

FIRST QUARTER SFY 2027 PROJECT PLANNING REVIEW (PPR)

Transit Council

May 15, 2026

ACTION REQUESTED

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of Project Planning Review:

- To assess if a proposed project helps to achieve NOACA vision and goals; and
- To ensure that proposed project is consistent with NOACA planning requirements and oversight agency requirements

Review of proposed projects involves:

- Staff review and comment
- NOACA committee, subcommittee & advisory council review
- Intergovernmental Review and Consultation (IGRC)
Circulated to communities & agencies
- Public involvement
Posted on website for public review & comment

BACKGROUND

Actions

1. Project review completed
2. Recommendations to be considered by the project sponsor to best achieve planning requirements
3. Conditions of approval to be met prior to amendment to LRP and/or TIP

Proposed Projects



Target Needs

Project Planning Review



Evaluate Needs

LRP



Plan Needs

TIP



Commit Resources



Implement

BACKGROUND

Project not requesting NOACA funds

Project Type	Project Sponsor	Project Name and Location	Primary Work Type	Total Cost
Transit	Laketran	LAK LAKETRAN MULTIMODAL TRANSIT CENTER IN PAINESVILLE – To be located on East Erie Street, between Liberty Street and North State Street, in downtown Painesville (to replace the current Julie A. Cunningham transfer center). The new facility will accommodate four bus routes (#s 1, 4, 5 and 9), electric bus charging, enhanced passenger amenities such as indoor climatized waiting area, real-time signage, restrooms, improved pedestrian crossings, and bicycle facilities	Construct a multi-modal transit center	\$20 M (OTP2 flex funds & local)

BACKGROUND










- The multimodal transit facility will serve as a regional workforce connector linking residents to high-demand employment centers
- Four of Laketrans' 10 local routes will utilize the transit center, connecting rural and suburban communities with workforce centers in Mentor and Painesville.
- Facility will function as the eastern anchor of Laketrans' fixed-route system, serving Painesville, Madison, Fairport Harbor, and surrounding communities.
- The project enhances workforce mobility and supports lake county's broader economic development strategy.

BACKGROUND

- New Painesville stop on GOBUS's gray line which connects Ashtabula to Toledo
 - The gray line connects multiple northern Ohio Counties including Lake, Cuyahoga, Ashtabula, Lucas, and Lorain
- Transit center will provide GOBUS riders with an improved experience
 - safe, indoor climate-controlled waiting facilities, public restrooms, access to local restaurants and businesses in downtown Painesville
 - connections with Laketran's local bus routes

SITE DIAGRAM

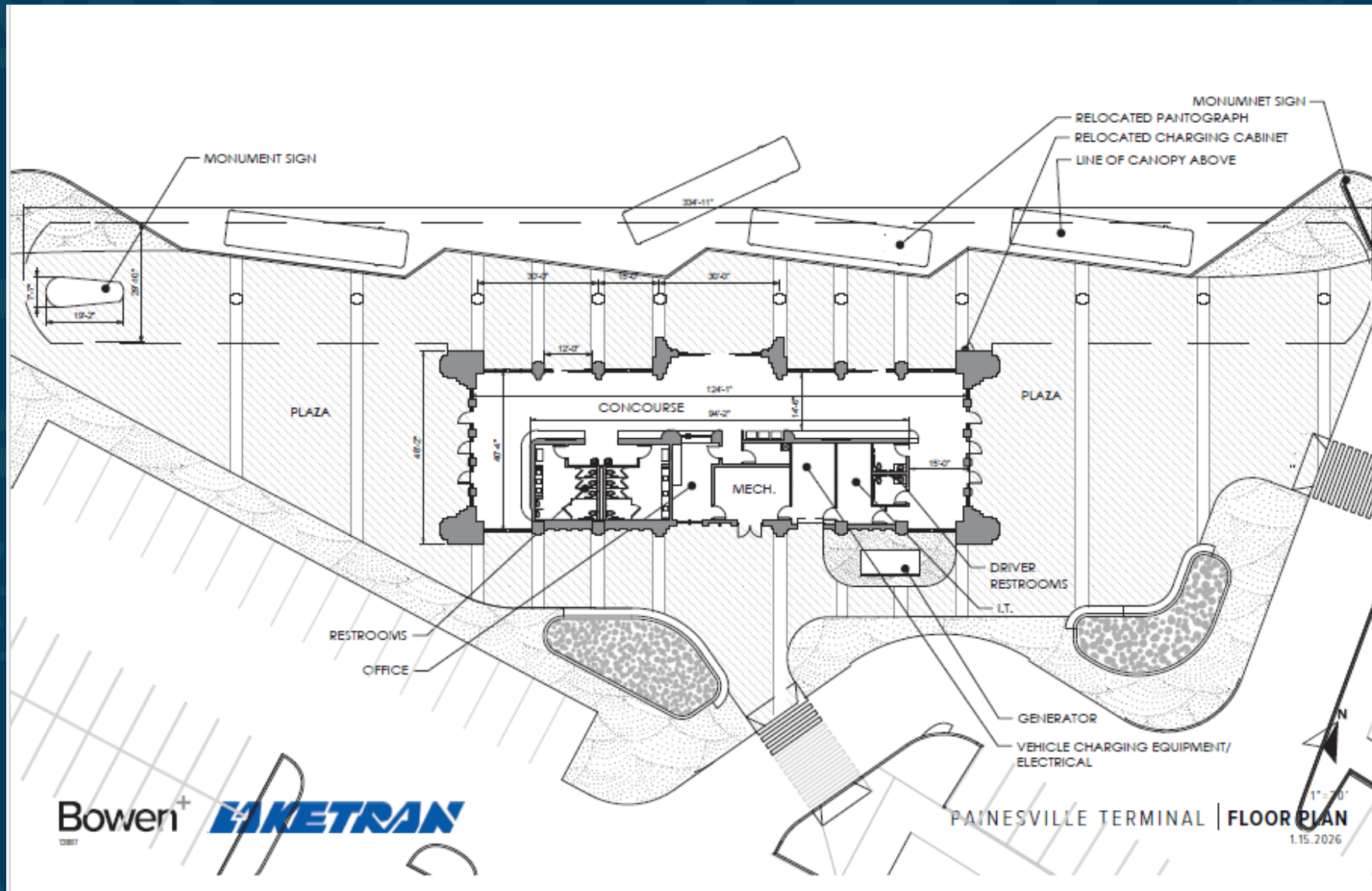


-  BUILDING FOOTPRINT
-  PEDESTRIAN PATHS
-  PUBLIC PLAZA
-  OVERHEAD CANOPY
-  BUS ROUTES
-  1
-  4
-  5
-  9

PAINESVILLE TERMINAL



PAINESVILLE TERMINAL FLOOR PLAN



NEXT STEPS

- **Staff will forward any comments from this council to the project sponsor**
- **Project will be presented to the following for additional review and comment:**
 - Transportation Subcommittee
 - Planning & Programming Committee
 - Executive Committee
- **Pending Board approval, the project sponsor will be notified that their project has completed PPR**
- **NOACA staff will work with the project sponsor to address any planning issues identified during PPR**



NOACA

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

NOACA will **strengthen** regional cohesion, **preserve** existing infrastructure, and **build** a sustainable multimodal transportation system to **support** economic development and **enhance** quality of life in Northeast Ohio.