



# Executive Committee Meeting

**May 8, 2026, 11:30 a.m.**

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**NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Executive Committee Members**

Morris W. Beverage III, Commissioner, Lake County  
James W. Dvorak, Commissioner, Geauga County  
Aaron Harrison, Commissioner, Medina County  
Jeff Riddell, Commissioner, Lorain County  
Chris Ronayne, County Executive, Cuyahoga County

**FROM:** Justin Bibb, President, NOACA Board of Directors  
Mayor, City of Cleveland

**DATE:** May 1, 2026

**RE: Executive Committee Meeting**

Attached please find materials for the Executive Committee meeting on **Friday, May 8, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at NOACA's Offices, 1299 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.**

Please note that in addition to the members listed above, any interested Board members are welcome to attend. Notice of this meeting has been publicly posted, and major public media has been notified.



**Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency**  
**Friday, May 8, 2026**  
**11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

The public can view the meeting live at: [youtube.com/live/vK6ecWvqGkA?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/vK6ecWvqGkA?feature=share)

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Next Meeting: **Friday, August 14, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**  
**NOACA Offices, 1299 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio**



**NOACA Executive Committee  
Meeting Minutes**  
February 13, 2026  
NOACA Offices  
1299 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

**Present:** Please see the attached attendance record.

Commissioner Jim Dvorak, First Vice Chair of the Executive Committee, convened the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

**Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Bonnie Teeuwen made a motion to approve the November 14, 2025, meeting minutes. Commissioner Morris Beverage seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

No public comments were made at this meeting.

**President's/Executive Director's Report**

Director Grace Gallucci announced that the NOACA *NOW* newsletter is a new monthly digital publication, with its first issue launching in February 2026. It is designed for the NOACA Board, Committees, Subcommittees, Councils, as well as partners and individuals with vested interests. The newsletter will include important updates and current messages such as CEO messages, Board governance updates, major planning milestones, public meeting recaps, and information on upcoming engagements. It will also highlight regional partnerships and funding, along with forward-looking planning and calendar updates. For more information or to subscribe, visit: <https://conta.cc/3M0Y0Zx>.

**Executive Committee Action Item**

**SFY 2027 Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget**

Director Gallucci explained that NOACA's state fiscal year (SFY) 2027 Overall Work Program (OWP), also known as the operating budget in local government or the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) in other states, has been developed in alignment with NOACA's goals and the Board's strategic direction. She emphasized the ongoing use of the vision statement and goals to guide this work. Director Gallucci also took the opportunity to thank Mr. Ronnie Blackshear, Ms. Deb Wordell, the leadership team, and other NOACA staff for their hard work in preparing the budget and carrying out the agency's daily operations, highlighting that the OWP represents the planned work for SFY 2027.

Mr. Blackshear presented information on the following:

- OWP Highlights

- Components of Overall Work Program
- OWP Development and Approval Timeline
- Work Program Activities
- Work Activities of Each Division
- FY 2027 OWP Budget Highlights
  - Estimated Operating Budget
  - Pass-through Funding
  - Budget Assumptions
  - Revenue Sources
  - Federal Funding Sources
  - Expenditures by Category
  - Comparison of Expenditures - SFY 2025 to SFY 2027
- FY2027 Draft OWP Public Comment Period

Mr. Blackshear stated that the next steps include submitting the SFY 2027 OWP and Budget draft to ODOT and federal agencies by March 6, 2026. This will be followed by Board action on March 13, 2026, with the final submission to ODOT, FTA, and FHWA scheduled for May 8, 2026.

Commissioner Beverage made a motion to approve the SFY 2027 Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget and place it on the March 13, 2026, Board of Directors agenda. County Executive Ronayne seconded the motion.

Mr. Gall said he reviewed OWP, Project No. 605 and noticed that sections 605.3, 605.6, 605.7, 605.8, and 605.9 have no staff assigned. He asked where NOACA is headed with those sections and how staff will meet the OWP requirements without sufficient manpower.

Director Gallucci said she assumes the positions are engineering roles and that NOACA is currently interviewing candidates. She expects staff to be hired by July 1, when the work begins, as NOACA is currently short-staffed. Names are not yet available. In the past, NOACA has used on-call consultants to complete work during staff shortages.

Mr. Gall said the sections cover freight planning, congestion management, regional safety, transportation asset management, and signal timing optimization programs, all important programs. He noted that while names are listed for team members, there are no senior-level staff assigned.

Director Gallucci asked Mr. Blackshear to correct her if she was wrong, noting that NOACA recently changed the structure of the Transportation Planning and Engineering Division. She said there is currently a senior-level vacancy that NOACA is looking to fill, along with another recent senior-level vacancy, and the organization is considering the best way to position the necessary work

Mr. Blackshear stated that several categories under Project No. 605 currently have staff assigned. Some positions may still be vacant, but these remain projects that NOACA intends to pursue.

Director Gallucci said that, in some cases, Mr. Gall was referring to the director position. NOACA currently has co-interim directors in place until the position is filled.

Mr. Blackshear said that a vacancy does not mean a project or activity will not occur. The work will still take place; the position is simply vacant at the moment. NOACA is actively seeking new employees.

Mr. Gall said that on Page 39, under 6102 Climate Action Planning, FY 2025 actuals show \$497,000, increasing to \$821,000 this year. He asked how recent federal changes, including endangerment findings and deregulation actions, will affect these numbers and whether the increase of nearly \$320,000 is reasonable.

Director Gallucci said that for the Climate Action Plan, NOACA received a grant specifically for that purpose. The funds are allocated to complete the plan and support counties in their climate action work. At this time, at least \$500,000 remains unspent, and once spent, the grant activities will conclude. She noted that all amounts are related to the grant and asked Mr. Blackshear for his input.

Mr. Blackshear said that the FY 2026 amount is \$821,648, and FY 2027 is \$423,878, reflecting the planned spend-down of the funds.

Ms. Teeuwen asked Mr. Blackshear to display the slide titled *Comparison of Expenditures SFY 2025 to SFY 2027* and to explain the difference between operating capital and other capital, including examples of other capital.

Director Gallucci said that operating capital relates to NOACA's operations, such as servers or building-related expenses. Other capital includes unique items, such as the \$12 million in CRRSAA funds for Irishtown Bend, which were recorded as other capital and removed from the books when spent, and the \$15 million CFI grant for EV charging stations. She explained that the significant decline from 2026 to 2027 reflects the large payout for Irishtown Bend, leaving primarily the CFI grant in 2027.

Mr. Blackshear added that other capital also includes the anticipated crowdfunding revenue.

County Executive Ronayne said that on the Irishtown Bend project, the stabilization work has been completed, which benefits the Cuyahoga River, including the cliffs and the slope along W. 25th Street. He commended the Port of Cleveland and noted that Mr. Jeff Epstein is on the NOACA Board, though not the Executive Committee. He then asked Director Gallucci about the project gap. NOACA has allocated funds and is paying them down according to schedule, but he wanted to know how much remains to be paid and whether she knows the total project gap.

Director Gallucci said that NOACA contributed \$12 million of its CRRSA funds and several million in capital funds and also secured an INFRA grant of about \$9 million. She believes all NOACA drawdowns are complete or nearly complete, though the project closeout will not occur until April 1, so a few invoices may remain. Regarding any gap, she said Mr. Ed May could provide details, but it may be a few hundred thousand dollars out of the \$50–60 million total.

Mr. May said that NOACA has not yet received all invoices from the Port Authority for reimbursement; however, it does not anticipate a funding gap at this time. He noted that change orders or contingencies may arise upon project completion, but currently there are no unforeseen or unaccounted-for expenditures that NOACA cannot cover.

County Executive Ronayne asked whether NOACA's allocation is for a discrete part of the project.

Mr. May said the allocation is primarily associated with slope stabilization.

County Executive Ronayne said that the slope stabilization is essentially part of the first phase. He noted that while additional needs remain for full park implementation, it is encouraging that the Port Authority is closing out this portion.

Director Gallucci clarified that the park is completely separate. NOACA has some funds for the park related to transportation alternatives, but the majority of the funding is outside NOACA's jurisdiction.

County Executive Ronayne said the project provides significant benefits. He noted that if any future federal funds become available, it could help, as the Port Authority still has a few million to raise. He expressed that he is glad NOACA has been involved.

The Committee voted and the motion passed by voice vote.

Director Gallucci clarified that the Executive Committee is responsible for approving the OWP, as required by the Code of Regulations. While staff present it to the Planning and Programming Committee for content and the Finance and Audit Committee for the budget component, final approval does not occur there. She noted that there was some confusion in past years when it was perceived that Finance and Audit was the final approving committee. Staff wanted to ensure the OWP was addressed separately to avoid any confusion.

### **Regional Strategy for Coordinating Funding Opportunities Update 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter SFY 2026**

Ms. Bev Burtzloff presented information on the following:

- Background on the Regional Strategy for Coordinating Funding Opportunities
- Memo Attachment
- Quarterly Updates to Projects
  - Highland Bluffs & W. 117<sup>th</sup> Street Lakefront Corridor Connection to be added to 2026 BUILD planning funding program by request of Cuyahoga County

Ms. Burtzloff stated that Board ratification will occur at the March meeting. Pursuant to Resolution 2023-18, if funding opportunities or grant program changes occur between NOACA Board meetings, NOACA will work with affected partners to update the Strategy for ratification at the next Board meeting. Staff will continue to follow guidance from federal agencies, including USDOT, USEPA, and NOAA, collaborate with partner communities and organizations to support project application submissions, regularly update the Funding Resources webpage, and continue updating the Strategy for CY 2026.

County Executive Ronayne made a motion to approve and place the Regional Strategy for Coordinating Funding Opportunities Update 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter SFY 2026 on the March 13, 2026, Board of Directors meeting agenda. Commissioner Beverage seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

### **Board of Directors March 13, 2026, Meeting Agenda**

Commissioner Dvorak stated that Director Gallucci would cover the recommended items, which have been vetted by other committees for placement on the Board of Directors meeting agenda on March 13, 2026. The Executive Committee will address them as a group and take a single action on all items unless a motion is made to consider one or more items individually.

Director Gallucci stated that this is the first time the Executive Committee will use a consent agenda, following last year's charter changes allowing a slate of items to be approved together. She outlined three categories: five items for the consent agenda to be approved as a group, four individual action items to be considered separately, and one presentation item. She reviewed the items below for the consent agenda.

### **Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes of January 23, 2026, Meeting
- b. Regional Strategy for Coordinating Funding Opportunities Update 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter SFY 2026
- c. Request for Additional NOACA Funds to Address a Project Cost Increase – City of Chardon TSG Upgrade
- d. Third Quarter SFY 2026 Project Planning Reviews (PPR)
  - i. Laketran Ohio Workforce Mobility Partnership Improve Cross County Transportation
- e. Third Quarter SFY 2026 Plan and TIP Amendments
  - i. Laketran OWMP Improve Cross County Transportation
  - ii. CUY SR 010 16.13 Repair
  - iii. LAK CR 530 0.00 (Fairport/Water)
  - iv. LAK IR 090 12.39 Slope
  - v. GCRTA S2026-2029 GCRTA PTASP
  - vi. GCRTA Bus Replacements

Director Gallucci asked the Committee whether it was comfortable with the consent agenda as proposed.

Mr. Gall said he was but emphasized that members should understand what it entails and review the minutes for corrections before the March 13 Board meeting, submitting any corrections in advance.

Director Gallucci concurred.

Commissioner Beverage asked for clarification, confirming that any consent agenda item requiring discussion can be moved to individual consideration through a motion and second at the Board meeting.

Director Gallucci said that was correct.

Mr. Ryan Gembala clarified that if a member wants to remove an item from the consent agenda, it does not go to a vote; it is simply moved to the regular agenda for discussion at the appropriate time.

County Executive Ronayne noted, with Commissioner Beverage's qualifier, that the consent agenda represents a significant process improvement and thanked Mr. Gembala for introducing it, adding that he wished it had been in place last year.

Director Gallucci added that items on the consent agenda will not include staff presentations at the Board meeting, saving significant time, though presentations will be available if requested by the Board or a board member.

Commissioner Harrison asked if a member with a conflict should abstain from the entire consent agenda vote or ask that the item be pulled, noting that if an item is pulled only for abstention, a staff presentation may not be necessary.

Mr. Gembala responded that this approach makes sense and is legally compliant.

## **Individual Action Items**

### **Resolution of Appreciation to Councilwoman Stephanie Howse-Jones**

Director Gallucci stated that this item is a resolution of appreciation for Councilwoman Stephanie Howse-Jones, recognizing her service on the NOACA Board, particularly as Chair of the External Affairs Committee.

### **SFY 2027 Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget**

Director Gallucci stated that staff believes the OWP is important enough to be presented separately to the Board.

### **Second Quarter SFY 2026 Project Planning Reviews (PPR): Public Infrastructure Improvements in Brook Park (CUY SR 291-02.90)**

Director Gallucci reviewed the following information:

- Brook Park Public Infrastructure Improvements
- Buildable Units
- Timeline
- Model Structure and Validity
- Impacts of Proposed Buildable Units
- Trip Routes to Airport & Stadiums – 3 PM to 7 PM
- Highway Capacity – 3 PM to 7 PM
- Typical Traffic Volumes – 3 PM to 7 PM
- Statistical Measures of Airport Trips
- Staff Recommendation with Conditions

Ms. Teeuwen asked whether the reported total delay referred to per-day totals or cumulative traffic over the year.

Mr. Makarachi said the numbers reflect trips to the airport on event days from 3 to 7 p.m., showing total delays for vehicles in the influence area. He noted that a simulation will be shown at the March 13 Board meeting to visually depict car movements and delays. Maximum delays are typically three to four minutes when coming to or leaving the airport, as daily traffic has cleared. After events, delays of one to five minutes may occur as people leave the stadium.

Ms. Teeuwen asked for clarification, noting that if 32 vehicles are going to the airport during a certain period, multiplying 3,200 by a three-minute delay results in 96 hours.

Mr. Makarachi confirmed that the calculation applies to the influence area only, not the entire region.

County Executive Ronayne asked whether NOACA staff analyze delays in relation to Southwest General Hospital, and Mr. Makarachi confirmed that they do.

County Executive Ronayne asked what staff's findings were.

Mr. Makarachi said there is some delay, but trips to Southwest General Hospital are largely separate from stadium traffic. Hospital traffic primarily uses the I-71 south ramp, while event traffic uses the north ramp. In contrast, airport traffic is more closely aligned with stadium traffic, as both use I-480 and approach from similar directions.

County Executive Ronayne noted that Southwest General Hospital has an emergency department and suggested analyzing delays in relation to ambulance service, as congestion can complicate emergency response.

Mr. Makarachi confirmed that staff have conducted analyses, although the presentation slide was removed to focus on the airport. He added that delays at Southwest General Hospital are present but less significant than those at the airport.

County Executive Ronayne asked whether items could be removed from the consent agenda at the Executive Committee level.

Mr. Gembala confirmed that this is possible, explaining that an item previously marked as consent could be placed on the regular agenda.

Director Gallucci clarified County Executive Ronayne's request: he would like the Second Quarter PPR item removed from the approval of the Board agenda and discussed separately by the Executive Committee.

County Executive Ronayne confirmed, and both Director Gallucci and Mr. Gembala agreed that this could be done.

Director Gallucci said staff have determined that the requirements of the Project Plan Review (PPR) have been met for Buildable Units 1 through 6, which address traffic impacts within the City of Brook Park only. She noted that impacts to areas outside Brook Park, including Southwest General Hospital, require further study. A separate traffic analysis is currently being conducted on Bagley Road. Staff recommend that approval be conditioned upon additional study and development of infrastructure proposals for communities outside Brook Park but within the influence area. NOACA intends to treat Buildable Units 1 through 6 as Phase One of the infrastructure needed to support the Browns stadium development, with projects outside the city considered Phase Two.

Director Gallucci asked Mr. Gembala whether this was the appropriate time to ask members if they wanted to remove an item from the slate.

Mr. Gembala said that when making the motion to approve the agenda, the Committee could first move to amend it by removing the item from the consent agenda and then approve the agenda as amended.

### **SFY 2026 Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) Program Recommendations**

Director Gallucci said TLCI is one of NOACA's flagship programs, typically funded at about \$2 million, with approximately \$2.3 million available in 2026 due to prior projects coming in under budget or not advancing. There were five planning study requests totaling \$680,000 (maximum \$500,000 available) and 14 implementation requests totaling \$6.2 million (maximum \$2 million available). Staff recommend four planning studies: GCRTA, Liverpool Township, Mentor-on-the-Lake, and Solon, and six implementation projects: Bay Village, Bedford, Grand River Village, Laketrans, North Royalton, and Richmond Heights. Recommended funding generally aligns with requested amounts, ranging from \$122,452 to \$438,093. Laketrans requested \$1.5 million; staff recommend \$344,671, and Laketrans agreed to the reduced amount as part of assembling project funding.

Ms. Teeuwen asked whether a member could request that the TLCI recommendations be included in the consent agenda.

Director Gallucci said yes, noting that staff's proposal to list it separately was because it comes up only once a year and board members often like to review and comment on the approved projects. She added that it could be treated as a routine item.

### **Presentation Items**

#### **ODOT Innerbelt Modernization Plan Update**

Director Gallucci said ODOT has requested to make a presentation to the NOACA Board on the Inner Belt Modernization Plan.

After discussing all items, Director Gallucci summarized the actions before the Executive Committee, noting the agenda includes consent items, individual items, and presentation items. She explained the committee heard a request to remove one item from individual action for approval today and a proposal to move an individual action item to the consent agenda for the Board. She suggested the committee consider the item moving to consent first and asked Mr. Gembala if any action was needed.

Mr. Gembala said a motion to amend the proposed agenda, as outlined by Ms. Teeuwen, would be sufficient.

Ms. Teeuwen made a motion to amend the proposed agenda to include the TLCI recommendations in the consent agenda. Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Ms. Debbie Berry made a motion to amend item H (Second Quarter SFY 2026 Project Planning Reviews) from the individual items and make it its own action as to whether or not it moves forward from the Board agenda.

Ms. Teeuwen asked for clarification on Ms. Berry's motion to make it its own action.

Director Gallucci said what Ms. Berry and County Executive Ronayne were referring to is that they would like this to be an individual vote here at Executive Committee as to whether or not to put it on the agenda for the Board.

Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion. The Committee voted. Commissioner Beverage voted no. The motion passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Dvorak asked if the Committee was going to vote on the Brook Park project separately. Director Gallucci and Mr. Gembala said yes.

Director Gallucci stated that the Second Quarter SFY 2026 Project Planning Reviews would be voted on separately by the Executive Committee at this meeting.

Ms. Berry asked for clarification of the no vote.

Commissioner Beverage said he voted no to not separate the Second Quarter PPR.

Commissioner Beverage made a motion to approve the existing consent agenda items and the rest of the individual items on the agenda, as well as the presentation, separate from the Second

Quarter PPR that was just removed. Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Harrison made a motion to place item H (Second Quarter SFY 2026 Project Planning Reviews) to the March 13, 2026, Board of Directors meeting agenda. Commissioner Beverage seconded the motion.

Ms. Berry said Cuyahoga County still has a number of concerns and does not believe the item is ready to move forward to the full Board. She noted that, as Director Gallucci mentioned, approval is contingent upon other studies, and Cuyahoga County feels those studies should be completed before the full Board acts.

Commissioner Harrison said the presentation the Board will see on March 13 will be more detailed than today's Executive Committee version. While acknowledging Cuyahoga County's concerns, he believes a more robust presentation is appropriate for Board consideration. His vote to move the item to the Board agenda is based on the expectation that additional presentation points will address outstanding questions, and he supports advancing the item from the Executive Committee to the full Board.

Director Gallucci said that is correct, noting that today's presentations were truncated for the Executive Committee because they had already been covered in detail in prior committee meetings. Staff will revisit the presentations for the March 13 Board meeting.

Commissioner Harrison said that as a new Executive Committee member, he appreciates the truncated version of the presentations.

Ms. Teeuwen asked if the Brook Park study is on NOACA's Long Range Plan.

Director Gallucci said it is not on the Long Range Plan yet. It is scheduled for the June Board meeting, pending completion of the PPR and additional studies, including air quality conformity analysis, before it can be added to the plan.

Ms. Teeuwen asked how the Brook Park study not being on the Long Range Plan yet affects the TRAC application for the project.

Director Gallucci said TRAC allows projects to be applied for and approved without being on the Long Range Plan, as long as the MPO provides acknowledgment, which NOACA did. She noted that for Tier One funding, TRAC prefers environmental review to be complete before awarding funds. While TRAC ideally wants all approvals in place, they can still award a project at their discretion. NOACA staff and consultants confirmed this approach with the TRAC director.

Ms. Teeuwen noted that the Brook Park consulting team was present and asked if NOACA staff has an update on the progress of the air quality conformity analysis.

Director Gallucci said the consulting team's environmental document is complete and submitted to ODOT and is currently under review. The air quality conformity analysis, conducted by NOACA in coordination with other regional MPOs such as AMATS, still needs to be completed. She explained that because the Brook Park project is complex and under PPR, the environmental review and air quality analysis could not be done concurrently, unlike simpler projects such as resurfacing. NOACA policies note that projects of this complexity can take six months or more to complete the process.

The Committee voted. Ms. Berry abstained. The motion passed by voice vote.

### **Presentation/Discussion Items**

No presentation/discussion items were presented at this meeting.

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Beverage made a motion for Executive Committee to adjourn to executive session at 12:52 p.m. pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22(g)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee and O.R.C. 121.22(g)(3) conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion.

A roll call was conducted. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Beverage made a motion for the Executive Committee to reconvene in open session at 1:54 p.m. Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

### **Reports/Updates**

#### **Old Business**

No old business was discussed at this meeting.

#### **New Business**

Commissioner Harrison asked whether there had been any discussion about hosting a NOACA Board meeting in another county. He noted that last year's off-site meetings were appreciated and said Medina County would welcome the opportunity to host one.

Ms. Teeuwen said that Mayor Bibb will take Commissioner Harrison's suggestion into consideration.

#### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Beverage made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Ms. Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

The Executive Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Friday, May 8, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., at the NOACA offices.

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



# NOACA

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

## Executive Committee 2026 Attendance Record

Meeting Dates	2/13/26	5/8/26	8/14/26	11/13/26
<b>BEVERAGE III</b> , Morris W. Alternate: TBD	X			
<b>BIBB</b> , Justin Alternate: Bonnie Teeuwen	A			
<b>DVORAK</b> , James Alternate: Nick Gorris	X			
<b>HARRISON</b> , Aaron Alternate: Stephen Hambley	X			
<b>RIDDELL</b> , Jeff Alternate: John Gall	A			
<b>RONAYNE</b> , Chris Alternate: Debbie Berry	X/A			
<b>Total Member Attendance</b>	<b>6</b>			

X = Member present      A = Alternate present



**NOACA Executive Committee  
Meeting Minutes**  
April 29, 2026  
NOACA Offices  
1299 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

**Present:** Please see the attached attendance record.

Mayor Justin Bibb, Chair of the Executive Committee, convened the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

No public comments were made at this meeting.

**President's/Executive Director's Report**

No report was presented at this meeting.

**Executive Session**

Commissioner Morris Beverage made a motion for the Executive Committee to enter into executive session pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee.

Commissioner Aaron Harrison seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted and the vote was unanimous. The Committee entered executive session at 9:10 a.m.

Commissioner Beverage made a motion to exit executive session. County Executive Chris Ronayne seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote. The Committee exited executive session at 10:05 a.m.

**Action Item**

No items were presented at this meeting.

**Presentation/Discussion Items**

No presentation or discussion items were presented at this meeting.

**Old Business**

No old business was discussed at this meeting.

**New Business**

No new business was discussed at this meeting.

## **Adjournment**

Commissioner Harrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Commissioner Beverage seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

The Executive Committee will hold its next meeting Friday, May 8, 2026, at 11:30 a.m., at the NOACA offices.

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## Executive Committee 2026 Attendance Record

Meeting Dates	2/13/26	4/29/26	5/8/26	8/14/26	11/13/26
<b>BEVERAGE III</b> , Morris W. Alternate: Julie Belich	X	X			
<b>BIBB</b> , Justin Alternate: Bonnie Teeuwen	A	X			
<b>DVORAK</b> , James Alternate: Nick Gorris	X	A			
<b>HARRISON</b> , Aaron Alternate: Brandon Gibson	X	X			
<b>RIDDELL</b> , Jeff Alternate: John Gall	A	X			
<b>RONAYNE</b> , Chris Alternate: Debbie Berry	X/A	X			
<b>Total Member Attendance</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>			

X = Member present      A = Alternate present



## NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY MEMORANDUM

**TO:** NOACA Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer  
**DATE:** May 1, 2026  
**RE:** **Regional Strategy for Coordinating Funding Opportunities Update 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter SFY 2026**

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

The Executive Committee is asked to consider recommending updates to the Regional Strategy for Coordinating Funding Opportunities for the fourth quarter of State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026 for placement on the Board of Directors June 2026 meeting agenda as a consent agenda item.

### **BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION**

NOACA's Regional Strategy for Coordinating Funding Opportunities (Strategy) was created to approach IJA funding opportunities in a strategic manner, to be consistent with U.S. DOT guidance and NOACA's responsibility as the federally designated MPO, and to clarify the role that the agency serves as the regional convener and facilitator with respect to discretionary funding opportunities. The Board of Directors adopted the Strategy on June 9, 2023, via [Resolution 2023-18](#).

As specified in Resolution 2023-18, there will be regular reviews of updates to the Strategy. The guidance for updating the Strategy was approved by the Board via [Resolution 2023-032](#). As outlined in Resolution 2023-032, entities may recommend updates to the Strategy by submitting an Update Request Form, accessible on NOACA's [Funding Resources webpage](#). Updates may include new projects that were added to the Strategy, projects that were moved to another funding program, and any other pertinent updates.

Attachment 1 includes two updates for Quarter 4 of SFY 2026, per submitted sponsor Update Request Forms and NOACA staff review:

- Lorain County Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) has been moved from Safe Streets For All (SS4A) – Implementation 2025 to 2026.
- Shaker Heights Comprehensive Safety Action Plan & Demonstration has been moved from Safe Streets For All (SS4A) – Planning 2025 to 2026.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no immediate financial impact. This NOACA-led strategy increases the potential to attract additional federal resources to our region.

### **CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

Since applications for this grant close on May 26, 2026, prior to the next NOACA Board meeting, the Committee is asked to place this item on the Board's June agenda for ratification.

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**Attachment 1:** NOACA Regional Strategy for Coordinating Funding Opportunities Q4 SFY 2026

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14	Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement Grants (CRIS)	Fall 2023	1. Lane Road Widening and Grade Separation 2. Elyria Amtrak Station Accessibility 3. Bessemer Rail Crossing Separation	Closed May 2024	1. Lane Rd. Widening & Grade Separation 2. Bessemer Ave. Safety Realignment 3. Cleveland Multimodal Hub	Spring 2025	4. Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Extension 5. Cleveland Riverfront (Bedrock) 6. Bessemer Ave. Safety Realignment 7. Cleveland Multimodal Hub	Closes 6/22/2026	
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16	Federal/State Partnership Rail Program	TBD		TBD	1. Cleveland Multimodal Hub	Spring 2025			
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18	Low or No Emission (Bus) Grants	Closed April 2023	1. GCRTA Electric Buses Submitted 2. ODOT/GCRTA/Geauga County Transit low emission vehicles	Closed April 2024	3. GCRTA Electric Buses (with charging stations)		5. ODOT/GCRTA/Geauga County Transit low emission vehicles		
19	Medium Hub Airports	TBD		TBD	1. Cleveland-Hopkins Airport Project				
20	National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega Projects) (USDOT Combined FYs '25, '26)	Closed 8/21	1. Innerbelt CCG3A IR-90 Central Interchange 2. Denison-Harvard (SFN 1832344)	Closed May 2024 For FY 25-26	3. Cleveland Riverfront (Bedrock) 4. Cleveland North Coast Connector 5. Innerbelt CCG3A IR-90 Central Interchange	Closed May 2024 For FY 25-26	6. Regional Airport Access Improvements	Closed May 2024 For FY 25-26	7. Lake Erie Connects (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI) 8. Denison-Harvard Bridge (SFN 1832344)
21	Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (INFRA) (USDOT Combined FYs '25, '26)	Closed 8/21	1. Lane Road Widening and Grade Separation	Closed May 2024 For FY 25-26	2. Cleveland Riverfront (Bedrock) 3. Cleveland North Coast Connector 4. Innerbelt CCG3A IR-90 Central Interchange	Closed May 2024 For FY 25-26	5. Regional Airport Access Improvements 6. North Coast Connector	Closed May 2024 For FY 25-26	7. SR-17 Bridge (SFN 1802046-Brook Park Rd. over Rocky River) 8. Denison-Harvard Bridge (SFN 1832344)
22	Non-Hub and Non-Primary Airports	TBD		TBD		TBD	1. Regional Airport Access Improvements	TBD	

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23	Pilot Program for Transit Oriented Development	Closed 10/10	1. Lorain Road Multimodal Complete Street Project Planning (GCRTA)	Closed July 2024	2. GCRTA Priority Corridor Studies (pending 2023 award)	Summer 2025	3. Cleveland Multimodal Hub 4. GCRTA Priority Corridor Studies - Kinsman Corridor		5. GCRTA Priority Corridor Studies - Kinsman Corridor
24	PROTECT - At risk Coast Infrastructure Grants (USDOT Combined FYs '24, '25)	Closed 8/18	1. CHEERS 2. Carter Road Trail Hub 3. Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project	Closes 2-24-25 For FY 24-25	4. Cleveland Riverfront (Bedrock)	Closed 2/11/25 For FY 24-25	5. Lake Erie Connects (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)	Closed 2/11/25 For FY 24-25	
25	PROTECT - Planning Grants (USDOT Combined FYs '24, '25)	Closed 8/18	1. Cleveland North Coast Connector 2. CHEERS	Closes 2-24-25 For FY 24-25	3. Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI) 4. Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project	Closed 2/11/25 For FY 24-25		Closed 2/11/25 For FY 24-25	
26	PROTECT - Resilience Improvement Grants (USDOT Combined FYs '24, '25)	Closed 8/18	1. CHEERS 2. Cleveland Riverfront (Bedrock)	Closes 2-24-25 For FY 24-25	3. Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI) 4. CHEERS	Closed 2/11/25 For FY 24-25	4. CHEERS		6. Cleveland North Coast Connector 7. CHEERS 8. Cleveland Riverfront (Bedrock)
27	Rail Vehicle Replacement Grants	Closed 2023	1. GCRTA Rail Car Replacement Program	TBD		TBD		TBD	
28	Railroad Crossing Elimination Grants	Summer 2023		Closed September 2024	1. Bessemer Ave. Safety Realignment 2. Lane Road Widening and Grade Separation	TBD	3. Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Extension 4. Bessemer Ave. Safety Realignment	TBD	
29	Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program - Capital Construction Grants (USDOT Combined FYs '24, '25, '26)	Closed 9/28	1. Lake Erie Connects (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI) 2. Cle Innerbelt: Bridging the Divide ODOT	Closed September 2024 for FY 24 - 26	3. Cleveland North Coast Connector 4. Sidaway Bridge Reconstruction	Closed September 2024 for FY 24 - 26	5. Hodgson Road Realignment 6. Sidaway Bridge Reconstruction	Closed September 2024 for FY 24 - 26	7. Veterans Memorial Bridge (US-6 SFN 1800930) Subway Level Enhancements 8. Thrive 105-93 9. Lost Nation & Hodgson Roads Intersection
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31	Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program - Technical Assistance (USDOT Combined FYs '24, '25, '26)	Closed 9/28	1. Lake Erie Connects (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)	Closed September 2024 for FY 24 - 26	2. Hodgson Road Realignment	Closed September 2024 for FY 24 - 26	3. Cleveland North Coast Connector	Closed September 2024 for FY 24 - 26	
32	Restoration and Enhancement Grant Program	TBD	1. Cleveland Riverfront (Bedrock)	TBD	1. Cleveland Riverfront (Bedrock) 2. Cleveland North Coast Connector	TBD	3. Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Extension	TBD	
33	Rural Surface Transportation - Rural Roadway Lane Departures	Closed 8/21	1. Lane Road Widening and Grade Separation	Closed May 2024	2. Village of Middlefield Transportation Improvement Project	TBD	3. Regional Metro Parks Connectivity	TBD	4. Lake Medina County Rocky River Greenway Trail Extension 5. Wadsworth Interurban Trail Expansion
34	Rural Surface Transportation - Small Projects	Closed 8/21	1. Lane Road Widening and Grade Separation	Closed May 2024	2. Village of Middlefield Transportation Improvement Project	TBD	3. Regional Metro Parks Connectivity	TBD	4. Lake Medina County Rocky River Greenway Trail Extension 5. Wadsworth Interurban Trail Expansion

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13	Congestion Relief Program	TBD	1. Veterans Memorial Bridge (US-6 SFN 1800930) Subway Level Enhancements 2. Metrohealth Line BRT 3. Howe Road Widening	Closed April 2024	1. Veterans Memorial Bridge (US-6 SFN 1800930) Subway Level Enhancements 2. Metrohealth Line BRT 3. Howe Road Widening (Strongsville) 4. Innerbelt CCG3A IR-90 Central Interchange	Summer 2025		Closed 5/12/2025	
14	Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement Grants (CRIS)	Fall 2023	1. Lane Road Widening and Grade Separation 2. Elyria Amtrak Station Accessibility 3. Bessemer Rail Crossing Separation	Closed May 2024	1. Lane Rd. Widening & Grade Separation 2. Bessemer Ave. Safety Realignment 3. Cleveland Multimodal Hub	Spring 2025	4. Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Extension 5. Cleveland Riverfront (Bedrock) 6. Bessemer Ave. Safety Realignment 7. Cleveland Multimodal Hub	6/22/2026	
15	Corridor ID	Closed	1. Three Corridor applications for improved Amtrak service in NEO	TBD	1. Three Corridor applications for improved Amtrak service in NEO	Fall 2025	1. Three Corridor applications for improved Amtrak service in NEO	Closed 1/7/2026	1. Three Corridor applications for improved Amtrak service in NEO
16	Federal/State Partnership Rail Program	TBD		TBD	1. Cleveland Multimodal Hub	Spring 2025			
17	Great Lakes Restoration Initiative	TBD	1. Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project 2. Lake Erie Connects (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI) 3. CHEERS	TBD	1. Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project 2. Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI) 3. CHEERS 4. Euclid Beach Connector	TBD	5. Euclid Beach Connector 6. CHEERS		
18	Low or No Emission (Bus) Grants	Closed April 2023	1. GCRTA Electric Buses Submitted 2. ODOT/GCRTA/Geauga County Transit low emission vehicles	Closed April 2024	3. GCRTA Electric Buses (with charging stations)		4. ODOT/GCRTA/Geauga County Transit low emission vehicles	TBD	
19	Medium Hub Airports	TBD		TBD	1. Cleveland-Hopkins Airport Project				
20	National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega Projects) (USDOT Combined FYs '25, '26)	Closed 8/21	1. Innerbelt CCG3A IR-90 Central Interchange 2. Denison-Harvard (SFN 1832344)	Closed May 2024	3. Cleveland Riverfront (Bedrock) 4. Cleveland North Coast Connector 5. Innerbelt CCG3A IR-90 Central Interchange	Closed May 2024 For FY 25-26	6. Regional Airport Access Improvements		7. Lake Erie Connects (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI) 8. Denison-Harvard Bridge (SFN 1832344)
21	Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (INFRA) (USDOT Combined FYs '25, '26)	Closed 8/21	1. Lane Road Widening and Grade Separation	Closed May 2024	2. Cleveland Riverfront (Bedrock) 3. Cleveland North Coast Connector 4. Innerbelt CCG3A IR-90 Central Interchange	Closed May 2024 For FY 25-26	5. Regional Airport Access Improvements 6. North Coast Connector	Closed May 2024 For FY 25-26	7. SR-17 Bridge (SFN 1802046-Brook Park Rd. over Rocky River) 8. Denison-Harvard Bridge (SFN 1832344)
22	Non-Hub and Non-Primary Airports	TBD		TBD		TBD	1. Regional Airport Access Improvements	Closed May 2024 For FY 25-26	

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<b>RECOMMENDED PROJECTS FOR FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES 2023-2026</b>									
23	Pilot Program for Transit Oriented Development	Closed 10/10	1. <b>Lorain Road Multimodal Complete Street Project Planning (GCRTA)</b>	Closed July 2024	2. <i>GCRTA Priority Corridor Studies (pending 2023 award)</i>	Summer 2025	3. Cleveland Multimodal Hub 4. GCRTA Priority Corridor Studies - Kinsman Corridor	TBD	5. GCRTA Priority Corridor Studies - Kinsman Corridor
24	PROTECT - At risk Coast Infrastructure Grants (USDOT Combined FYs '24, '25)	Closed 8/18	1. <i>CHEERS</i> 2. <i>Carter Road Trail Hub</i> 3. <i>Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project</i>	Closes 2-24-25 For FY 24-25	4. Cleveland Riverfront (Bedrock)	Closed 2/11/25 For FY 24-25	5. Lake Erie Connects (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)		
25	PROTECT - Planning Grants (USDOT Combined FYs '24, '25)	Closed 8/18	1. <i>Cleveland North Coast Connector</i> 2. <i>CHEERS</i>	Closes 2-24-25 For FY 24-25	3. Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI) 4. Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project	Closed 2/11/25 For FY 24-25		Closed 2/11/25 For FY 24-25	
26	PROTECT - Resilience Improvement Grants (USDOT Combined FYs '24, '25)	Closed 8/18	1. <i>CHEERS</i> 2. Cleveland Riverfront (Bedrock)	Closes 2-24-25 For FY 24-25	3. Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI) 4. <i>CHEERS</i>	Closed 2/11/25 For FY 24-25	5. <i>CHEERS</i> 6. <i>Cleveland Riverfront (Bedrock)</i>	Closed 2/11/25 For FY 24-25	7. Cleveland North Coast Connector 8. Cleveland Riverfront (Bedrock)
27	Rail Vehicle Replacement Grants	Closed 2023	1. <b>GCRTA Rail Car Replacement Program</b>	TBD		TBD			
28	Railroad Crossing Elimination Grants	Summer 2023		Closed September 2024	1. <i>Bessemer Ave. Safety Realignment</i> 2. <i>Lane Road Widening and Grade Separation</i>	TBD	3. Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Extension 4. Bessemer Ave. Safety Realignment	TBD	
29	Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program - Capital Construction Grants (USDOT Combined FYs '24, '25, '26)	Closed 9/28	1. <i>Lake Erie Connects (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)</i> 2. <i>Cle Innerbelt: Bridging the Divide ODOT</i>	Closed September 2024 for FY 24 - 26	3. <b>Cleveland North Coast Connector</b> 4. Sidaway Bridge Reconstruction	Closed September 2024 for FY 24 - 26		TBD	
30	Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program - Planning Grants (USDOT Combined FYs '24, '25, '26)	Closed 9/28	1. Reconnecting Cleveland I-90 (resubmission)	Closed September 2024 for FY 24 - 26	2. Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI) - I90 & Neighborhood Access)	Closed September 2024 for FY 24 - 26		Closed September 2024 for FY 24 - 26	3. Bridging Access: Workforce Transportation Solutions from Lorain and Elyria to the Mega Site Job Center
31	Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program - Technical Assistance (USDOT Combined FYs '24, '25, '26)	Closed 9/28	1. <i>Lake Erie Connects (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)</i>	Closed September 2024 for FY 24 - 26	2. <i>Hodgson Road Realignment</i>	Closed September 2024 for FY 24 - 26		Closed September 2024 for FY 24 - 26	
32	Restoration and Enhancement Grant Program	TBD	1. Cleveland Riverfront (Bedrock)	TBD	1. Cleveland Riverfront (Bedrock) 2. Cleveland North Coast Connector	TBD	3. Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Extension	Closed September 2024 for FY 24 - 26	
33	Rural Surface Transportation - Rural Roadway Lane Departures	Closed 8/21	1. <i>Lane Road Widening and Grade Separation</i>	Closed May 2024	2. <i>Village of Middlefield Transportation Improvement Project</i>	TBD	3. Regional Metro Parks Connectivity	TBD	4. Lake Medina County Rocky River Greenway Trail Extension 5. Wadsworth Interurban Trail Expansion
34	Rural Surface Transportation - Small Projects	Closed 8/21	1. <i>Lane Road Widening and Grade Separation</i>	Closed May 2024	2. <i>Village of Middlefield Transportation Improvement Project</i>	TBD	3. Regional Metro Parks Connectivity	TBD	4. Lake Medina County Rocky River Greenway Trail Extension 5. Wadsworth Interurban Trail Expansion
35	Safe Streets and Roads for All - Implementation	Closed 7/10		Closed May 2024	1. <i>Connectivity Trails to Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Reservation</i>	Closed June 2025	2. <i>Lorain Rd. Multimodal Complete Street Project Planning</i> 3. <i>Lorain Avenue Midway Construction</i> 4. <i>Lorain County Public Health Safety Action Plan Implementation</i> 5. <i>Lee Road Complete Street/Rehabilitation</i> 6. <i>Safe Streets 4 Cleveland Heights</i>	Closes 5/26/2026	7. Adkins Road Reconstruction 8. Village of Middlefield Transportation Improvement Project 9. Lorain Avenue Midway Construction 10. Cuyahoga County Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (SSFA) 11. Lorain Rd. Multimodal Complete Street Project Planning

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37	Safe Streets and Roads for All - Demonstration			Closed August 2024	1. Cleveland Heights Demonstration	Closed June 2027		Closes 5/26/2026	2. Cuyahoga County Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (SSFA)
38	State Incentives Leverage Pilot Program (Set-aside within INFRA)	Closed 8/21	1. SR-44 ST 05.10/Jackson St. Interchange 2. Lane Road Widening and Grade Separation	TBD		TBD	3. Regional Airport Access Improvements		4. Denison-Harvard Bridge (SFN 1832344)
39	SMART Grants - Planning & Research	Closed 10/10	1. Cleveland Remote bridge operations 2. City of Lorain Traffic Signal Improvements	Closed July 2024	3. Cleveland SMART Corridors	Summer 2025	4. Regional Airport Access Improvements 5. Cleveland Riverfront (Bedrock)	TBD	6. Cleveland Riverfront (Bedrock)
40	SMART Grants - Implementation (must have received planning grant)			Closed July 2024		Summer 2025	1. Cleveland SMART Corridors	Summer 2025	1. Cleveland SMART Corridors
41	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grants	Closed 11/17	1. CHEERS 2. Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project	TBD	3. Euclid Beach Connector 4. CHEERS	Closed 4/16/2025	5. Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project 6. CHEERS	Summer 2025	7. Lake Erie Connects (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI) 8. CHEERS

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1	<b>ADKINS RD. RECONSTRUCTION</b>	RECONSTRUCTION OF ADKINS ROAD WITHIN THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY.
2	<b>BESSEMER AVE. SAFETY REALIGNMENT</b>	CONSTRUCTING A GRADE SEPARATION OF BESSEMER AVENUE FROM THE RAILROAD TRACKS IN THE KINSMAN NEIGHBORHOOD OF CLEVELAND.
3	<b>BRIDGING ACCESS: WORKFORCE TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS FROM LORAIN AND ELYRIA TO THE MEGA JOB SITE CENTER</b>	LORAIN COUNTY HAS PARTNERED WITH TEAMNEO AND JOBS OHIO TO CREATE A MEGA SITE TO BE A LARGE JOB GENERATOR BASED UPON SITE SELECTION CRITERIA AND SITE SELECTOR FEED BACK. A KEY IS TO ENSURE THE UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES OF LORAIN AND ELYRIA ARE ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING ROADWAY, SIGNALIZATION AND TRANSIT NEED TO BE DEVELOPED TO MAXIMIZE THIS GENERATIONAL OPPORTUNITY.
4	<b>CAHOON MEMORIAL PARK LAKEFRONT PROJECT (BAY VILLAGE)</b>	STABILIZE, REVET, AND BUILD TRAILS ALONG 2,000 FEET OF LAKE ERIE COAST, CREATING PUBLIC ACCESS, RESTORING HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE, PROMOTING A CLIMATE-RESILIENT ECOSYSTEM FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THREATENED AND ENDANGERED NATIVE SPECIES. BULDS MULTI-MODAL LAKE ACCESS BORDERING A FEDERAL BIKE ROUTE AND LAKE ERIE WATER TRAIL, REFERENCED IN/COORDINATES WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY LAKEFRONT PUBLIC ACCESS PLAN AND THE NOACA LAKE ERIE CONNECT PLAN.
5	<b>CARTER LIFT BRIDGE REHABILITATION (CLEVELAND)</b>	PROJECT WILL PROVIDE BRIDGE PRESERVATION (PAINTING, STEEL REPAIRS, DECK REPLACEMENT, UPGRADE MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL) AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT, SUPPORTING IMPROVEMENTS TO WATERWAY, MULTIMODAL, COMPLETE STREETS, FREIGHT, TRUCK, INTERMODAL, LIFT BRIDGE, HISTORIC, REHABILITATION, AND DOWNTOWN.
6	<b>CARTER ROAD TRAIL HUB</b>	VARIOUS RIVERFRONT TRAILS ON THE SCRANTON PENINSULA AND AT IRISHTOWN BEND WHICH CONNECT NEAR THE CUYAHOGA RIVER IN CLEVELAND.
7	<b>CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS DEMONSTRATION PROJECT</b>	PROJECT TO BUILD TEMPORARY/SEMI-PERMANENT PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: CURB BUMP-OUTS, DAYLIGHTING INTERSECTIONS, SPEED HUMPS, REFUGE ISLANDS, PROTECTED BIKE LANES, TEMPORARY ROAD DIET, WHEELCHAIR ASSESSMENT, AND SIGNAL TIMING UPGRADE/OPTIMIZATION.
8	<b>CITY OF INDEPENDENCE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PLAN &amp; DEMONSTRATION PROJECT</b>	DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN IN ORDER TO PILOT SELECT TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES TO EVALUATE BEST TOOLS TO UTILIZE. THE GOAL OF THIS PROJECT IS TO CREATE SAFE AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTS FOR ALL ROAD USERS BY DEVELOPING AN ACTION PLAN WITH WELL-DEFINED STRATEGIES TO PREVENT ROADWAY FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES WITHIN INDEPENDENCE CITY LIMITS.
9	<b>CITY OF LORAIN ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK UPGRADE</b>	PROJECT WILL BE A PLANNING GRANT TO STUDY AND DESIGN A SERIES OF ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK UPGRADES AND CONNECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF LORAIN. INCLUDING PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF APPROXIMATELY 13 MILES OF NEW AND IMPROVED ON-ROAD BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE AND MULTI-USE PATHS, ADDRESSING GAPS IN THE EXISTING ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK, AND CREATING CONNECTIONS TO TRANSIT, FOCUSING ON CONNECTING UNDERSERVED NEIGHBORHOODS TO LOCAL EDUCATION, BUSINESS CENTERS, RECREATION, ETC.
10	<b>CITY OF LORAIN TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS</b>	THIS IS A PILOT PROJECT WHICH WILL CONNECT TRAFFIC SIGNALS IN THE CITY OF LORAIN, SUPPORTING SAFETY AND TRAFFIC FLOW.
11	<b>CITY OF CLEVELAND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING PROGRAM</b>	IMPLEMENT ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE IN CLEVELAND.
12	<b>CLEVELAND HARBOR EASTERN EMBAYMENT RESILIENCY STRATEGY (CHEERS - CLEVELAND)</b>	INITIATIVE TO TRANSFORM CLEVELAND'S LAKESHORE THROUGH RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES TO THE LAKE, IMPROVING PUBLIC HEALTH, BOLSTERING THE ECONOMY, AND BENEFITING THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL HABITAT. CHEERS IS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN BLACK ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS, THE CITY OF CLEVELAND, CLEVELAND METRO PARKS, OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND THE PORT OF CLEVELAND. PROJECT ENTAILS CREATING ADDITIONAL PARK LAND AND IMPROVED HABITATS, INCLUDING A NEW ISLE BETWEEN E. 55TH MARINA AND NORTH GORDON PARK THROUGH BENEFICIAL REUSE OF DREDGE MATERIAL. PART OF CUYAHOGA GREENWAYS PLAN PART REGIONAL LINK 17. SEE CUYAHOGA GREENWAY PARTNERS' SUBMISSION TO NOACA 1/23/23 UNDER LETTER "C".
13	<b>CLEVELAND-HOPKINS AIRPORT PROJECT</b>	SUPPORTING PRIORITIZED COMPONENTS OF THE CLEVELAND AIRPORT MASTER PLAN, DEVELOPED IN 2023.
14	<b>CLEVELAND INNERBELT: BRIDGING THE DIVIDE (IMPLEMENTATION)</b>	BUILDING ENHANCED MULTI-MODAL CONNECTIONS ON THE E. 22 ST. AND CARNEGIE AVE. BRIDGES AS PART OF THE INNERBELT PROJECT ON I-90 IN CLEVELAND.
15	<b>CLEVELAND NORTH COAST CONNECTOR</b>	COLLABORATION BETWEEN NOACA, THE CITY OF CLEVELAND, AND CONSULTANT TEAM TO ANALYZE 5 SCENARIOS FOR POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENTS TO CLEVELAND MEMORIAL SHOREWAY (STATE ROUTE 2) THROUGH DOWNTOWN. THIS WILL INCLUDE A LAND BRIDGE FOR CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS TO ACCESS THE LAKE FRONT.
16	<b>CLEVELAND RIVERFRONT (BEDROCK)</b>	THIS PROJECT INCLUDES VARIOUS MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENTAL, RECREATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND COMMERCIAL INITIATIVES TO BALANCE THE HEALTH OF THE CUYAHOGA RIVER ECOSYSTEM IN CLEVELAND ALONG THE RIVER. IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE VISION FOR THE VALLEY TICI PLANNING STUDY, THIS ENCOMPASSES VARIOUS INITIATIVES WHICH WILL MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE RIVER SYSTEM'S HEALTH AND THE FACILITIES ALONG IT.
17	<b>CLEVELAND SMART CORRIDORS</b>	IMPLEMENT CLEVELAND'S SMART CORRIDORS (WEST 25TH STREET, KINSMAN ROAD, AND OTHERS) WHICH MAY INCORPORATE SENSOR BASED DETECTION IN SUPPORT OF TRANSIT, SAFETY, EMERGENCY, AND MULTIMODAL NEEDS.
18	<b>CLEVELAND VISION ZERO IMPLEMENTATION</b>	THIS PROJECT WILL IMPLEMENT SAFETY INITIATIVES IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE CITY OF CLEVELAND'S VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN.
19	<b>CLEVELAND'S MULTIMODAL HUB</b>	CONSTRUCT CLEVELAND'S MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITY. THIS PROJECT WILL SUPPORT MULTIMODAL TRIPS IN THE DOWNTOWN PART OF THE CITY. IT WILL SUPPORT COMMUTERS, PEDESTRIANS, PUBLIC TRANSIT USERS, AMTRAK, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND PROVIDE ACCESSIBILITY AND CHOICE.
20	<b>CONNECTIVITY TRAILS TO CLEVELAND METROPARKS ROCKY RIVER RESERVATION (FAIRVIEW PARK)</b>	TWO NEW ENTRANCE TRAILS TO METRO PARKS ROCKY RIVER RESERVATION: FROM SR 17-CONNECTOR AND THE ENTRANCE PROPOSED AT BROOKPARK BRIDGE ADJACENT TO PEP-PRENTIS POSITIVE EDUCATION CENTER FOR AUTISTIC PERSONS AND NASA. A CONNECTIVITY TRAIL LOCATED ON BROOKWAY DRIVE IS FEASIBLE TO BE ADJACENT AN EXISTING ROADWAY ENTRANCE TO THE METRO PARKS. THE WIDTH OF THE ROAD AND ITS CURVATURE DO NOT ALLOW PEDESTRIANS TO SHARE THE ROADWAY. DUE TO LINE OF SIGHT CONCERNS, A PROTECTED, SEPARATE, PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO THE METRO PARKS IS NEEDED.
21	<b>CUYAHOGA RIVER BRIDGE LIGHTING (CLEVELAND)</b>	VARIOUS BRIDGES ALONG THE CUYAHOGA RIVER CORRIDOR WILL BE ILLUMINATED WITH LIGHTS THAT ARE ABLE TO BE CONTROLLED REMOTELY.

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22	<b>CUYAHOGA VALLEY SCENIC RAILROAD EXTENSION</b>	EXTEND THE EXISTING CUYAHOGA VALLEY SCENIC RAILROAD FROM ITS CURRENT NORTHERN TERMINUS AT ROCKSIDE ROAD IN INDEPENDENCE TO TOWER CITY IN CLEVELAND, ALSO POTENTIALLY IMPACTING THE CITIES OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS, CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS, AND VALLEY VIEW. THIS MAY INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL 1-3 STATIONS.
23	<b>DENISON-HARVARD (SFN 1832344)</b>	REHABILITATION ON DENISON-HARVARD BRIDGE OVER JENNINGS RD, CUYAHOGA RIVER, AND RAIL ROAD TRACKS IN CLEVELAND AND CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS. SUPPORTS BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT, WATERWAY, MULTIMODAL, COMPLETE STREETS, FREIGHT, TRUCK, AND ROADWAY SYSTEMS.
25	<b>DREAM 66</b>	THIS IS A REGIONAL COMPLETE STREETS PILOT PROJECT ALONG E. 66TH STREET IN THE CITY OF CLEVELAND. IT WILL PROVIDE MULTI-MODAL CONNECTIONS AND STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS IN THIS DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY.
26	<b>EAST SIDE RAISE TRAILS</b>	A COMBINED PROJECT OF FOUR TRAILS ON THE EAST SIDE OF CLEVELAND, INCLUDING MORGANA RUN, SLAVIC VILLAGE-DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR, IRON COURT/OPPORTUNITY CORRIDOR CONNECTOR, AND EUCLID CREEK TRAIL.
27	<b>ELYRIA AMTRAK STATION ACCESSIBILITY</b>	THIS PROJECT WILL PROVIDE ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND ENHANCEMENTS AT THE ELYRIA AMTRAK STATION.
28	<b>EUCLID BEACH CONNECTOR (CLEVELAND)</b>	THIS PROJECT IS A KEY SEGMENT IN SHORELINE PROTECTION AS WELL AS A NEW, SAFE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION FROM LAKESHORE BOULEVARD ALONG THE LAKE INTO THE LAKEFRONT PORTION OF CLEVELAND METRO PARKS EUCLID CREEK RESERVATION. IT WILL ALSO SERVICE AN AREA WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER PLANNING FOR ECONOMIC AND RESIDENTIAL BENEFIT IMPROVEMENTS.
29	<b>GCRTA BLUE LINE STATIONS</b>	THIS PROJECT WILL PROVIDE ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES AND ENHANCEMENTS TO GCRTA'S BLUE LINE STATIONS IN CLEVELAND AND SHAKER HEIGHTS.
30	<b>GCRTA GREEN LINE STATIONS</b>	THIS PROJECT WILL PROVIDE ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES AND ENHANCEMENTS TO GCRTA'S GREEN LINE STATIONS IN CLEVELAND AND SHAKER HEIGHTS.
31	<b>GCRTA BUS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM</b>	REPLACEMENT OF 30-35 BUSES ANNUALLY AS EXISTING VEHICLES REACH THE END OF THEIR USEFUL LIFE. THIS PROJECT SUPPORTS PUBLIC TRANSIT, IMPROVEMENT, ACCESSIBILITY, SAFETY, RELIABILITY, EFFICIENCY, URBAN COMMUNITIES, MINORITY POPULATIONS, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, MULTIMODAL, AND PEDESTRIANS.
32	<b>GCRTA ELECTRIC BUSES</b>	THIS PROJECT WILL PROVIDE LOW EMISSION VEHICLES TO GCRTA. THIS WILL LOWER MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS COSTS AND IMPROVE REGIONAL AIR QUALITY.
33	<b>GCRTA PRIORITY CORRIDOR STUDIES</b>	RECONFIGURE VARIOUS CORRIDORS IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY WHICH WILL SUPPORT ENHANCED TRANSIT SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.
34	<b>GCRTA RAIL CAR REPLACEMENT PROGRAM</b>	THIS WILL SUPPORT NEW RAIL CARS ON GCRTA'S RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM THAT CURRENTLY INCLUDES HEAVY AND LIGHT RAIL LINES. THIS WILL ALLOW FOR CARS TO UTILIZE BOTH HEAVY AND LIGHT RAIL, IMPROVING OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE TRANSIT AGENCY AND ALLOWING FOR NEW ROUTES ON EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE, WHICH WILL ENHANCE ACCESS.
35	<b>HILLIARD ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT</b>	REHABILITATION OF HILLIARD ROAD BRIDGE OVER ROCKY RIVER AND VALLEY PARKWAY IN LAKEWOOD AND ROCKY RIVER.
36	<b>HODGSON ROAD REALIGNMENT</b>	REALIGN HODGSON ROAD TO ALIGN WITH APOLLO PARKWAY AT LOST NATION ROAD IN WILLOUGHBY, INCLUDING SIGNALIZATION. THIS WILL REMOVE THE INTERSECTION FROM THE RUNWAY PROTECTION ZONE. THIS PROJECT WILL REDUCE A HIGH ACCIDENT AREA AND BETTER SERVE THE ADJACENT FIRE DEPARTMENT.
37	<b>HOWE ROAD WIDENING</b>	THIS PROJECT WOULD WIDEN HOWE ROAD FROM BOSTON ROAD TO POMEROY BOULEVARD IN STRONGSVILLE FROM A 2-LANE ROAD WITH NO CURBS AND DRAINAGE DITCHES TO A 3-LANE ROAD WITH CURBS AND STORM SEWERS. IT WOULD LESSEN CONGESTION, SUPPORT PUBLIC TRANSIT USERS, AND PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE SHOPPING DISTRICT.
38	<b>INNERBELT CCG3A IR-90 CENTRAL INTERCHANGE</b>	IMPROVE HIGHWAY INTERSTATE IR-90 AT THE 'CENTRAL INTERCHANGE' (Phase CCG3A) FROM E.9TH TO CARNEGIE IN CLEVELAND. IT INCLUDES CARNEGIE OVERHEAD BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT AND E. 22 STREET BRIDGE WHICH MAY INCLUDE MULTIMODAL COMPLETE STREETS TO CONNECT VULNERABLE AND DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY NEARBY AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS WITH BUS AND TRANSIT. ODOT PID 82382.
39	<b>LAKE ERIE CONNECT (LAKEFRONT TRAIL REGIONAL TLCI)</b>	IMPLEMENT THE REGIONAL LAKE ERIE CONNECTS TLCI PLANNING STUDY, WHICH INCLUDES VARIOUS MULTI-MODAL CONNECTIONS TO AND ALONG LAKE ERIE, SUCH AS THE GOLD COAST TRAIL.
40	<b>LAKE MEDINA COUNTY ROCKY RIVER GREENWAY TRAIL EXTENSION</b>	EXTEND THIS MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY AT LAKE MEDINA THROUGH CHANDLER PRESERVE, THROUGH LAKE MEDINA MARSH, AND TO THE EXISTING MULTI-PURPOSE TRAIL AT THE INTERSECTION OF FENN RD. AND US 42.
41	<b>LANE ROAD WIDENING AND GRADE SEPARATIONS</b>	WIDENING OF LANE ROAD IN PERRY TOWNSHIP. IT INCLUDES RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION, GRADE SEPARATION AT TWO RAILROAD CROSSINGS, TWO CULVERT WIDENINGS/REPLACEMENTS, AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS. THIS PROJECT WOULD IMPROVE FREIGHT AND PASSENGER ACCESS.
42	<b>LEE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION</b>	RECONSTRUCT LEE ROAD IN SHAKER HEIGHTS AND CLEVELAND FROM THE NORTH SHAKER HEIGHTS BORDER TO MILES RD. IN CLEVELAND. THIS PROJECT INCLUDES SIGNAL AND MULTIMODAL UPGRADES.
43	<b>LORAIN AVENUE MIDWAY</b>	CONSTRUCT A SEPARATED CYCLE TRACK ALONG LORAIN AVENUE IN CLEVELAND FROM W. 20TH ST. TO W. 65TH ST.
44	<b>LORAIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SAFETY ACTION PLAN (IMPLEMENTATION)</b>	SUPPLEMENT THE EXISTING SAFE STREETS FOR ALL COORDINATED SAFETY ACTION PROJECT WHICH WILL SUPPORT ADDITIONAL STUDY, EVALUATION, DEMONSTRATION, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SAFETY COUNTER MEASURES TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION SAFETY.
45	<b>LORAIN E. 36TH STREET IMPROVEMENTS-PLANNING</b>	THIS PROJECT WILL STUDY MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS ALONG E. 36TH ST. IN THE CITY OF LORAIN. IT WILL ADDRESS SAFETY, FLOODING, AND ACCESS ISSUES PLAGUING THIS DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY.
46	<b>LORAIN ROAD MULTIMODAL COMPLETE STREET PROJECT-PLANNING</b>	PLANNING OF A BUS RAPID TRANSIT AND COMPLETE STREET CORRIDOR ALONG LORAIN ROAD IN CLEVELAND, FAIRVIEW PARK AND NORTH OLMSTED, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GCRTA. CONSIDER FOR SMALL STARTS PLANNING FUNDING.
47	<b>LOST NATION AND HODGSON ROADS INTERSECTION</b>	CONSTRUCTION OF INTERSECTION UPDATE AT LOST NATIONS AND HODGSON ROADS IN WILLOUGHBY.
48	<b>METROHEALTH LINE BRT (CLEVELAND, PARMA, PARMA HEIGHTS)</b>	VARIOUS ROADWAY, TRAFFIC SIGNAL, SIDEWALK, AND PUBLIC TRANSIT SHELTERS, AMENITIES, AND ENHANCEMENTS TO CREATE A BUS RAPID TRANSIT LINE ROUTE ALONG WEST 25TH STREET. IT WILL INCLUDE ADDITION OF PEAK HOUR BUS LANES FOR OVER 50% OF THE PROJECT. SUPPORTS PEDESTRIANS, CONGESTION MITIGATION, TRAFFIC, COMPLETE STREETS, AND URBAN COMMUNITIES.

## NOACA Regional Strategy for Coordinating Funding Opportunities Project Descriptions

#	REGIONAL NEED	DESCRIPTION
49	<b>NOACA REGIONAL EV CHARGING STATION PROJECT-PH. 2 (REGIONAL)</b>	THIS PROJECT WILL IMPLEMENT PHASE 2 OF NOACA'S REGIONAL EV CHARGING PROGRAM. SPECIFICALLY IT WILL CONSTRUCT EV CHARGING STATIONS WITHIN ACCESSIBLE LOCATIONS TO PROVIDE GREATER EV CHARGING ACCESS TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITIES, THOSE LIVING IN MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS, AND NEAR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, JOB HUBS, AND EDUCATION CENTERS.
50	<b>NORTH COAST CONNECTOR</b>	THE NORTH COAST CONNECTOR CREATES A DIRECT CONNECTION FROM DOWNTOWN TO THE LAKEFRONT.
51	<b>NORTH MARGINAL CONNECTOR: E. 9TH TO E. 55TH</b>	THIS PROJECT WILL CONSTRUCT A MULTI-PURPOSE TRAIL ALONG N. MARGINAL RD. BETWEEN E. 55TH ST. AND E. 9TH ST. IN THE CITY OF CLEVELAND. IT WILL FILL IN AN IMPORTANT GAP IN THE CLEVELAND LAKEFRONT BIKEWAY.
52	<b>ODOT/TRANSIT AGENCIES LOW EMISSION VEHICLES (REGIONAL)</b>	THIS PROJECT WILL PROVIDE LOW EMISSION VEHICLES TO VARIOUS REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSIT AGENCIES. THIS WILL LOWER MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS COSTS AND IMPROVE REGIONAL AIR QUALITY.
53	<b>RECONNECTING CLEVELAND I-90 (PLANNING)</b>	PLANNING FOR SUFFICIENT IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THE I-90 CORRIDOR IN CLEVELAND TO CONNECT COMMUNITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN SEPARATED BY THE INTERSTATE.
54	<b>REDLINE GREENWAY-PH. 3</b>	THIS PROJECT WILL IMPLEMENT PHASE 3 OF THE REDLINE GREENWAY, A REGIONAL BICYCLE FACILITY ALONG THE GCRTA REDLINE ON THE CITY OF CLEVELAND'S WEST SIDE. IT WILL CONTINUE FROM ITS CURRENT EASTERN TERMINUS NEAR FRANKLIN BLVD. AND CONNECT ACROSS THE CUYAHOGA RIVER TO DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND NEAR TOWER CITY.
55	<b>REGIONAL AIRPORT ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS</b>	COMBINE SEVERAL SMALLER PROJECTS AIMED AT IMPROVING INGRESS AND EGRESS TO REDUCE CONGESTION AND IMPROVE OPERATIONS. ALTHOUGH STILL IN A CONCEPTUAL PHASE, RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE A REVISED ROADWAY CONFIGURATION, ADJUSTED CURB CONFIGURATION AND OPERATION, ADDED PUBLIC PARKING WITH WALKABLE ACCESS, IMPROVED RENTAL CAR ACCESSIBILITY, AND ELIMINATING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CROSSINGS AND SIGNALS.
56	<b>REGIONAL METRO PARKS CONNECTIVITY</b>	THIS WILL IMPLEMENT THE REGIONAL METRO PARKS CONNECTIVITY TLCI PLANNING STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS, WHICH WILL RECOMMEND VARIOUS MULTI-MODAL CONNECTIONS TO EXISTING METRO PARKS FACILITIES IN THE NOACA REGION.
57	<b>SIDAWAY BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION</b>	RECONSTRUCT THE HISTORIC SIDAWAY PEDESTRIAN SUSPENSION BRIDGE, WHICH WOULD RECONNECT PORTIONS OF THE KINSMAN AND SLAVIC VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE CITY OF CLEVELAND.
58	<b>SHAKER HEIGHTS COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN &amp; DEMONSTRATION</b>	THIS IS AN APPLICATION FOR PLANNING FUNDS TO CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE AND EQUITABLE SAFETY ACTION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF SHAKER HEIGHTS. THE CITY DESIRES A COMPREHENSIVE AND CONNECTED CITYWIDE VISION FOR SAFE STREETS FOR ALL. AFTER THE PLAN IS COMPLETE, ADDITIONAL FUNDS WILL BE USED TO IMPLEMENT ONE OR MORE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.
59	<b>SR-17 (SFN 1802046 BROOK PARK RD. OVER ROCKY RIVER)</b>	REHABILITATION ON STATE ROUTE 17 OVER THE ROCKY RIVER IN CLEVELAND AND FAIRVIEW PARK. PROJECT SUPPORTS ROADWAY, BRIDGE, RIVER, WATER, WATERWAY, BRIDGE MAINTENANCE, URBAN AREA, AND INFRASTRUCTURE.
60	<b>SR-44 ST 05.10 / JACKSON STREET INTERCHANGE</b>	NEW HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE AT STATE ROUTE 44 AND JACKSON ST. THIS PROJECT WILL COMPLETE THE PARTIAL INTERCHANGE AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF PAINESVILLE. SUPPORTS ROADWAY, FRIEGHT, AND IS AN EXPANSION.
61	<b>Three Corridor applications for IMPROVED AMTRAK SERVICE IN NEO</b>	PROJECT TO ELEVATE THREE CORRIDORS EMANATING FROM CLEVELAND, MAKING CLEVELAND A SIGNIFICANT HUB ON THE NATIONAL PASSENGER RAIL NETWORK, AND MAKE THESE CORRIDORS ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS (STATION IMPROVEMENTS), AND PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS (DAYTIME ARRIVALS/DEPARTURES, ON-TIME PERFORMANCE). THE THREE CORRIDORS ARE: CLEVELAND-ELYRIA-TOLEDO-SOUTH BEND-CHICAGO; CLEVELAND-BUFFALO (PART OF AMTRAK'S LAKESHORE LIMITED); AND CLEVELAND-YOUNGSTOWN-PITTSBURG (PART OF AMTRAK'S CAPITOL LIMITED ROUTE).
62	<b>THRIVE 105-93</b>	THIS SEVEN-MILE-LONG, NORTH-SOUTH CONNECTOR IN THE CITY OF CLEVELAND WILL BE A MULTI-MODAL, STREETSCAPED CORRIDOR TRAVERSING SEVERAL DENSELY POPULATED, HISTORICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES AND/OR NOACA-DESIGNATED ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AREAS. THE NORTHERN END CONNECTS TO LAKE ERIE AND THE SOUTHERN PORTION WILL ULTIMATELY CONNECT TO GARFIELD PARK RESERVATION AND ON TO THE TOWPATH TRAIL. THE CENTRAL PORTION CONNECTS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY CORRIDOR INTO THE CLEVELAND CLINIC AND UNIVERSITY CIRCLE JOB HUBS.
63	<b>TRANSIT VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS (REGIONAL)</b>	REPLACEMENT OF BUSES PER USEFUL LIFE GUIDELINES. PROJECT SUPPORTS PUBLIC TRANSIT, VEHICLES, COMMUTE, ACCESSIBILITY, VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.
64	<b>TRISKETT GARAGE ROOF</b>	GCRTA PROPOSE TO USE BUS AND BUS FACILITIES COMPETITIVE FUNDING FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE TRISKETT GARAGE ROOF. THIS ROOF IS AGING AND IN NEED OF REPAIRS AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS.
24	<b>VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE (US-6 SFN 1800930) SUBWAY LEVEL ENHANCEMENTS</b>	THE DETROIT-SUPERIOR BRIDGE PROJECT CONNECTIVITY PLAN BUILDS UPON PREVIOUS PLANS FOR THE DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND AND NEAR-WEST NEIGHBORHOODS WITH THE INTENT OF RE-OPENING THE FORMER STREETCAR LEVEL OF THE BRIDGE AS A PUBLIC THOROUGHFARE FOR CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS, AS A VENUE FOR EVENTS, PROGRAMMING, AND RECREATION. THE GOAL IS TO HIGHLIGHT THE BRIDGE AS A UNIQUE HISTORIC AND CULTURAL DESTINATION AMIDST SOME OF CLEVELAND'S MOST IMPORTANT CIVIC LANDMARKS WHILE STRENGTHENING AND MULTIPLYING CONNECTIONS BETWEEN DOWNTOWN, THE FLATS, THE WAREHOUSE DISTRICT, OHIO CITY, DETROIT SHOREWAY, AND OTHER DESTINATIONS.
65	<b>VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT</b>	THIS WILL IMPLEMENT VARIOUS MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD TRANSPORTATION PLAN TLCI.
66	<b>WADSWORTH INTERURBAN TRAIL EXPANSION</b>	EXTEND THIS MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY WESTWARD FROM THE EXISTING AKRON-BARBERTON CLUSTER RAILROAD FOR 4 MILES THROUGH WADSWORTH AND WADSWORTH TOWNSHIP TO THE EXISTING TRAIL IN RITTMAN.
67	<b>WHISKEY ISLAND BRIDGE ACCESS, NEW BRIDGE AND ROAD APPROACHES</b>	THIS INTERNMODAL PROJECT WILL MAKE CHANGES TO THE CURRENT WHISKEY ISLAND BRIDGE CONFIGURATION OVER CUYAHOGA RIVER IN CLEVELAND. IT WOULD ABANDON THE WILLOW LIFT BRIDGE, CREATING RELIABLE ISLAND ACCESS FOR REGIONAL SALT AND AGGREGATE SUPPLIERS. PROJECT WILL SUPPORT FREIGHT, SAFETY, TRUCKS, NATURE, WATERWAYS, AND MITIGATE POLLUTION TO THE NEARBY LOW INCOME AND VULNERABLE COMMUNITY.



## NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY MEMORANDUM

**TO:** NOACA Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer  
**DATE:** May 1, 2026  
**RE:** **Fourth Quarter State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026 Plan and TIP Amendments**

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

The Executive Committee is asked to consider recommending the Fourth Quarter State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026 Plan and TIP Amendments for placement on the Board of Directors June 2026 meeting agenda as a consent agenda item.

The Transportation Subcommittee and Planning and Programming Committee recommended this item.

### **BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION**

The Long Range Plan (Plan) provides a 20-year outlook for regional transportation needs and projects. The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the four-year program that implements the investment priorities established in the Plan and contains funding commitments for the upcoming four years. Project sponsors can request a proposed project be amended to NOACA's Long Range Plan (Plan) or Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), or request that a project currently programmed in the TIP be modified via a quarterly application process. Some projects are amended to both the Plan and TIP and others to the TIP only.

The proposed amendments for the fourth quarter of SFY 2026 are listed in the table below and Attachment 1. They include:

- A new Central Bus Dynamometer for GCRTA's MetroHealth Line BRT

Amendments to projects already programmed in the TIP include:

- A project to improve the ramps, lanes, and signals at the I-271 and Chagrin Blvd. interchange including the intersection of Chagrin and Richmond Rd.
- A right-of-way (RW) phase being added to a project to repair the Hope Memorial Bridge, over the Cuyahoga River Valley, in Cleveland
- Concrete repairs to the Brookpark Road (SR-17) bridge over the Rocky River Valley in the City of Fairview Park.
- Replace deteriorating 3-sided concrete box culvert including footers and wingwalls over McCabe Creek in Chippewa Lake and Lafayette Township in Medina County
- A project cancellation for Lorain County Transit.
- Several projects with scope update and funding activities being adjusted for Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) projects.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The cost of the programmed projects being amended in the Plan and TIP is \$169.5 million. The cost of the projects proposed to be amended to the TIP is \$1.0 million. Funding for the projects is committed and/or planned from a variety of federal, state, and local sources. Federal funding is provided by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and is administered through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), FHWA, and FTA.

**CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

Pending Board approval, the amendments will be incorporated into the NOACA Plan and/or the statewide TIP amendment.

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**Attachment 1: Fourth Quarter SFY 2026 Plan and TIP Amendments Project List**

**Projects Proposed for TIP Inclusion**

Project	Description	Long Range Plan		Total Cost
		SFY 2026-2029 TIP	SFY 2030 - 2050	
GCRTA 2026 GCRTA CBD Capital 5307 (Metro-Health Line BRT)  PID: 126096	MetroHealth Line BRT Central Bus Dynamometer	CO	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>Total Project Cost</b>			<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

**Amendments to Projects Programmed in the TIP**

Project	Description	Long Range Plan		Total Cost
		SFY 2026-2029 TIP	SFY 2030 - 2050	
CUY IR 271/US 422 07.80/10.77  PID: 114409	Widening, adding turn lanes and signal improvements on Chagrin Blvd (US-422/SR-87) from west of Richmond Road to Beachwood ECL in the City of Beachwood in Cuyahoga County; Widening the I-271 NB Exit Ramp to Chagrin Blvd and the I-271 SB Exit Ramp to Chagrin Blvd; Widening the Chagrin Blvd Bridge over I-271 to six lanes; Rehabilitate Richmond Rd (SR-175) from south of Chagrin Blvd to Bryden Rd; Widening EB Chagrin Blvd west of Park East Dr and WB Chagrin Blvd between Park East Dr and I-271 NB Ramps; Widening the Chagrin Blvd/Richmond Rd Intersection.	PEDD RW CO	\$311,494 \$900,000	\$15,451,097 \$15,451,097
<b>Total Project Cost</b>			<b>\$1,211,494</b>	<b>\$15,451,097</b>
CUY SR 010 16.13 Repair  PID 117783	Retrofit/repair deficient structural steel members on the Hope Memorial Bridge over the Cuyahoga River Valley in the City of Cleveland. Work will include concrete repairs, spot painting, and any	PEDD RW CO	\$924,274 \$120,305 \$53,660,000	\$924,274 \$120,305 \$54,660,000

	other maintenance work necessary to improve the GA.				
	<b>Total Project Cost</b>		<b>\$54,704,579</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$55,704,579</b>
CUY SR 017 02.83 Repair  PID: 117791	Concrete repairs to the Brookpark Road (SR-17) bridge over the Rocky River Valley in the City of Fairview Park. Work will include spall removal, patching, wrapping, and sealing the concrete substructure, superstructure, and deck replacement as well as any other maintenance work necessary to improve the GA. The bridge is also being studied for long term rehabilitation or replacement.	DD CO	\$964,446 \$48,600,000		\$964,446 \$48,600,000
	<b>Total Project Cost</b>		<b>\$49,564,446</b>		<b>\$49,564,446</b>
MED CR 005006.39 (Chippewa)  PID: 123604	Replace deteriorating 3-sided concrete box culvert including footers and wingwalls with either a 4-sided box culvert or a single span concrete slab bridge.	DD CO	\$70,000 \$630,000		\$70,000 \$630,000
	<b>Total Project Cost</b>		<b>\$700,000</b>		<b>\$700,000</b>
GCRTA CY2024-26 Vehicle Replace PID: 113047	Replace 105 buses with lower emission buses <b>PROJECT CANCELLED BY SPONSOR</b>	Procur ement	\$4,500,000 <b>Cancelled</b>		\$4,500,000 <b>Cancelled</b>
SFY 2026 Lorain County Transit Operating Assist PID: 118296	5307 funded Operating Assistance <b>PROJECT CANCELLED BY SPONSOR</b>		\$4,275,224 <b>Cancelled</b>		\$4,275,224 <b>Cancelled</b>
GCRTA Track Bridge over Canal Rd PID: 118441	Track Bridge over Canal Road Rehabilitation	CO	\$7,000,000		\$7,000,000
	<b>Total Project Cost</b>		<b>\$7,000,000</b>		<b>\$7,000,000</b>
GCRTA Electronic Records Program PID: 118444	GCRTA Electronic Records Program		\$12,000,000 <b>Cancelled</b>		\$12,000,000 <b>Cancelled</b>
GCRTA HVAC Sys Improve 2025-27 PID: 118448	GCRTA HVAC System Improvement 2025-27		\$2,250,000		\$2,250,000
	<b>Total Project Cost</b>		<b>\$2,250,000</b>		<b>\$2,250,000</b>
GCRTA Pvmt Improve 2025-27 PID: 118449	GCRTA Pavements Improvement Program 2025-27		\$1,800,000		\$1,800,000
	<b>Total Project Cost</b>		<b>\$1,800,000</b>		<b>\$1,800,000</b>
GCRTA IT Program 2025-27: PID: 118452	GCRTA IT/ITS System Upgrades 2025- 27		\$2,100,000		\$2,100,000
	<b>Total Project Cost</b>		<b>\$2,100,000</b>		<b>\$2,100,000</b>
GCRTA 2024-25 LightRail TrkRehab PID: 118479	GCRTA 2024-25 Light Rail Track Rehabilitation Program.		\$10,500,000		\$10,500,000
	<b>Total Project Cost</b>		<b>\$10,500,000</b>		<b>\$10,500,000</b>

S2027-2029 GCRTA Elev/Esc Replac PID: 123470	GCRTA 2027-2029 Elevator/Escalator Replacement Program		\$500,000		\$500,000
	<b>Total Project Cost</b>		<b>\$500,000</b>		<b>\$500,000</b>
GCRTA Hayden CNG Expansion PID: 123471	GCRTA Hayden Facility CNG Expansion Project		\$1,750,000		\$1,750,000
	<b>Total Project Cost</b>		<b>\$1,750,000</b>		<b>\$1,750,000</b>

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Project Name	Sponsoring Agency	Project Description	Phase	Funding	STIP Fund Type	S/TIP Year (SFY)	Total Project Estimate	Air Quality Status
<b>CUY IR 271/US 422</b> <b>07.80/10.77</b> <b>PID: 114409</b>	City of Beachwood	Widening, adding turn lanes and signal improvements on Chagrin Blvd (US-422/SR-87) from west of Richmond Road to Beachwood ECL in the City of Beachwood in Cuyahoga County; Widening the I-271 NB Exit Ramp to Chagrin Blvd and the I-271 SB Exit Ramp to Chagrin Blvd; Widening the Chagrin Blvd Bridge over I-271 to six lanes; Rehabilitate Richmond Rd (SR-175) from south of Chagrin Blvd to Bryden Rd; Widening EB Chagrin Blvd west of Park East Dr and WB Chagrin Blvd between Park East Dr and I-271 NB Ramps; Widening the Chagrin Blvd/Richmond Rd Intersection. Safety study was performed under PID 102011.	DD	\$311,494	Local	2026	<b>\$16,662,591</b>	Exempt
			RW	\$600,000	Federal	2027		
			RW	\$300,000	Local	2027		
			CO	\$433,850	MPO STBG	PLAN		
				\$2,250,000	Safety			
				\$250,000	State			
				\$1,010,820	Labor			
\$11,506,428	Local							
<b>CUY SR 010 16.13</b> <b>Repair</b> <b>PID 117783</b>	ODOT Sponsoring Agency	Retrofit/repair deficient structural steel members on the Hope Memorial Bridge over the Cuyahoga River Valley in the City of Cleveland. Work will include concrete repairs, spot painting, and any other maintenance work necessary to improve the GA.	PEDD	\$739,419	Major Programs	2027	<b>\$55,704,579</b>	Exempt
			PEDD	\$184,855	State	2027		
			RW	\$120,305	State	2026		
			CO	\$39,200,000	Major Programs	2028		
			CO	\$9,800,000	State	2028		
			CO	\$3,360,000	Labor	2028		
			CO	\$1,040,000	Major Programs	2029		
			CO	\$260,000	State	2029		
			CO	\$800,000	Major Programs	PLAN		
			CO	\$200,000	State			

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			DD	\$192,889	State	2027		
			CO	\$36,000,000	Major Programs	2028		
				\$1,200,000	Major Programs	2029		
				\$9,000,000	State	2028		
				\$300,000	State	2029		
				\$2,100,000	Labor	2028		
<b>MED CR 0050 006.39</b> <b>(Chippewa )</b> <b>PID: 123604</b>	Medina County Engineer	Replace deteriorating 3-sided concrete box culvert including footers and wingwalls with either a 4-sided box culvert or a single span concrete slab bridge.	DD	\$70,000	Local	2027	<b>\$700,000</b>	Exempt
			CO	\$240,000	MPO STBG	2027		
				\$390,000	Local	2027		

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<b>GCRTA Electronic Records Program</b> PID: 118444	Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA)	GCRTA Electronic Records Program	\$160,000	5307	2026	<b>\$12,000,000</b>	Exempt	Remove Project from TIP																																																																														
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Attachment 1: Fourth Quarter SFY 2026 NOACA Plan and TIP Amendment Project List

Project Name	Sponsoring Agency	Project Description	Line Item Estimate	STIP Fund Type	S/TIP Year (SFY)	Total	Air Quality Status	Update Purpose		
<b>GCRTA HVAC Sys Improve 2025-27</b> <b>PID: 118448</b>	Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA)	GCRTA HVAC System Improvement 2025-27	\$440,000	5307	2026	<b>\$2,250,000</b>	Exempt	Remove Subaward from TIP		
			\$110,000	Local						
			\$300,000	5307	2026					
			\$75,000	Local						
			\$120,000	5307	2026					
			\$30,000	Local						
			\$80,000	5307	2026					
			\$20,000	Local						
			\$440,000	5307	2027					
			\$110,000	Local						
			\$300,000	5307	2027					
			\$75,000	Local						
			\$120,000	5307	2027					
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			\$30,000	Local						
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<b>GCRTA Pvmnt Improve 2025-27</b> <b>PID: 118449</b>	Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA)	GCRTA Pavements Improvement Program 2025-27	\$240,000	5307	2026	<b>\$1,800,000</b>	Exempt	Revise Funding Amount				
			\$60,000	Local	2026							
			\$240,000	5307	2027							
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<b>GCRTA IT Program 2025-27:</b> <b>PID: 118452</b>	Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA)	GCRTA IT/ITS System Upgrades 2025-27	\$480,000	5307	2026	<b>\$2,100,000</b>	Exempt	Add Subaward to TIP				
			\$120,000	Local	2026							
			\$1,200,000	5307	2027							
			\$300,000	Local	2027							
<b>GCRTA 2024-25 LightRail TrkRehab</b> <b>PID: 118479</b>	Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA)	GCRTA 2024-25 Light Rail Track Rehabilitation Program.	\$8,400,000	5307	2027	<b>\$10,500,000</b>	Exempt	Revise Funding Amount				
			\$2,100,000	Local	2027							
<b>S2027-2029 GCRTA Elev/Esc Replac</b> <b>PID: 123470</b>	Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA)	GCRTA 2027-2029 Elevator/Escalator Replacement Program	\$120,000	5307	2026	<b>\$500,000</b>	Exempt	Add Subaward to TIP				
			\$30,000	Local	2026							
			\$280,000	5307	2026							
			\$70,000	Local	2026							
<b>GCRTA Hayden CNG Expansion</b> <b>PID: 123471</b>	Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA)	GCRTA Hayden Facility CNG Expansion Project	\$600,000	5307	2026	<b>\$1,750,000</b>	Exempt	Remove Subaward from TIP				
			\$150,000	Local	2026							
			\$600,000	5307	2026							
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## **NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** NOACA Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer  
**DATE:** May 1, 2026  
**RE:** **State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2027 Annual Priority List**

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

The Executive Committee is asked to consider recommending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2027 Annual Priority List for placement on the Board of Directors June 2026 meeting agenda as a consent agenda item.

This item was recommended by the Transportation Subcommittee and the Planning and Programming Committee.

### **BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION**

The State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2027 Annual Priority List (APL) (Attachment 1) contains projects to be funded in SFY 2027 with NOACA-administered Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), and Transportation Alternative (TA) program funds. The SFY 2027 APL reflects existing and recommended projects on NOACA's Long Range Plan (Plan) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). NOACA staff, ODOT Districts, and the project sponsors all concur that these projects are ready and able to use the identified funding amounts during the next fiscal year.

All the projects in the SFY 2027 APL have been processed through NOACA's Project Planning Review (PPR) and have been amended to NOACA's Plan and TIP. The APL represents projects prioritized for funding in SFY 2027 of the current TIP.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The projects contain approximately \$46 million of committed NOACA funds. The projects are consistent with current financial forecasts, plans, and budget constraints.

### **CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

Pending Board approval, NOACA will manage the SFY 2027 program to ensure the expenditure of all available funding during the fiscal year, including the advancement of additional projects as approved by the Board should funding become available.

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**Attachment 1:** SFY 2027 NOACA Annual Priority List

**Attachment 1: SFY 2027 NOACA Annual Priority List**

#	PID	CTY	SPONSOR	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT WORK TYPE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Award Date	Award Quarter	NOACA \$
1	105926	CUY	CLEVELAND	CUY CLE DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR TR 1	Bike Facility	Construct a shared use path along Crete Rd, Independence Rd, and E 48 St to connect the existing trails from Fleet Ave to Chard Ave in the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County. Includes curb/curb ramps, sidewalk, drive aprons, median, traffic signal modifications, lighting and roadway resurfacing.	7/1/2026	1	\$1,395,000
2	122343	CUY	CLEVELAND	CUY VAN AKEN BLVD RESURFACING	Roadway Minor Rehab	Repair and resurface Van Aken Boulevard from South Woodland Road to Shaker Blvd (SR-87) in the City of Cleveland in Cuyahoga County. Includes partial and full depth concrete base joint repairs, utility casting adjustments, ADA curb ramps and pavement markings.	7/1/2026	1	\$1,608,580
3	120702	CUY	CLEVELAND	CUY S WATERLOO ROAD	Roadway Minor Rehab	Repair and Resurface S. Waterloo Road from E. 140th Street to E. 152nd Street in the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County. Work includes the ramps from S. Waterloo to Waterloo Rd.	7/1/2026	1	\$1,345,538
4	123386	CUY	CUYAHOGA COUNTY ENGINEER	CUY LEE ROAD (CR-8) SHAKER NCL TO THROCKLEY	Roadway Major Rehab	Rehabilitate Lee Rd (CR-8) from Throckley Ave to Shaker Heights North corporation line in the cities of Cleveland and Shaker Heights, Cuyahoga County. Implement a road diet for cycle track and bike lanes and install Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons. Additional work includes signal modifications, streetscaping, lighting, curb, sidewalk, bridge deck patching, waterline replacement, sanitary relief sewer, and drainage improvements.	7/1/2026	1	\$15,268,046
5	120815	GEA	CHARDON	GEA CHARDON TSG UPGRADE	Traffic Control Maintenance	Upgrade to citywide traffic signals in city of Chardon, Geauga County.	9/28/2026	1	\$743,000
6	122310	LAK	WICKLIFFE	LAK US 020 0.04 WICKLIFFE	Roadway Minor Rehab	Resurface Euclid Avenue (US-20) from the Lake County western line to west of Oakridge Drive in the City of Wickliffe in Lake County. Work includes replacement of curb ramps, pavement markings, and existing casting adjustments.	10/12/2026	2	\$4,568,394
7	122357	CUY	CLEVELAND METROPARKS	CUY EUCLID CREEK PHASE 3 (CHARDON RD TO ST CLAIR AVE)	Shared Use Path	Construct a new all-purpose trail (APT) from the existing APT along the west side of Chardon Rd at the former Euclid Central Middle School property in the City of Euclid to the intersection of Chardon Rd/St. Clair Ave in the City of Cleveland in Cuyahoga County.	10/22/2026	2	\$3,011,690
8	122279	LAK	TIMBERLAKE	LAK SR 283 03.29 SIDEWALK	Pedestrian Facilities	Construct sidewalk and curb ramps on the north side of Lakeshore Blvd (SR-283) from 425 feet west of Minnewawa Dr to the west side of Waban Rd in the Village of Timberlake in Lake County. Provides connectivity and safe pathways for vulnerable road users.	11/2/2026	2	\$300,000
9	113270	CUY	SHAKER HEIGHTS	CUY VAN AKEN BOULEVARD PATH	Shared Use Path	Implementation of a road diet to add bike lanes to Van Aken Blvd from Lee Rd to Farnsleigh Rd in the City of Shaker Heights, Cuyahoga County.	11/20/2026	2	\$1,500,000
10	121574	GEA	CHARDON	NORTH ST (RESURFACE FROM CENTER ST / US 6 TO NCL)	Roadway Minor Rehab	Resurfacing of North St from Center St (US-6) to the North corporation limit in the city of Chardon, Geauga County.	12/14/2026	2	\$600,700
11	120195	LOR	LORAIN COUNTY ENGINEER	LOR CR 70 4.75 (VERMILION RD)	Roadway Minor Rehab	Rehabilitation of Vermilion Rd from SR 113 to 2,700 ft south of N Ridge Rd.	1/1/2027	3	\$1,806,879
12	122386	CUY	CUYAHOGA COUNTY ENGINEER	CUY OLMSTED GREENWAY, PH 1	Shared Use Path	Installation of a new Shared Use Path from Fitch Road to Cook Road in Olmsted Township, Cuyahoga County.	2/11/2027	3	\$276,000
13	123604	MED	MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER	CHIPPEWA RD BRIDGE #26 OVER MCCABE CREEK	Bridge Preservation	Replace deteriorating 3-sided concrete box culvert including footers and wingwalls with either a 4-sided box culvert or a single span concrete slab bridge.	2/15/2027	3	\$240,000
14	121575	MED	MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER	MED CR 97 6.54 (GREENWICH RD)	Roadway Minor Rehab	Resurfacing of CR 97 (Greenwich Road) from SR 3 to Chester Ave in Medina County.	2/15/2027	3	\$2,612,555
15	122421	LAK	LAKE METROPARKS	LAK METROPARKS LAKEFRONT PHASE III	Shared Use Path	Construct a 10 feet wide asphalt bicycle/pedestrian path (phase 3) by extending the path from the phase 2 path terminus westward 6000 feet to the Village of Fairport Harbor East Corporation Line in Painesville Township in Lake County.	2/22/2027	3	\$1,481,884
16	121068	CUY	LYNDHURST	CUY US 322 09.95 MAYFIELD ROAD	Roadway Minor Rehab	Rehabilitate Mayfield Road (US-322) from Sheridan Road to Eastwood Avenue in the City of Lyndhurst in Cuyahoga County.	3/8/2027	3	\$6,068,482
17	122461	LOR	LORAIN	LOR BROADWAY CORRIDOR	Roadway Minor Rehab	Installation of cycleway on Broadway.	3/15/2027	3	\$1,481,489
18	124432	MED	MEDINA COUNTY ENGINEER	LAKE RD / CR-19 (RECONSTRUCT FROM US 224 TO 600' NORTH OF US-224)	Roadway Major Rehab	Concrete pavement reconstruction of CR-19 (Lake Road) from US-224 to six hundred (600') feet north of US-224 in Westfield Township due to poor existing pavement condition.	4/15/2027	4	\$920,000
19	123479	LOR	SHEFFIELD LAKE	LOR US 0006 14.31 SIDEWALK PH 3B	Pedestrian Facilities	Construct an 8' wide sidewalk on the north side of U.S. 6 to supplement the on-road bike lanes. Curb ramp replacement where needed.	5/20/2027	4	\$500,000

**Total \$45,728,237**

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## NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY MEMORANDUM

**TO:** NOACA Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer  
**DATE:** May 1, 2026  
**RE:** **2026 Public Transportation Agency Safety Performance Measure Targets**

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

The Executive Committee is asked to consider recommending that the 2026 Public Transportation Agency Safety Performance Measure Targets be placed on the Board of Directors' June 2026 meeting agenda as a consent agenda item.

The Transit Council, Transportation Subcommittee, and Planning and Programming Committee recommended this item.

### **BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION**

The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Final Rule (49 C.F.R. Part 673) requires certain operators of public transportation systems that receive federal funds under FTA's Urbanized Area (UZA) Formula Grants to develop Agency Safety Plans.

The PTASP regulation requires each transit agency subject to the regulation to include safety performance targets (SPTs) based on the safety performance measures (SPMs) established in the National Safety Plan in their Agency Safety Plan (§ 673.11(a)(3)). These SPMs track both the total counts and rates of Fatalities, Injuries, and Safety Events, as well as System Reliability.

A safety performance measure is a quantifiable indicator used to assess the condition and safety management activities, and progress toward meeting the established targets (§ 673.5). Transit providers may set additional targets for safety performance monitoring and measurement.

MPOs must include these performance targets in their Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and Metropolitan Transportation Plans. These targets must be established within 180 days of receipt from State DOTs.

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Laketran, Lorain County Transit, and Medina County Public Transit are subject to these requirements and have all provided NOACA with their most recent PTASPs and SPTs.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact on this item.

**CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

Pending Board approval, the 2026 Regional Public Transportation Agency Safety Performance Measure Targets will be added to NOACA's Transportation Improvement Program and Long Range Plan.

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**Attachment 1:** Current and Draft 2026 Regional Public Transit Agency Safety Performance Measures

**Current and Draft Safety Performance Targets for GCRTA**

Performance Measure	Mode	2021-2023 Average	2022-2024 Average	2025 Target	2026 Target
Fatalities	Rail	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.2
	Bus	1.3	1.0	0.0	0.5
	Paratransit	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fatality Rate	Rail	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
	Bus	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
	Paratransit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Injuries	Rail	11	13	11	12
	Bus	138	152	134	141
	Paratransit	23	25	20	22
Injury Rate	Rail	0.40	0.47	0.39	0.43
	Bus	1.04	1.11	1.00	1.04
	Paratransit	0.55	0.54	0.50	0.50
Collisions	Rail	2	5	0	4
	Bus	53	56	52	55
	Paratransit	12	13	12	13
Collision Rate	Rail	0.07	0.17	0.00	0.12
	Bus	0.40	0.41	0.40	0.40
	Paratransit	0.30	0.28	0.28	0.28
Pedestrian Collision Rate	Rail	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.02
	Bus	0.02	0.04	0.00	0.03
	Paratransit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vehicular Collision Rate	Rail	0.07	0.13	0.00	0.08
	Bus	0.36	0.35	0.35	0.35
	Paratransit	0.29	0.28	0.27	0.26
Major Events	Rail	27.6	28.0	25.3	25.5
	Bus	63.3	69.0	62.0	66.0
	Paratransit	12.3	13.0	12.2	13.0
Major Event Rate	Rail	0.97	0.99	0.90	0.91
	Bus	0.47	0.51	0.46	0.48
	Paratransit	0.30	0.28	0.28	0.28
Transit Worker Fatality Rate	Rail	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Bus	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Paratransit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transit Worker Injury Rate	Rail	0.11	0.15	0.07	0.13
	Bus	0.12	0.13	0.11	0.11
	Paratransit	0.10	0.09	0.08	0.08
System Reliability	Rail	58	18	107	16
	Bus	47	8	788	8
	Paratransit	5	1	43	1
Assaults on Transit Workers	Rail	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Bus	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Paratransit	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rate of Assaults on Transit Workers	Rail	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Bus	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Paratransit	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Updated 1/8/26

**Current and Draft Safety Performance Targets for Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina County Transit**

Recommended 2026 Lake and Geauga Public Transportation Agency Safety Performance Targets									
			Injuries		Fatalities		Events		System Reliability
Agency	Status	Mode	Total # of Injuries	Rate per 100k Vehicle Revenue Miles	Total # of Fatalities	Rate per 100k Vehicle Revenue Miles	Total # of Safety Events	Rate per 100k Vehicle Revenue Miles	System Reliability (Mean VRM between failures)
Laketran and Geauga County Transit*	Last Year	Commuter Bus	0.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	64,121
	This Year	Commuter Bus	0.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	41,567
	Last Year	Demand Response*	1.31	0.07	0	0	1.31	0.07	42,004
	This Year	Demand Response*	0.33	0.01	0	0	0.65	0.03	42,768
	Last Year	Motorbus	0.33	0.04	0	0	0.33	0.04	10,768
	This Year	Motorbus	0.33	0.03	0	0	0.65	0.06	14,406
Recommended 2026 Lorain Public Transportation Agency Safety Performance Targets									
			Injuries		Fatalities		Events		System Reliability
Agency	Status	Mode	Total # of Injuries	Rate per 100k Vehicle Revenue Miles	Total # of Fatalities	Rate per 100k Vehicle Revenue Miles	Total # of Safety Events	Rate per 100k Vehicle Revenue Miles	System Reliability (Mean VRM between failures)
Lorain County Transit	Last Year	Demand Response	1	0.34	0	0	0	0	0
	This Year	Demand Response	1	0.34	0	0	0	0	0
	Last Year	Motorbus	1	0.83	0	0	0	0	0
	This Year	Motorbus	1	0.83	0	0	0	0	0
Recommended 2026 Medina Public Transportation Agency Safety Performance Targets									
			Injuries		Fatalities		Events		System Reliability
Agency	Status	Mode	Total # of Injuries	Rate per 100k Vehicle Revenue Miles	Total # of Fatalities	Rate per 100k Vehicle Revenue Miles	Total # of Safety Events	Rate per 100k Vehicle Revenue Miles	System Reliability (Mean VRM between failures)
Medina County Public Transit	Last Year	Demand Response	0.05	0.04	0	0	0.05	0.02	35,251
	This Year	MicroTransit	0.1	0.05	0	0	0.1	0.01	40,305

Updated 3/26/2026



## NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY MEMORANDUM

**TO:** NOACA Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer  
**DATE:** May 1, 2026  
**RE:** **Procurement – Contract Amendment with DGL Consulting Engineers, LLC**

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

The Executive Committee is asked to consider recommending this item for placement on the Board of Directors June 2026 meeting agenda as a consent agenda item. Specifically, it would authorize the Executive Director to execute an amendment to the contract with DGL Consulting Engineers, LLC (DGL), increasing the amount of the contract by \$53,000 and extending the term until June 30, 2027, to provide project management services for the I-71 Corridor Study.

The Finance & Audit Committee recommended this item.

### **BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION**

In July 2024, NOACA contracted with DGL Engineering for a one-year period in an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000 for as-needed engineering services. Procurement of these services was intended to ensure access to specialized expertise for more complex technical elements of the agency's work and to supplement staffing during times of vacancy. The contract with DGL was approved by the Board of Directors via [Resolution 2024-032](#) and included an option to extend for one additional year through July 16, 2026.

In June 2025, NOACA executed a task order with DGL in order to engage them to provide project management services for the I-71 Corridor Study. The total cost for the project management services is \$153,000. The original contract included an option for a second year, however, this project spans 24 months over three fiscal years. Therefore, the current contract needs to be amended to include an additional \$53,000 and extend the term through June 30, 2027, to support the project scope.

The project management services provided by DGL for the I-71 Corridor Study include the following:

- Review of all deliverables and work products of the I-71 Study consultant, HDR, Inc.
- Review of all invoices submitted by HDR, Inc.
- Meeting with and advising NOACA Executive Director on study progress
- Attending all Project Team Meetings
- Attending all meetings of the Study's Technical and Stakeholder Groups
- Attending all Public Engagement Meetings
- Attending and reporting on progress, as needed, to all NOACA Board-related groups, including committees and subcommittees.

The contract with DGL was originally procured through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process during first quarter of 2024. DGL Consulting Engineers is a civil engineering firm that has been in operation since 1926 and specializes in transportation, traffic and safety, facility and site development, surveying, construction services, and parks and recreation. The firm is headquartered in Maumee, Ohio and has offices in Independence, Dublin, Port Clinton, and Wauseon, Ohio. It is pre-qualified with ODOT across a multitude of engineering service areas and firm personnel hold several ODOT pre-qualification certifications.

The I-71 Corridor Study itself is being conducted by HDR Engineering, Inc. ([Resolution 2024-044](#)).

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

This item will add \$53,000 to NOACA's current contract with DGL, for a total amount of \$153,000.

### **CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

Pending Board approval, NOACA will execute an amendment to the contract with DGL and continue engagement of services through June 30, 2027.

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## NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY MEMORANDUM

**TO:** NOACA Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer  
**DATE:** May 1, 2026  
**RE:** **Credit Card Policy Amendment**

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

The Executive Committee is asked to consider recommending this item on the Board of Director June 2026 meeting agenda as a consent agenda item. Specifically, the item amends the NOACA Credit Card Policy to address the use of frequent flier miles or other rewards or points earned during official business.

The Finance & Audit Committee recommended this item.

### **BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION**

The Board of Directors adopted the NOACA Credit Card Policy via [Resolution 2019-012](#) in order formalize the policies and procedures regarding credit card usage consistent with state law. It was subsequently amended via [Resolution 2023-035](#) in response to guidance from the Auditor of State.

Staff are again amending the Policy based on guidance from the Auditor of State (AOS). [Bulletin 2025-012](#), citing Ohio Ethics Commission (OEC) [Advisory Opinion 2025-02](#), recommends that public offices adopt a policy regarding personal use of miles, points or rewards earned during official business. Specifically, the opinion allows public officials and employees to use personal rewards earned during official business, provided that:

1. Rewards are earned in the same manner as the general public;
2. Rewards do not impose additional costs on the public office; and
3. The airline, hotel, vendor, etc. are not selected just to earn the reward points for themselves.

In addition, the Policy clarifies that reward points earned on NOACA credit card account are to be used only for the benefit of the Agency.

There are also several administrative changes, including removing the term “Comptroller” and changing the term “Accounting” office to “Finance” office, in alignment with the current organizational structure, and increasing the total combined credit limit to \$30,000.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact.

### **CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

Pending Board approval, the NOACA Credit Card Policy will be amended and the policies implemented.

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**Attachment 1:** Draft Amended NOACA Credit Card Policy (redline)



## CREDIT CARD POLICY

### HISTORY

Implemented by NOACA Board of Directors Resolution 2019-012

Revised by NOACA Board of Directors Resolution 2023-035

### POLICY

1. This policy applies to all (1) payment cards, checks or other payment instruments associated with a credit account issued by a financial institution or a retailer, and (2) payment cards related to the receipt of grant funds. All such cards and instruments are referred to herein as "credit cards."
2. This policy does not apply to procurement cards (P-cards) or to gas cards or other payment cards that are capable of use only for the purchase of certain limited types of goods.
3. The Agency will not obtain or maintain any debit cards.
4. The ~~Comptroller~~/Finance Director will work with the appropriate financial institutions that issue credit cards to determine the best type of credit card accounts for the Agency, and also to determine which, if any, store credit card accounts the agency will utilize upon authorization by the Executive Director.
  - a. The ~~Comptroller~~/Finance Director is responsible for working with the issuing financial institution to facilitate the reissuance of replacement cards upon expiration of the credit cards.
  - b. The ~~Comptroller~~/Finance Director in consultation with the Executive Director will determine when it's necessary to cancel a credit card account or adjust the credit limits on the credit cards.
  - c. The ~~Comptroller~~/Finance Director is responsible for notifying the issuing financial institution of a lost or stolen card.
5. Credit cards will be established in the name of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency or NOACA and the specific name of an individual with a maximum credit limit for each set by the Agency.
6. Credit cards may be issued to:
  - a. Director of Administrative Services with a credit limit up to \$15,000
  - b. ~~Comptroller~~/Finance Director with a credit limit up to \$15,000
  - c. With a combined credit limit of ~~\$230,000~~
7. Credit cards may be signed out by the following employees from the ~~Accounting~~ Finance office once a purchase order for the acquisition has been approved (except in the case of an emergency):
  - a. Directors or their designees
  - b. Managers or their designees

c. Senior Communications and Administrative Specialists

8. Credit cards must be returned to the ~~Accounting~~ Finance office within one business day.
9. Use of the credit card is based on the employee's acknowledgement that they have read and pledge to comply with this policy.
10. For each purchase made using a credit card, an itemized receipt indicating the amount paid, the vendor, the goods/services purchased and a signature authorizing approval for payment must be submitted to the Accounting Manager promptly following the purchase.
11. Allowable purchases via the credit card include only those types of expenses that are for the benefit of the Agency that serve a valid and proper public purpose that is consistent with the budget. Credit cards will primarily be used for travel expenses to conferences and workshops, memberships and professional dues, and any other items that require pre-payment. Allowable purchases may also include food and/or beverages for staff events such as meetings, orientation gatherings, holiday get-togethers and retirement celebrations. The food and/or beverages provided may **not** be related directly to amusement and/or social events.
12. Use of the credit card for personal expenditures, for expenditures in excess of the applicable credit limit, or otherwise in violation of this policy constitutes a misuse of the credit card. Any Agency employee engaged in the misuse of the credit card will be responsible to reimburse the Agency for any unauthorized expenditures and may be subject to disciplinary action.
13. The Agency is exempt from sales tax, and all reasonable efforts should be made to ensure that sales tax is not charged by vendors in connection with purchases made via credit card. A tax exemption certificate is available in the ~~Accounting~~ Finance office.
14. The Comptroller/Finance Director must file a report with the Board of Directors detailing all rewards received based on the use of the Agency's credit card account. Reward points earned on the Agency's credit card account shall be used only upon the express approval of the Executive Director/designee, and only for the benefit of the Agency and not for personal benefit.
15. No Agency employee may use the Agency's credit card to earn personal frequent flyer miles, hotel rewards, or other reward points to a personal account unless:
  - a. the personal points, miles, or rewards are acquired under the same conditions as a member of the public would earn them;
  - b. acquisition of the personal points, miles, or rewards poses no additional cost to the Agency; and
  - c. the availability of the personal points, miles, or rewards has no influence on the purchase or expenditure made on behalf of the Agency, as such considerations are strictly prohibited.
  - d. Where these criteria are fully satisfied, personal points/miles earned may be used by an Agency employee for personal use.



## NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY MEMORANDUM

**TO:** NOACA Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer  
**DATE:** May 1, 2026  
**RE:** **Public Infrastructure Improvements in Brook Park (CUY SR 291-02.90) Plan Amendment**

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

The Executive Committee is asked to consider recommending the Brook Park Public Infrastructure Improvements (PID 125149 CUY IR 071/VAR 08.84 Brook Park), for Fourth Quarter State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026 Plan Amendment for placement on the Board of Directors June 2026 meeting agenda.

The Transportation Subcommittee and Planning and Programming Committee recommended this item.

### **BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION**

The Long Range Plan (Plan) provides a 20-year outlook for regional transportation needs and projects. The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the four-year program that implements the investment priorities established in the Plan and contains funding commitments for the upcoming four years. Project sponsors can request a proposed project be amended to NOACA's Long Range Plan (Plan) or Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), or request that a project currently programmed in the TIP be modified via a quarterly application process.

The proposed amendment for the fourth quarter of SFY 2026 is listed in the table below and Attachment 1. It includes a project involving infrastructure improvements supporting new stadium and mixed-use development in the City of Brook Park, from Snow Road to Brookpark Road, between IR-71 and SR-237. The project includes modifications to the I-71 and Snow Road interchange, a new I-71 ramp fly-over bridge, new perimeter roadway and intersection with Snow Road, pavement removals and access modifications to Five Points Road, additional pavement and pedestrian improvements to Engle Road (SR-291) and Snow Road and a new pedestrian bridge.

On March 13, 2026, the NOACA Board of Directors adopted Resolution 2026-016, which approved the second quarter project planning review. Section 2 of the resolution states the following:

*The project sponsor must endeavor to comply with any conditions or recommendations that have occurred as a result of the project planning review and will provide evidence of such in coordination with NOACA staff. NOACA staff will report back to the appropriate NOACA committees and the Board regarding the coordination.*

The project review summary contained the following condition:

*Buildable Units 1 through 6, as presented, address the traffic impacts of the development only in the city of Brook Park. Staff recommends that approval be conditioned upon further study and development of infrastructure proposals related to communities outside of Brook Park and within the influence area. The intention is to treat Buildable Units 1 through 6 as the first phase of infrastructure projects and projects outside of the city would be a second phase.*

NOACA staff and the City's consultant have resumed regular meetings to review and discuss progress the City is making in addressing this condition. NOACA staff have identified the following "Areas of Concern" that the City's consultant is studying:

- West 150th Steet, from Brookpark Road to the I-480 westbound exit ramp, in Cleveland and Brook Park;
- West 130<sup>th</sup> Street, from Brookpark Road to the I-480 westbound exit ramp, in Cleveland and Brook Park;
- SR-237 at Snow Road, in Brook Park;
- SR-237 at Sheldon Road, in Berea and Brook Park; and
- Bagley Road, in the vicinity of the I-71 north and south ramps, in Middleburg Heights

The City's consultant also indicated the number of on-site parking spaces decreased from 12,000 to between 8,500 and 9,000. Additionally, the estimated number of off-site parking spaces increased from 9,000 to 12,000. The City's consultant will provide refined estimates to staff to incorporate into the NOACA travel forecasting models at macro and micro levels.

In accordance with federal transportation conformity regulations, 40 CFR part 93, subpart A, the planning process determined that this project is a regionally significant project and requires a conformity determination. NOACA is performing the required quantitative analysis demonstrating that emissions from vehicles traveling on the proposed improvement will not cause new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the NAAQS or any required interim emission reductions or other milestones in any nonattainment or maintenance area. NOACA staffed have conducted the interagency consultation (IAC) with the planning partner agencies and submitted the required documentation to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for review and comment.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The most recent estimated cost of the project proposed to be amended to the Plan is \$97.7 million. Funding for the project is committed and/or planned from a variety of federal, state, and local sources. Federal funding is provided by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and is administered through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and FHWA.

### **CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

Pending Board approval, the amendment will be incorporated into the NOACA Plan. Once the project has committed resources identified for implementation, it will be presented to the Board for addition to the 4-year fiscally constrained TIP

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**Attachment 1:** Fourth Quarter SFY 2026 Plan Amendment for the Brook Park Public Infrastructure Improvements (PID 125149 CUY IR 071/VAR 08.84 Brook Park) Project List

Project	Description	Long Range Plan		Total Cost	
		SFY 2026-2029 TIP	SFY 2030 - 2050		
<b>Project Proposed for TIP Inclusion</b>					
CUY IR 071/VAR 08.84 Brook Park  PID: 125149	Infrastructure improvements supporting new stadium and mixed-use development in the City of Brook Park in Cuyahoga County from Snow to Brookpark Rd. between IR-71 and SR-237. Includes modifications to I-71 and Snow Road interchange, new I-71 ramp bridge, new perimeter roadway and intersection with Snow Road, pavement removals and access modifications to Five Points Road, additional pavement and pedestrian improvements to Engle Road (SR-291) and Snow Road, new pedestrian bridge.	PE ENV PEDD CO CE		\$8,330,000 \$3,600,000 \$78,000,000 \$7,800,000	\$8,330,000 \$3,600,000 \$78,000,000 \$7,800,000
<b>Total Project Cost</b>				<b>\$97,730,000</b>	<b>\$97,730,000</b>

Attachment 1: Fourth Quarter SFY 2026 NOACA Plan Amendment Project List

Project Name	Sponsoring Agency	Project Description	Phase	Funding	STIP Fund Type	S/TIP Year (SFY)	Total Project Estimate	Air Quality Status
<b>CUY IR 071/VAR 08.84</b> <b>Brook Park</b> <b>PID: 125149</b>	Brook Park, City of	Infrastructure improvements supporting new stadium and mixed-use development in the City of Brook Park in Cuyahoga County from Snow to Brookpark Rd. between IR-71 and SR-237. Includes modifications to I-71 and Snow Road interchange, new I-71 ramp bridge, new perimeter roadway and intersection with Snow Road, pavement removals and access modifications to Five Points Road, additional pavement and pedestrian improvements to Engle Road (SR-291) and Snow Road, new pedestrian bridge.	PE ENV	\$8,300,000	Local	PLAN	<b>\$97,730,000</b>	Non-Exempt
				\$30,000	State			
			PE DD	\$3,600,000	Local	PLAN		
			CO	\$28,000,000	Federal-TRAC	PLAN		
				\$7,000,000	State - TRAC			
				\$43,000,000	Local			
CE	\$7,800,000	Local						



## NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY MEMORANDUM

**TO:** NOACA Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer  
**DATE:** May 1, 2026  
**RE:** **Resolution of Support for BASICS Act**

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

The Executive Committee is asked to consider recommending a resolution of support for the BASICS Act and other surface transportation reauthorization priorities for placement on the Board of Directors June 2026 meeting agenda as an individual action item.

The External Affairs Committee recommended this item.

### **BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION**

The current federal surface transportation law, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), expires on September 30. Congress is considering proposals for reauthorization which will set policies and funding levels for the next 5-6 years. Organizations representing local governments have come together to form the Local Officials in Transportation (LOT) Coalition with the goal of ensuring that local governments have a voice in reauthorization. The coalition includes:

- National League of Cities (NLC)
- Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO)
- National Association of Counties (NACo)
- National Association of Development Organizations (NADO)
- National Association of Regional Councils (NARC)
- U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM)

The LOT Coalition developed bipartisan legislation called the Bridges and Safety Infrastructure for Community Success (BASICS) Act, H.R. 7437, to focus federal transportation investment on core infrastructure needs by ensuring funding reaches local communities efficiently and is used where it delivers the greatest public benefit. It aims to repair the nation's most deficient bridges, deliver regional priority projects faster, focus on road safety, ensure transparency and collaboration, and build strong plans for rural and urban regions.

This legislation aligns with NOACA's Board-adopted 2026 Legislative Agenda, which calls on Congress to strengthen local control over core transportation programs by streamlining the funding process, eliminating bureaucratic hurdles, and empowering local elected officials serving on MPO boards to make decisions that impact their respective communities while reaching national goals. This would be accomplished, in part, by responding to congressional leadership desires to reduce discretionary grant funding and shifting those dollars to MPOs to advance locally chosen priority projects in regional long

range plans. The BASICS Act would also increase planning funding to ensure better project outcomes and increase formula funding to states.

The LOT Coalition is asking Congress to consider advancing this proposed bill as part of the larger reauthorization package. LOT Coalition representatives outlined the bill and discussed how it would benefit local communities at NOACA's 2026 Transportation Day, held on April 1, 2026. Subsequently, the BASICS Act was discussed at a NOACA External Affairs Committee meeting on April 10, where action was taken to recommend a resolution of support.

This resolution expresses support for the BASICS Act, as well as other priorities in the Board-adopted 2026 Legislative Agenda, including support for asset management, safety, sustainability, multi-modalism, public transit, passenger rail, bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure, and a stabilized Highway Trust Fund inclusive of transit funding.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact.

### **CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

Pending Board approval, the resolution will be forwarded to federal legislative and administrative officials who represent Northeast Ohio.

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Attachment: Draft Resolution in Support of BASICS Act

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, and the City of Cleveland and the areawide water quality management agency for the same region; and

**WHEREAS**, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are federally designated regional planning bodies established under federal law to carry out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for metropolitan regions; and

**WHEREAS**, MPOs bring together local governments, transit agencies, state departments of transportation, and other partners to develop long-range transportation plans and transportation improvement programs that guide transportation investment across metropolitan regions; and

**WHEREAS**, NOACA's members own and operate a substantial portion of the region's transportation system and play a critical role in delivering transportation projects that improve safety, mobility, and economic competitiveness in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the effectiveness of the federal transportation program depends on strong regional coordination and the ability of NOACA to plan and deliver projects that respond to local and regional needs; and

**WHEREAS**, in its 2026 Legislative Agenda, NOACA's Board of Directors adopted policy priorities for reauthorization of the federal surface transportation law to replace the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), which is set to expire on September 30, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, these priorities include strengthening local control of core transportation programs; promoting asset management as a funding priority; incorporating safety, sustainability, and multi-modalism in planning and funding, with strong support for public transit, passenger rail, and bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure; and stabilizing the Highway Trust Fund with a continued set-aside for transit funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the bipartisan Bridges and Safety Infrastructure for Community Success (BASICS) Act (H.R. 7437) proposes improvements to the federal surface transportation program aimed at strengthening regional planning capacity, improving transparency in project delivery, and ensuring federal transportation investments better reflect regional priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, the BASICS Act aligns with NOACA's policy priorities of advancing policies that empower regional collaboration, improve the effectiveness of federal transportation funding, and support efficient delivery of transportation projects that benefit the region and local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the BASICS Act has the support of national organizations such as National League of Cities, National Association of Counties, Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, National Association of Development Organizations, National Association of Regional Councils, American Public Works Association and the National Association of County Engineers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, consisting of forty-six voting officials serving general-purpose local governments throughout and within the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, and the City of Cleveland that:

**RESOLUTION 2026-XXX  
(Support for the BASICS Act)**

**Section 1:** The Board of Directors hereby expresses its support for the Bridges and Safety Infrastructure for Community Success (BASICS) Act (H.R. 7437) in alignment with the policy priorities stated in NOACA's 2026 Legislative Agenda.

**Section 2:** The Executive Director is authorized to transmit copies of this resolution to members of Congress representing Northeast Ohio, the leadership of relevant United States House and Senate Committees, and other relevant federal policymakers.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency adopted this 26th day of June, 2026.

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Secretary

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Date Signed

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## NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY MEMORANDUM

**TO:** NOACA Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer  
**DATE:** May 1, 2026  
**RE:** **Authorize Spending for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Legal Fees**

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

The Executive Committee is asked to consider recommending the following item for placement on the Board of Directors June 2026 meeting agenda as an individual action item. Specifically, it would authorize spending authority for an additional \$100,000 in legal fees (up to \$200,000 total) for fiscal year (FY) 2026.

The Finance & Audit Committee recommended this item.

### **BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION**

NOACA's budget for outside legal services provided by Gembala McLaughlin Pecora (GMP) was set for fiscal year (FY) 2026 at \$100,000 based on FY 2025 invoices and routine Agency and Board needs. However, thus far in FY 2026, some unique legal issues have arisen, resulting in additional need for legal guidance and therefore costs. These include executing amendments to the Code of Regulations which were ratified by all member Counties, legal advice on the new human resources structure and related matters being advanced by the new Associate Director of Human Resources, and defending the Agency's interest in the lawsuit filed against the Agency by former Board Alternate Walter "Skip" Claypool. Based on these factors, legal fees will exceed both the budget and the Executive Director's spending threshold, necessitating Board approval for additional spending.

The request for Board authorization is based on NOACA's practice requiring the Board of Directors to approve contracts up to the threshold contained in [Ohio Revised Code 307.86](#). The threshold for CY 2026 is \$79,568. This increase in spending will not result in an increase in overall Agency expenditures. Rather, other indirect costs not anticipated to be spent down in FY26 will be reallocated.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Pending Board approval, the Executive Director will be authorized to spend up to an additional \$100,000 for payment of legal fees, for a total not to exceed \$200,000 for fiscal year 2026.

### **CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

Payments not to exceed a total of \$200,000 will be made for legal services performed during fiscal year 2026. NOACA will also work with GMP to identify cost-saving measures.

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## NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY MEMORANDUM

**TO:** NOACA Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer  
**DATE:** May 1, 2026  
**RE:** **Cybersecurity Program**

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

The Executive Committee is asked to consider recommending this item for placement on the Board of Directors June 2026 meeting agenda as an individual action item. Specifically, it would authorize the agency to develop and adopt a cybersecurity program that aligns with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) § 9.64.

The Finance & Audit Committee recommended this item.

### **BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION**

On September 30, 2025, [Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64](#), *Political subdivision cybersecurity*, went into effect. This statute requires political subdivisions to adopt a cybersecurity program that safeguards the political subdivision's data, information technology, and information technology resources to ensure availability, confidentiality, and integrity.

It further requires that the program be consistent with generally accepted best practices for cybersecurity, such as the [National Institute Of Standards and Technology cybersecurity framework](#), and the [Center for Internet Security cybersecurity best practices](#). The program should do at least all of the following:

- Identify and address the critical functions and cybersecurity risks of the organization
- Identify the potential impacts of a cybersecurity breach
- Specify mechanisms to detect potential threats and cybersecurity events
- Specify procedures for the organization to establish communication channels, analyze incidents, and take actions to contain cybersecurity incidents
- Establish procedures for the repair of infrastructure impacted by a cybersecurity incident, and the maintenance of security after the incident
- Establish cybersecurity training requirements for all employees of the organization; the frequency, duration, and detail of which shall correspond to the duties of each employee

In addition to the above requirements, ORC §9.64 also:

- prohibits payment of or compliance with a ransomware demand without formal approval by the political subdivision's legislative authority of a resolution that specifically states why the payment or compliance with the ransom demand is in the best interest of the political subdivision;
- outlines required notification procedures following a cybersecurity or ransomware incident; and

- specifies that any records, documents, or reports related to a cybersecurity program and framework, and the reports of a cybersecurity incident or ransomware incident, are not subject to the disclosure under Ohio Public Records Law.

NOACA has contracted with cybersecurity consultant On Technology Partners to conduct necessary assessments and develop recommendations to strengthen NOACA's existing information security environment and help the agency to achieve full compliance with ORC §9.64.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

While action taken under this item does not include a financial component, as noted above, NOACA has contracted with a consultant to assess and make recommendations on the security of NOACA's information technology network, hardware, applications, and security-related policies, procedures, managed services and employee training. The cost of this engagement is \$14,000.

### **CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

Guidance from the [Auditor of State](#) and [CyberOhio](#) requires NOACA to adopt this program via a Board of Directors Resolution by July 1, 2026. Upon approval of this item by the Executive Committee, the next action would be at the June 2026 Board of Directors' meeting for approval by the required State deadline.

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## TRAVEL OPTIONS FOR NOACA MEETINGS

### LOCATION

NOACA is conveniently located in Cleveland's central business district at 1299 Superior Avenue, on the NW corner of Superior and E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

### TRANSIT & BICYCLE TRAVEL TO NOACA

NOACA is accessible by transit and bike.

The NOACA office building is situated on several major and minor bus routes. You can plan your transit trip to NOACA by using trip planner tools or with information provided by the region's public transit agencies:

- [GCRTA Trip Planner](#)
- [Geauga County Transit](#)
- [Laketran Trip Planner](#)
- [Lorain County Transit service](#)
- [Medina County Transit](#)

Bikes may be stored and locked at U-racks located directly in front of the building.

### PARKING (see map)

The following map shows parking facilities in the vicinity of the NOACA building. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer reimbursement for parking.

On-street, metered parking is also available for up to 2-hour periods along E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street north of Superior Avenue. Please heed parking signs and note any time restrictions. Payment can be made at these meters with credit card or by using the [ParkMobile](#) mobile device application.

Street parking is also available along Rockwell Avenue, east of E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

### TRAVEL ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION

If you have further questions about parking or need assistance with travel to or special accommodation at NOACA, please contact Lindy Burt at 216-241-2414, x. 108.

