELAND MOVES IMPLEMENTATION	\$4,315,532	\$3,448,425	\$3,450,000
LAK	MENTOR	CITY OF MENTOR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENTS	\$5,721,488	\$3,718,968	\$2,500,000
CUY	CLEVELAND METROPARKS	LAKE LINK TRAIL AND FRANKLIN ENHANCEMENTS	\$5,440,000	\$1,016,761	\$1,020,000
LOR	LORAIN COUNTY TRANSIT	LCT REVIVED 2030: VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS	\$1,000,000	\$800,000	\$800,000
CUY	CLEVELAND HEIGHTS	WASHINGTON BOULEVARD MULTI-USE TRAIL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT	\$857,797	\$686,238	\$690,000
CUY	CLEVELAND-A	CITY VEHICLE ELECTRIFICATION: PILOT VEHICLES	\$2,500,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
			\$108,036,760	\$49,795,094	\$ 40,000,000

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **Projects selected for the region will establish the initial CMAQ budgets for SFYs 2030-2031**
- **NOACA expects to receive approximately \$40 million for implementing projects these SFYs**

NEXT STEPS

- **Staff will submit Board-recommended applications to the Ohio Statewide Urban CMAQ Committee for evaluation against other statewide projects in Autumn 2025**
- **It is anticipated the Statewide Committee will submit project recommendations to the OARC Executive Directors for final approval at their November 2025 meeting**

ACTION

Approval of Resolution 2025-044, recommending new Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program projects to be implemented through SFY 2031 and the regional priority of the recommended projects.



Motion
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Discussion
Put the Question





NOACA

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

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.