

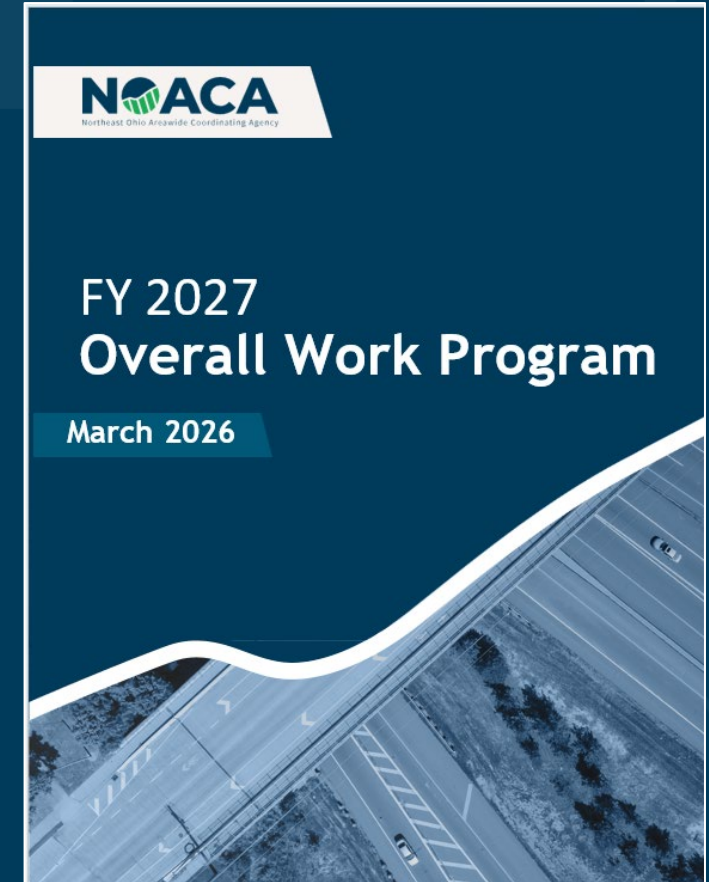
STATE FISCAL YEAR 2027 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP) OVERVIEW

Planning and Programming Committee

January 30, 2026

INTRODUCTION BY ED/CEO

- The Overall Work Program (OWP) represents NOACA's annual staff work plan and budget
- Equivalent to a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and consistent with federal and state regulations
- Developed in consideration of NOACA goals and Board's strategic direction



ACTION REQUESTED

No action is being requested. This item is being presented for information.

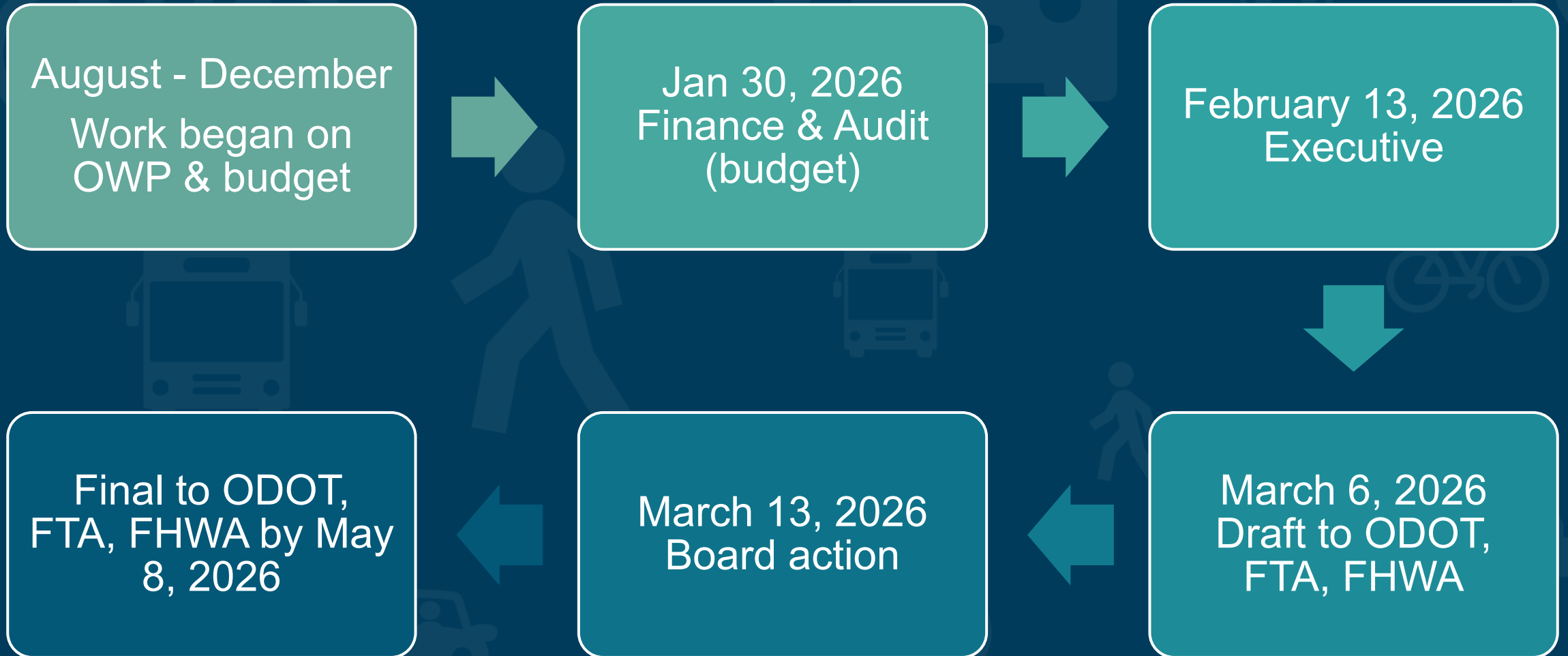
PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action.

BACKGROUND



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Executive

- Provide overall administration, management, and strategic leadership of the organization
- Government affairs, and research on federal and state policy and funding
- Ensure compliance and complete reporting related to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, and other applicable rules and regulations
- Manage and maintain the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs)
- Board, committee, and council support
- Coordinate human resources services including retention and hiring of employees; resolution of employment matters; administration of employee policies and procedures; execution of the employee performance evaluation process; facilitation of employee training and professional development; and coordination of benefits

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Programming

- Develop the SFY 2028-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and manage the SFY 2026-2029 TIP
- Administer NOACA capital funding programs including grants management, the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) program, and Lake Erie Coastal Ohio Trail Scenic Byway
- Administer the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) program and solicitation
- Monitor capital programs performance measures
- Advance Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (RIA) Initiatives
- Maintain monitoring program reviews and compliance with federal and state oversight requirements
- Submit annual completion report
- Administer the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program and provide mobility management resources through the Gohio Commute platform

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Environmental Planning

- Prepare air quality index public forecasts, alerts, and messaging
- Publish annual technical reports and guides intended to educate the public on regional air quality trends
- Develop and deliver air quality programs to increase public engagement opportunities
- Provide technical support for air quality outreach and public education
- Manage the Gohio Commute Platform (administration, improvements and performance metrics)
- Manage NOACA's regional climate action planning and climate pollution reduction activities
- Provide technical support to member communities developing local Climate Action Plans

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Environmental Planning



- Coordinate with Ohio EPA to work to improve regional water quality and reduce nutrient pollution
- Incorporate critical sewer area data into water quality planning
- Review wastewater treatment plans for consistency with Clean Water 2020
- Collect critical sewer line infrastructure data to ensure new development is consistent with the region's water quality management (208) plan (Clean Water 2020)
- Manage FPA Boundaries and Prescriptions Map updates and manage Dispute Negotiations
- Continue developing and managing NOACA performance measures and targets
- Continue managing and maintaining the Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund

BACKGROUND



TPE -- Transportation
Engineering

- Manage implementation of the NOACA EV Stations program
- Develop community safety reports
- Administer the NOACA regional safety program
- Update and maintain the NOACA region's intelligent transportation system architecture
- Manage Signal Timing Optimization Program (STOP) projects
- Provide transportation and traffic engineering technical assistances to communities
- Evaluate the 2020-2030 Congestion Management Plan
- Update datasets related to the regional freight plan
- Update pavement datasets for developing a new set of community pavement reports

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TPE – Transportation Modeling

- Provide technical assistance and analysis in response to internal and external requests utilizing NOACA's trip-based travel forecasting models
- Perform sub-regional transportation analyses, as needed
- Update the functional classification system, as needed
- Maintain and upgrade workforce mobility and accessibility-related toolbox
- Update the pavement datasets for developing a new set of community pavement reports
- Manage the annual traffic count program
- Implement the annual NOACA travel forecasting model calibration and validation procedure
- Update and maintain the NOACA GIS Portal and implement GIS data analysis and mapping requests

BACKGROUND



TPE – Transportation Planning

- Implement the annual bike and pedestrian manual and automatic count collection program
- Maintain and update inventory of existing facilities for nonmotorized modes of travel
- Maintain and update the NOACA ACTIVATE plan
- Continue supporting communities for their temporary projects through the NOACA Street Supplies program
- Update and maintain the Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) for cycling and county bike maps
- Identify and prioritize bicycle and pedestrian facility investments
- Integrate and coordinate transit planning with the overall transportation planning process
- Monitor Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) planning in the region and prepare to incorporate changes into the next TOD plan update
- Manage Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative program
- Update and print paper bike maps and maintain bikeNEO bike map app

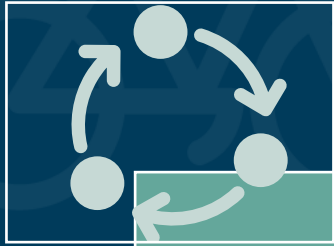
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Public Affairs

- Develop and implement communication and marketing strategies to increase awareness, understanding, and support of NOACA's vision, mission, and goals
- Develop and implement external communications strategies to promote partnerships, build consensus, and foster inclusiveness in the decision-making process
- Produce educational and promotional platforms including website, videos and podcasts to inform external stakeholders and the public regarding relevant and current transportation and environmental planning issues through integrating messages throughout
- Plan and implement a series of public outreach and engagement activities that involve and solicit feedback from stakeholders and the general public on the transportation planning priorities identified in NOACA's major planning documents
- Create reports that analyze public policy related to planning priorities of the region in support of outcomes consistent with the planning goals and objectives of NOACA and the region
- Craft content marketing approach that focuses on cohesive engagement and distribution of valuable, sustainable, relevant, and consistent messaging across all agency services to attract and retain audiences and their experiences through our digital platforms and communications
- Plan, develop, and implement a public affairs agenda and priorities that articulate and advocate NOACA's regional planning and policy development goals

BACKGROUND



Administrative Services

- Provide building reception and general administrative services in support of agency-wide operations
- Manage procurement including administration of policy and procedures; major purchases of goods and services; vendor relations; and execution of contracts
- Deploy information technology resources that enable efficient production of high quality, advanced level work outputs and support collaboration among staff, stakeholders and partners
- Provide information technology services including end-user support, secure computing, and maintenance of system network and applications
- Manage facility, including maintenance, repair and improvement of building structure and component systems; coordination of services that support daily occupancy; and administration of procedures and policies related to building use

BACKGROUND



Finance

- Oversee financial management, payroll, receipts, payments, reports and accounting for all local, grant and other revenue sources
- Submit Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)
- Oversee development and management of OWP budget
- Provide both internal and external customer service for all finance-related needs
- Facilitate annual audit of NOACA's financial statements

NEXT STEPS

- **Public review begins mid-February**
- **Draft OWP placed on February Executive Committee agenda pending Board approval at March meeting**



NOACA

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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.