

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT POLICY (RTIP)

Policy Committee

April 10, 2026

ACTION REQUESTED

No action is requested. This item is for presentation and discussion.

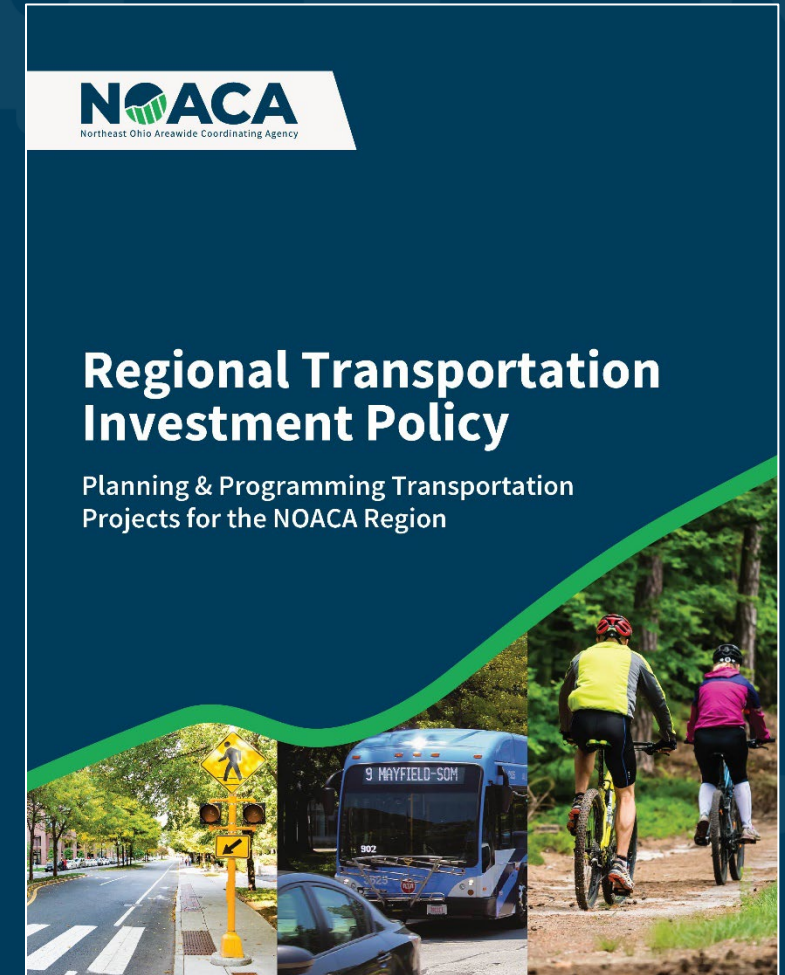
PREVIOUS ACTION

The policy was most recently updated to incorporate resolution 2025-040: compliance with federal executive orders on DEI

***Agency policy review and updates* was adopted by the Policy Committee as one of the focus areas for 2026**

WHAT IS THE RTIP?

- NOACA's policy for planning, programming, and prioritizing federal-aid transportation investments for the region
- Contains policy statements and procedures related to:
 - Transportation planning requirements
 - Project application and evaluation
 - Project Planning Review (PPR)
 - Funds management
 - Project cost increase policy
 - Plan and TIP amendment
 - Public involvement



WHAT IS THE RTIP?

Updated periodically to achieve compliance with

- NOACA Code of Regulations and Planning documents
- Federal and state regulations; and
- program directives

Updates have been made through

- Board approval of revisions to the policy document
- Separate board action related to other stand-alone policies that are reflected in the document

RECENT REVISIONS TO RTIP

- Complete and Green Streets Policy (Res. 2021-036)
- Cost thresholds for FHWA and FTA funded projects (Res. 2021-049)
- Inclusion Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding (Res. 2022-040)
- Increase maximum award for Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding from \$1.5M to \$2.0M (Res. 2024-057)
- Recission, amendment, or revision of NOACA policies related to “Environmental Justice Areas” in compliance with E.O. 14173 (Res. 2025-040)

POTENTIAL REVISIONS TO RTIP

Staff is in the process of undertaking a comprehensive review of the RTIP

- Evaluation of potential projects for NOACA funds
 - Regional Significance Criteria and considerations
- Project sponsor responsibilities and accountability
- Project Cost Increases
 - Raise maximum request for additional NOACA funds (currently 15% of original NOACA commitment)
- Use Toll Credits
- Sponsor Management and Delivery of Projects or Abandoned Projects

NEXT STEPS

- Staff will prepare recommendations regarding any appropriate updates to the document
- Results of the staff analysis and any recommendations for update to the document will be presented at the July Policy Committee Meeting for potential Board approval in September or December.



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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.