



**TRANSPORTATION FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES (TLCI)
PLANNING STUDY RFP**

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NOACA

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

AGENDA

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ABOUT NOACA

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

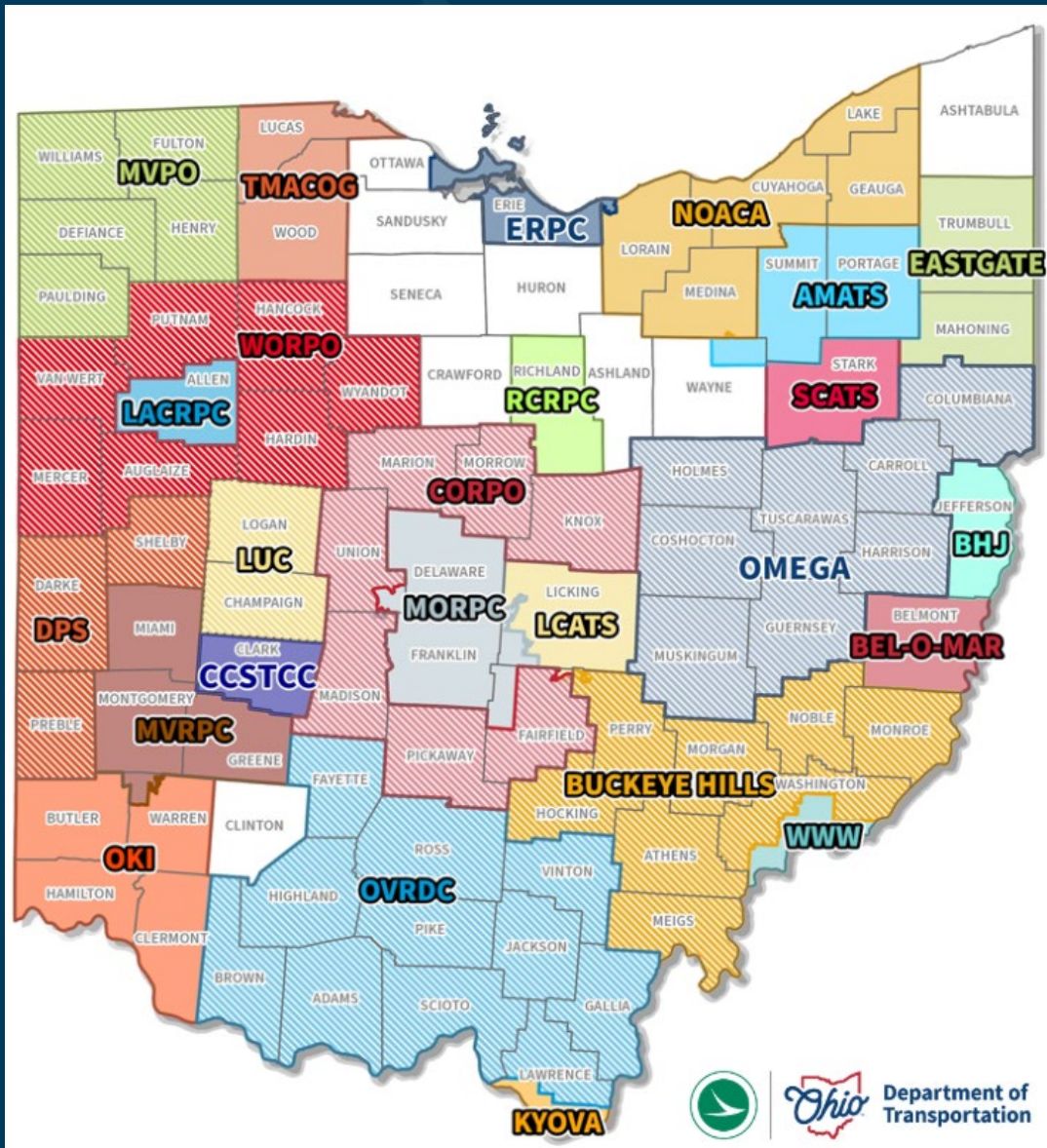
Transportation and environmental planning agency for Greater Cleveland representing the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina; and the City of Cleveland

- 2 million people
- 166 cities, villages, and townships



LEGISLATION

- **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)**
- **Federal Laws and Regulations**
 - [USC Title 23 Section 134](#) Designation and requirements of planning process
 - [CFR Title 23 Part 450](#) Additional rules and regulations for MPOs
- **State Laws**
 - [ORC 713.21](#) Regional Planning Commission
 - [ORC 167.01](#) Regional Council of Governments
 - [ORC 307.15](#) Association of Counties



Source - <https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/programs/stip/mpo-rtpo-tip-info>

MPOs

- AMATS (Akron)
- BHJ (Steubenville)
- Bel-O-Mar (Wheeling)
- CCSTCC (Springfield)
- Eastgate (Youngstown)
- ERPC (Sandusky)
- KYOVA (Huntington)
- LACRPC (Lima)
- LCATS (Newark)
- MORPC (Columbus)
- MVRPC (Dayton)
- NOACA (Cleveland)
- OKI (Cincinnati)
- RCRPC (Mansfield)
- SCATS (Canton)
- TMACOG (Toledo)
- WWW (Parkersburg)

RTPOs

- Buckeye Hills (Southeastern Ohio RTPO)
- CORPO (Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization)
- DPS (Darke Preble Shelby RTPO)
- LUC (Logan Champaign RTPO)
- MVPO (Maumee Valley RTPO)
- OMEGA (Mid-Eastern Ohio RTPO)
- OVRDC (Ohio Valley RTPO)
- WORPO (West Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization)

Public Transportation

ABOUT NOACA

- Carry out federally-required *comprehensive, continuous, and coordinated* transportation planning process with the participation of member local governments and regional agencies
- Major partners and stakeholders include FHWA, FTA, USEPA, MARAD, ODOT, Ohio EPA, local governments, regional government agencies, and transit agencies

NOACA TLCI PROGRAM TEAM

Leah Telepak

- program manager

Jim Thompson

- program oversight

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- planning studies project manager

ABOUT TLCI

The [TLCI Program](#) improves livability in Northeast Ohio communities through investment in transportation

- **Planning**
 - Provides funds to local government agencies for transportation planning studies
 - Launched in 2006
- **Implementation**
 - Provides funds to local government agencies to support infrastructure improvements identified in a TLCI planning study
 - Launched in 2015



TLCI INVESTMENT

- NOACA Planning Study (2006-2022)
 - Partnered on 142 planning studies
 - \$10,108,058 invested
- NOACA Implementation Program (2015-2025)
 - Supported 97 implementation projects
 - \$28,730,156 invested

TLCI FUNDING

- \$500,000 available for TLCI Planning Studies
- \$1.5 million available for TLCI Implementation projects
- Minimum project cost of \$100,000
- Source of funds – Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Federal Highway Administration

TLCI OBJECTIVES

- Expand travel options through the application of complete streets principles
- Implement transportation solutions that are sensitive to the attributes of the surrounding area
- Increase safety and reliability of transportation for system users
- Incentivize reinvestment in vacant/abandoned properties by emphasizing multimodal transportation systems
- Ensure that the benefits and burdens of growth, change and transportation projects are distributed fairly by integrating accessibility for all members of a community.
- Enhance regional cohesion by facilitating collaboration between regional and community partners
- Support economic development through transportation and land use recommendations that leverage existing assets and planned investments
- Positively impact public health



TLCI PLANNING STUDY ISSUES

- Safety
- Connectivity issues/gaps in facilities
- Traffic congestion
- Corridor reconfiguration opportunities
- Disorganized or outdated infrastructure
- Modal conflicts
- Aligning infrastructure with population growth or decline
- Transit access and functionality



PLANNING STUDY PROCESS

PROJECT FUNDING AWARDS

- TLCI grant applications submitted to NOACA in October 2025
- Applications reviewed by staff team
- TLCI project funding awards scheduled for NOACA Board consideration on 3/13/26

RECOMMENDED PLANNING STUDIES

Project Sponsor	Project Name
Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA)	Pathways to Transit: First Last Mile Connections to Transit Stations
City of Mentor-on-the-Lake	Mentor-on-the-Lake Multimodal Facilities Plan
City of Solon	Downtown Solon Multi-Purpose Trail, Downtown CORE Segment

For more information about the recommended projects visit

- [1/30/26 Planning & Programming Committee Meeting webpage](#)
- [3/13/26 Board of Directors meeting webpage](#) – Resolution 2026-013

PLANNING STUDY PROCESS

PROCUREMENT - RFP

- Project scope-of-work finalization underway
- Request for Proposals (RFP)
 - Posted March-April or July-Sept on NOACA website
 - Notification of posting sent to vendor list
 - Project background information, detailed scope of work, desired qualifications, and proposal evaluation criteria
- Review of proposals by NOACA staff and project sponsor
- Interviews with responding consultants as needed

PLANNING STUDY PROCESS

PROCUREMENT – PROPOSAL ELEMENTS

- Company information
- Project approach
- Identification and qualifications of assigned staff and staffing structure
- Identification of any subcontractors
- Examples of previous work experience

PLANNING STUDY PROCESS PROCUREMENT

CONTRACTING		
	Round 1	Round 2
RFP Posted	March-April	July-September
Finance & Audit Committee	7/10/2026	10/9/2026
Executive Committee	8/14/2026	11/13/2026
Board of Directors	9/18/2026	12/11/2026
Contract Execution	by 10/18/26	by 1/11/2026
Project Kickoff	Nov/Dec	Feb/March

Questions?

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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.