

SFY 2028-2031 TIP DEVELOPMENT – METHODOLOGY FOR SELECTING POTENTIAL PROJECTS FOR NOACA FUNDS

Planning and Programming Committee

January 30, 2026

ACTION REQUESTED

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

Presented to Transit Council, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Council, Safety and Operations Council, and Transportation Subcommittee

BACKGROUND

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a program of transportation projects to be implemented using Federal funding over the next four-year period.

- Implementation arm of weNEO2050+ long range plan
- Incorporated into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
- Contains ODOT and NOACA funded projects
- Developed every two years

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The TIP comprises:



Roadway & Transportation Alternatives

- ODOT District, Major & Local federal funding programs
- Statewide CMAQ
- NOACA funding programs



Transit

- Each transit agency's 4-year program



Appendices

- Project Lists
- Program Information
- Analysis

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- NOACA is beginning to develop its SFY 2028-2031 TIP to be presented to the Board for action in March 2027
- S/TIP will take effect on July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2031

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The TIP will include the projects to be funded with NOACA-administered programs

STBG

Surface
Transportation
Block Grant
\$34M/year

TAP

Transportation
Alternative
Program
\$3.8M/year

CRP

Carbon
Reduction
Program
\$4.2M/year

CMAQ

Statewide
Congestion
Mitigation & Air
Quality Program
**Projects
determined
through 2031*

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Projects advanced with NOACA funding in the TIP should:

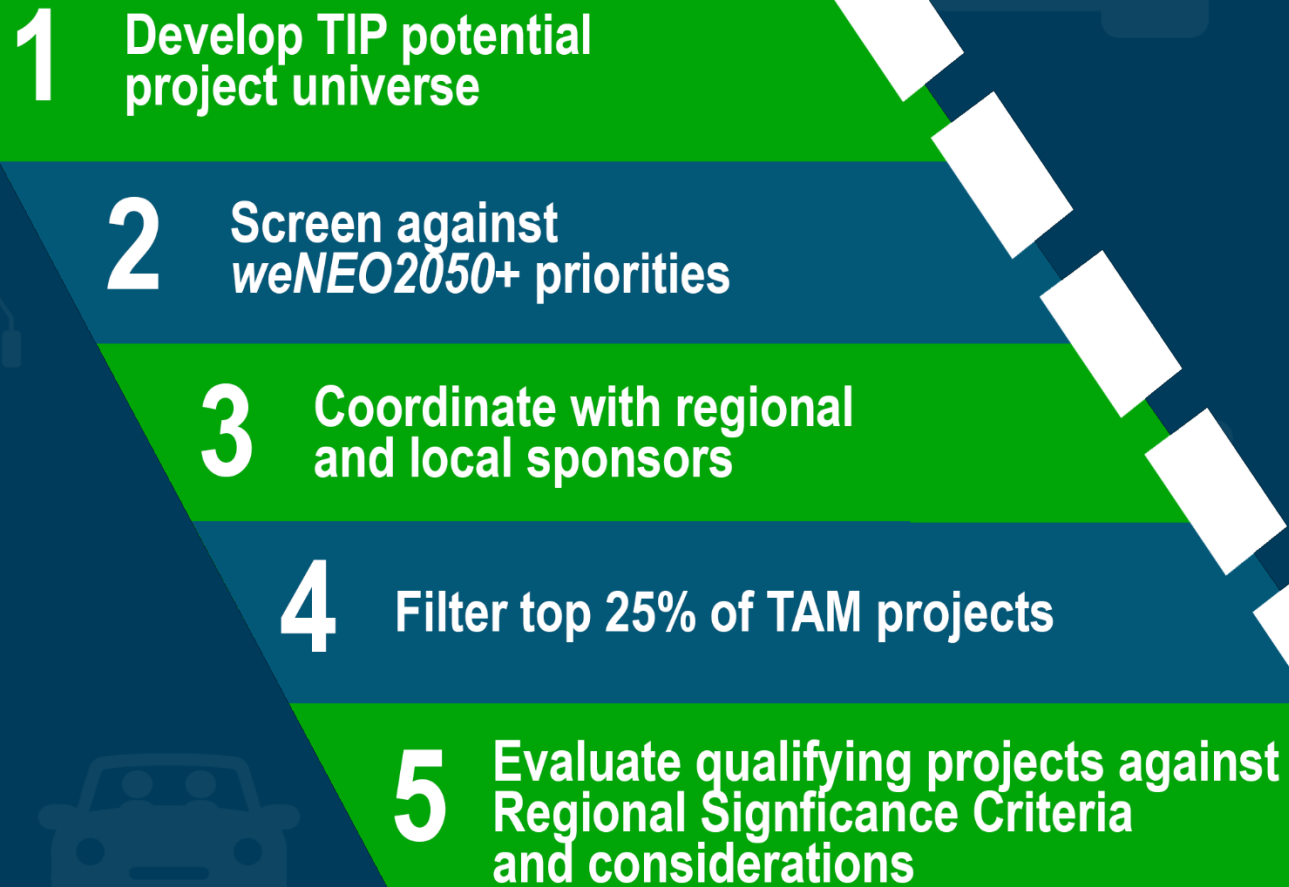
- Best represent priorities contained in *weNEO2050+* Long Range Plan; and
- Align with established State and Federal transportation management initiatives

Process for evaluating projects for NOACA funds in SFY 2028-2031 TIP

- Same process employed for the SFY 2026-2029 TIP
- Incorporates *weNEO2050+* priorities and Board adopted policies and initiatives

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TIP Development Methodology - NOACA Funds

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- 1** Develop TIP potential project universe
 - 2** Screen against *weNEO2050+* priorities
 - 3** Coordinate with regional and local sponsors
 - 4** Filter top 25% of TAM projects
 - 5** Evaluate qualifying projects against Regional Significance Criteria and considerations

BACKGROUND

Step 1: Develop TIP potential project universe

SFY 2028-2031 TIP universe of projects will be derived from:

weNEO2050+

- Major & minor constrained and illustrative lists
- Maintain, Enhance, Expand

4P

- Plans
- Policies
- Programs
- Projects



TAM

- Transportation Asset Management



Safety & Congestion

- Priority Locations



Active Transportation Plans



Submitted Projects

- Local Community
- Regional Transit Agencies

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Step 2: Screen project universe to align with *weNEO2050+* plan

Project Priorities

Pavement	Bridge	Congestion & Safety	Regionally Significant	Transit	Transportation Alternatives
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Aligned with TAMP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">General AppraisalStructural Deficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Aligned with NOACA priority listings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Important to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Regional EconomyTravelDestinations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">FacilitiesTransit Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Safe Routes to SchoolsTLCI Planning StudiesHistoric Transportation Facilities

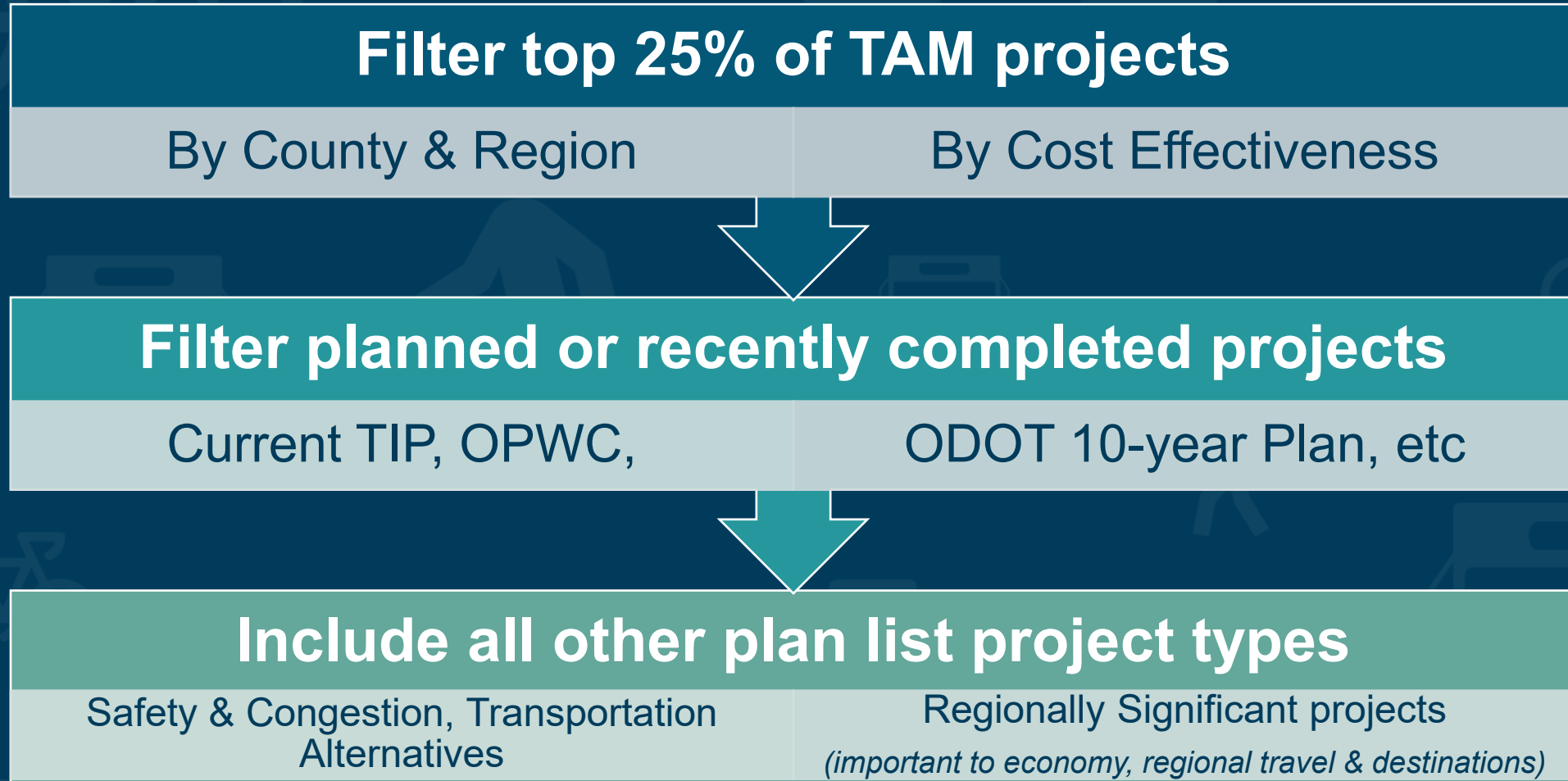
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Step 3: Coordinate with regional and local sponsors

- **Send letters to communities in the region requesting review of the universe of projects**
 - project scope, schedule and budget
 - projects performed or planned
- **Meetings with Counties and the City of Cleveland will be planned for February - April 2026**

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Step 4:



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Step 5: Evaluate qualifying projects against Regional Significance Criteria and considerations

Regional Impact 2=Regional; 1=County; 0=Community (Up to 2 points)	Weight Factor	Weighted Points
Roadway / Transportation Alternatives Significance	1.5	3.0
Job Centers	1.5	3.0
Education / Government / Medical	1.0	2.0
Intermodal Facilities	1.0	2.0
Cultural / Sports / Entertainment	0.5	1.0
Total Maximum Score		11.0

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Step 5: Evaluate qualifying projects against Regional Significance Criteria and considerations

NOACA Plan Relationship (1 point each)

Safety / Congestion Priority Locations

Freight Plan Priority Routes

Public Transit Priorities (Transit Corridors / Transit Oriented Development)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Networks or TLCI / SRTS Studies

Total Maximum Score = 4 points

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Step 5: Evaluate qualifying projects against Regional Significance Criteria and considerations

- **Complete and Green Streets Opportunities**
 - Complete Streets: Safely and comfortably accommodate all users
 - Green Streets: Integrate sustainable green infrastructure components to improve water quality and reduce runoff volumes



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Step 5: Evaluate qualifying projects against Regional Significance Criteria and considerations

- **Community benefit:**
 - Disadvantaged Communities
 - Urban Core Communities
 - Areas of Persistent Poverty
- **Potential for technology adoption:**
 - Strengthening Mobility & Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Corridors
 - EV charging station

SCHEDULE

Projects Recommended for NOACA Funding - Development Activity

Schedule

Work with Advisory Councils and Subcommittees to evaluate projects in accordance with methodology

February - June 2026

Present Project Funding Recommendations to:

Planning and Programming Committee

July 2026

Executive Committee

August 2026

Board of Directors for Approval

September 2026

Staff will work with project sponsors to finalize scope, schedule and budgets

October - December 2026

NEXT STEPS

- Staff will:
 - Prepare and provide transportation system needs and deficiencies
 - Share data with community and agencies for review and input
 - Present to Councils, Subcommittees, and Committees for input
- Input will be used by staff in project evaluation for NOACA funding in the draft SFY 2028-2031 TIP
- SFY 2028-2031 TIP final draft will be presented:
 - Planning and Programming Committee, January 2027 meeting
 - Board of Directors, March 2027 meeting



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.