



**NOACA Transit Council
Meeting Minutes**
November 21, 2025
NOACA Offices
1299 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

Present: Please see the attached attendance record.

Mr. Neil Shop chaired the Transit Council meeting that convened at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Mr. David Lair made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 15, 2025. Ms. Samantha Metcalf seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Public Comment

No one signed in to speak at this meeting.

Chair/Executive Director's Report

No report was presented at this meeting.

Action Items

No action items were presented at this meeting.

Presentation/Discussion Items

CY 2026 Highway Safety Performance Measure Targets

Ms. Kessa Turnbull presented information on the following:

- Nonmotorized Fatalities & Serious Injuries
- CY 2026 Safety Performance Measure Target Setting
- Historic Regional Fatalities
- Historic Regional Nonmotorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries
- Nonmotorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries Per Year With VMT and Speed Comparison

Ms. Turnbull stated that, pending Board approval, the Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Plan highway safety performance targets will be updated.

SFY 2028-2031 TIP Development – Potential Projects for NOACA Funds

Mr. Ed May presented information on the following:

- Background on Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- TIP Components: Roadway and Transportation Alternatives Element, Transit Element, and Appendices
- Development of the SFY 2028-2031 TIP
- Funding programs in the TIP
- TIP Project Alignment
- TIP Project Evaluation Process
- TIP Project Selection and Evaluation Process – NOACA Funds
 - Step 1: Develop TIP potential project universe
 - Step 2: Screen project universe to align with weNEO2050+ plan
 - Step 3: Coordinate with regional and local sponsors
 - Step 4: Filter the top 25% of the TAM projects
 - Step 5: Evaluate qualifying projects against Regional Significance Criteria and considerations
- TIP Schedule

Mr. May said staff will prepare a report on transportation system needs and deficiencies for community and agency review, incorporating Council input. Council feedback will guide staff in evaluating projects for NOACA funding in the draft SFY 2028–2031 TIP. Funding recommendations will go to the Council in May 2026, and the final draft TIP will be presented to the Planning and Programming Committee in January 2027 and the Board of Directors in March 2027.

Mr. Shop, the ODOT programming representative, said it was nice to see the coordination outlined, especially in step 3, where locals discuss their budgets and needs before implementation.

SFY 2026 TLCI Program Applications

Ms. Leah Telepak presented information on the following:

- Background on the TLCI Program
- TLCI Program Application Summary and Budget Overview
- Planning Study Applications – Total Funding Requested: \$680,000
- Implementation Applications – Total Funding Requested: \$6,280,255

Ms. Telepak said council input will be included in staff project evaluations, with recommendations presented to the Planning and Programming Committee in January and final Board approval expected in March.

Lorain East 28th Street Corridor TLCI Study Update

Mr. Rob Uhlhorn presented information on the following:

- Project Goals
- Complete Street
- Project Study Area
- Project Phases
- Phase 1: Data Collection & Existing Condition Analysis
 - Data Collection
 - Lorain County Transit Network
 - Transit Stops
 - Infrastructure Conditions for Nonmotorized Modes of Travel
 - Current LTS
 - Vacant Land

- Other Plans and Studies
- Public Meeting #1
- Phase 2: Analysis & Alternatives Development
 - Collecting Traffic Data
 - Traffic Congestion
 - Traffic Operations Analysis
 - Design Alternatives

Mr. Uhlhorn stated that staff will continue updating the Council as the project progresses.

Reports/Updates

Ms. Metcalf reported that GCRTA has received NEPA approval for the MetroHealth-to-BRT project, which is an exciting milestone. The agency is now approaching 90% design completion.

Old Business

No old business was presented at this meeting.

New Business

No new business was presented at this meeting.

Adjournment

Ms. Metcalf made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. Mr. Lair seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

The Transit Council will hold its next meeting on February 20, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Note: Additional information on the agenda items can be found on [NOACA's website](#) and [YouTube channel](#).



Transit Council 2025 Attendance Record

MEMBER	2/21/25	5/16/25	8/15/25	11/21/25
CAPELLE, Ben (Andrea Aaby, Alternate)	A	A	X	
NOVAK, Pamela (Jeff Armbruster, Alternate)	X			
TBD (former member Pamela Novak)				
RINE, Shannon (Stephen Hambley, Alternate) (Thom Jeffries, Alternate on 11/21/25)	X	X		A
SANTILLI, JoAnna (David Lair, Alternate)	X	X	X	A
SHOP, Neil (Scott Ockunzzi, Alternate)	X	A	X	X
TERRY, India Birdsong (Maribeth Feke, Alternate) (Muriel Bowen, Alternate on 8/15/25) (Samantha Metcalf, Alternate on 11/21/25)	A	A	A	A

Member present = X

Alternate present = A