



## **NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO: Executive Committee Members**

Justin Bibb, Mayor, City of Cleveland  
John R. Hamercheck, Commissioner, Lake County  
Timothy C. Lennon, Commissioner, Geauga County  
Jeff Riddell, Commissioner, Lorain County  
Chris Ronayne, County Executive, Cuyahoga County

**FROM:** Jeff Brandon, President, NOACA Board of Directors  
Trustee, Montville Township, Medina County

**DATE:** January 26, 2024

**RE: Executive Committee Meeting  
Friday, February 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**NOACA 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.

Lunch will be provided for this meeting as it occurs during the lunch hour.

I look forward to seeing you on **Friday, February 2nd at 11:30 a.m.**

### **NOACA VISION STATEMENT**

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.



**NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY**

**Friday, February 2, 2024**

**11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

The public can view the meeting live at: <https://youtube.com/live/GymZQ-3t0ZI?feature=share>

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Next Regular Meeting: ***Friday, May 10, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.***  
***NOACA Offices, 1299 Superior Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio***



**NOACA Executive Committee Meeting**  
November 3, 2023  
NOACA Offices  
1299 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114

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

Commissioner John Hamercheck, Chair of the Executive Committee, convened the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

**Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Shane Hajjar made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 11, 2023. Mr. Ryan Puente seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Mr. John Gall made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 8, 2023. Mr. Puente seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

**Public Comment**

No public comments were made at this meeting.

**Executive Director's Report**

Director Gallucci reported on the following:

- The first Economic Development Subcommittee meeting was held at the NOACA offices on September 22, 2023. The last CEDS Steering Committee was held at the NOACA offices on June 23, 2023. The Governance Committee voted to recommend the membership and charter for the Economic Development Subcommittee at its meeting in August 2023. The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) approved the NOACA region's CEDS in March 2023. NOACA staff is prepared to submit the paperwork to EDA to become the Economic Development District for this region.
- The Climate Fresk Workshop for NOACA Board members will be held at the NOACA offices on December 7, 2023, 1:30-4:30 p.m. The workshop will provide climate education in an interactive, game-style format with group discussion and solution/action brainstorming.
- Ratification is required of the Board-approved change of amendment to Article IV of the Code of Regulations approved by the Board of Directors in September 2023. The amendment restores the City of Cleveland's Board position to the Mayor of the City of Cleveland. Ratification is required from each county. The goal is to complete the ratification by December 31, 2023.

**Action Items**

### **Regional Strategy for Coordinating Funding Opportunities Update**

Director Gallucci stated that this action follows the work that staff has been doing on implementing of the IJJA Regional Strategy that the NOACA Board adopted in June. In September, the Board adopted the process to modify or amend the strategy as needed. NOACA will be amending the strategy every quarter to ensure that the most up-to-date information is included in the Board materials. NOACA will make changes between meetings, if needed, and then ask for ratification.

Ms. Leah Telepak reviewed the following items:

- 2023 project-specific updates to the Regional Strategy
- Updates to Attachment 1 in blue and red
- Final version in Attachment 2

Ms. Telepak stated that the updated Regional Strategy will be presented to the NOACA Board on December 1, 2023, for action. She noted that implementation will be an ongoing collaboration with partner communities and organizations to ensure that project applications are submitted.

Mr. Brandon made a motion to recommend the Regional Strategy for Coordinating Funding Opportunities Update to the Board for approval. Mr. Puenta seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

### **Interstate Highway Interchange Resolution**

Director Gallucci stated that the Interstate Highway Interchange Resolution was requested by Medina County Commissioner Aaron Harrison and staff concurred that it was a good idea for NOACA to put forward its position on the legislation that was signed by Governor DeWine last summer. In the resolution, it states that NOACA has a role to play, and it wants to be very clear about its role. NOACA does not take a position on the interchange itself; it is left open. The resolution includes information on the process. At this point, there have been a lot of letters, particularly from those who oppose the project. Commissioner Harrison has requested that NOACA make clear NOACA's process and role.

Ms. Bev Burtzloff presented information on the following:

- Background on the provision inserted into the legislation for Ohio's FY 2024-2025 Biennial Budget
- Enacted language
- The provision was signed into law on March 31, 2023
- NOACA's testimony at the statehouse against the provision
- Correspondence received by NOACA on the proposed Boston Road interchange: 153 against and 1 in favor
- NOACA's New or Modified Highway Interchange Projects Policy was approved by the Board in 2020

Mr. Gall made a motion to recommend the Interstate Highway Interchange Resolution to the Board. Mr. Hajjar seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Director Gallucci reviewed the following items that have been vetted by other committees:

### **2024 Legislative Agenda Updates**

Director Gallucci stated that the Legislative Agenda includes NOACA’s annual consensus-driven principles that are intended to guide the agency’s policy. The Legislative Agenda generally remains intact from year to year. For 2024, there are some minor edits proposed on the federal side and no change on the state side. Under priority three, the words “climate resilience and economic development” were added to the language. NOACA is focusing on these two new areas.

### **Regional Metroparks Trails Connectivity Study**

Director Gallucci stated that the project goals are to develop a plan for a regionally connected trail network among the major park systems of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lorain, Lake, and Medina counties as well as to connect them to the neighborhoods that are nearby and other access or asset points, such as city parks or places of employment. NOACA will need to come up with a plan that allows the agency to fund those items. NOACA has received funding requests from Lorain County Metro Parks and Cleveland Metroparks Systems for certain trails. Medina, Geauga, and Lake counties generally could not ask for funding. NOACA is trying to come up with a more equitable way to distribute funding and is starting with this plan. Once NOACA gets the plan in place, all the county metro parks will be able to access funding, particularly carbon reduction funding set aside for this purpose, with a streamlined the process. The metro parks would follow the plan to get funding to implement the trail system that has been agreed upon as a regional trail system. NOACA received proposals by the due date of October 6, 2023. The evaluation team selected OHM Advisors, which has a DBE goal of 12%. The subconsultants would be Toole Design and Guide Studio. NOACA will contract with the vendor, OHM Advisors, in an amount not to exceed \$249,465 to provide planning services for the Regional Metroparks Trails Connectivity Study.

### **Joel Ratner Community Partnership (JRCP) Contract Amendment**

Director Gallucci stated that earlier this year, NOACA posted an RFP, and a contract was executed and given to the Joel Ratner Community Partnership for \$32,500 in May 2023. The contract was increased by \$17,500 for 15 additional sessions for engagement around Climate Action Planning. The engagement work that was under the current contract concluded in October. The amendment is as follows:

- Expand the scope of services
- Extend the end-date of contract from 12/11/23 to 6/30/24
- The increase in cost through the proposed amendment is \$28,500
- The total amount of the contract with the amendment will not exceed \$78,500

### **Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Terms and Conditions**

Director Gallucci stated that NOACA received \$1 million in seed money, and staff has begun the process of deciding how to make recommendations. Staff developed the terms and conditions for the recommendations and the general guidelines. The terms and conditions are as follows:

- No limit on the amount of funds to be requested by any applicant
- 0% interest rate
- Terms: up to 10 years
- Equity: 20%
- Fees: 0.5% of the loan or \$1000, whatever is lower
- Grants and forgivable loans: only when RLF balance over \$1,000,000
- True loans: no cap
- Forgivable loans: cap of 25% of the total RLF balance

### **Brownfields Steering Committee’s Recommendation for Funding**

Director Gallucci stated that the Brownfields Steering Committee recommended that a \$500,000 loan be awarded to the City of Middleburg Heights for the remediation of a Sears building and its automotive department. The project involves looking at asbestos and other types of contaminants. If the loan is approved by the Board in December, NOACA will automatically qualify for additional funding from the EPA for the revolving loan account.

Executive Ronayne asked if the former tenant of the property was responsible for the cleanup. He also asked how many brownfields are in the region.

Director Gallucci stated that NOACA does not have a good handle on how many brownfields there are in the region. She noted that there are some parameters around who is responsible for the cleanup.

Ms. Beim stated that to receive the loan, the owner of the site cannot be the polluter. The City of Middleburg Heights acquired the Sears site with the intent of redeveloping the property, creating both construction jobs and permanent jobs after the redevelopment. The EPA requires an environmental assessment of the project before acquiring a site. The city bought the property knowing their responsibilities.

Executive Ronayne said he was trying to understand the trail of tears left behind on some of these sites. He said he supported the recommendation.

#### **2024 Board, Committee, Subcommittee and Council Meeting Schedule**

Director Gallucci stated that the meeting schedule for 2024 will follow the same rotation as the one in the previous year. The Board committees will meet on the second Friday of every month, and then the council and the subcommittees are structured to support the standing committees. She noted that there were no conflicts with any of the meeting dates.

#### **Project Planning Reviews (PPRs)/Intergovernmental Review and Consultation (IGRC): 2nd Quarter State Fiscal Year 2024:**

Director Gallucci stated that the second quarter PPRs included the following projects:

- Cuy Snow Rd. Rehabilitation - PID 113151
- GCRTA Capital Projects:
  - PID 104564: Bus Preventative Maintenance
  - PID 112109: Rail Car Replacement Program
  - PID 119702 Main Office Building Elevator Replacements
  - PID 119703 Woodhill Workforce Development Training Space
  - PID 119704: Blue Line Station ADA Rehabilitations
  - PID 119705: Green Line Station ADA Rehabilitations
  - PID 119838: Bus Replacement Program

#### **Plan and TIP Amendments**

Director Gallucci stated that the Plan and TIP amendments include the projects listed under the second quarter PPRs.

Director Gallucci stated that the Federal Transit Administration is a little bit less than pleased with having to make regular amendments, so they have requested that NOACA work with GCRTA to begin a more strategic approach for submitting plans and reducing the number of continual amendments to the TIP. NOACA staff has begun discussions with GCRTA.

**SFY 2024 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities  
(Section 5310 Program) Project Recommendations**

Director Gallucci stated that the SFY 2024 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) program has \$2.6 million. The funds will be distributed as follows:

- FFY 2023 Section 5310 Apportionment (Federal share)      \$2,684,632
  - NOACA Administrative Funds (10%)      (\$268,463)
  
- Funds to be programmed to SFY 2024 projects      \$2,416,169
  
- Transit Recommendations:
  - GCRTA      \$722,936
  - Laketran      \$367,133
  
- Competitive Program Project Recommendations      \$1,326,100

Note: Please see the PowerPoint presentation on NOACA’s website for details.

Director Gallucci stated that NOACA has a list of projects that were not recommended for funding. Applicants were requesting vehicles but had not made any purchases from the last round of funding, or they did not need the vehicles as much as other applicants who were awarded funding.

**Safety Performance Target Setting for CY 2024**

Director Gallucci stated that the Safety Performance Target Setting is a standard regulatory item from the federal government. NOACA is looking to adopt a 2% annual safety performance target reduction across all five categories. The state DOTs are required to adopt their targets annually, and then MPOs are required to establish targets within 180 days. NOACA could in the future agree with the state DOTs on their targets or commit to alternate quantifiable targets. She noted that last year and this year, NOACA has agreed with the statewide targets of 2%, which work within the Long Range Plan, although a 2% reduction will not get the region to vision zero. In NOACA’s Long Range Plan, the target is to get to Vision Zero by 2050. NOACA will ramp up from the 2% target in the next decade to see an increase. NOACA’s goals are based on autonomous vehicles and newer technology, helping the region reduce overall injuries and fatalities. At this point, the 2% target is in line with NOACA’s Long Range Plan for this decade.

Executive Ronayne said he was curious if there was a reduction or an increase in the last cycle. He noted that his cynical sentiment would be that there was an increase.

Director Gallucci informed Executive Ronayne that his cynical side was correct.

Director Gallucci stated that even though NOACA has set a 2% target reduction, fatalities and injuries have gone up, and some of that has to do with increased speeds. During COVID, there were fewer vehicles on the road, but people were driving at higher speeds. NOACA must do a lot more work. NOACA agreed with the state’s target but will continue working on getting the region to vision zero.

**Geauga County FPA – Chagrin Falls FPA Boundary and Prescription Modifications in Bainbridge Township**

Director Gallucci stated that the Geauga County Department of Water Resources submitted to NOACA a modification request to transfer part of one (1) parcel (2.6 acres) in Bainbridge

Township from the Geauga County FPA to the Chagrin Falls FPA and prescription changes from “no sewer service” to “currently sewered.” The affected parties are Geauga County, Chagrin Falls and Bainbridge Township.

#### **Chagrin Falls FPA Prescription Modification in the Village of Bentleyville**

Director Gallucci stated that the Village of Chagrin Falls submitted to NOACA a prescription modification request to transfer one (1) parcel (1.5 acres) in the Village of Bentleyville from “areas served by on-site systems” to “currently sewered.” The affected parties are Chagrin Falls and the Village of Bentleyville.

#### **Lake County FPA Prescription Modifications in the City of Kirtland**

Director Gallucci stated that the City of Kirtland submitted to NOACA an FPA prescription modification request to transfer 110 parcels (313.8 acres) in the City of Kirtland from “areas served by on-site systems” to “sewers expected within 20 years” and “limited sewers expected within 20 years.” The affected parties are Lake County and the City of Kirtland.

#### **Medina County FPA Prescription Modifications in Hinckley Township**

Director Gallucci stated that the Medina County Sanitary Engineer’s office submitted to NOACA an FPA prescription modification request to transfer three (3) parcels (57.7 acres) in Hinckley Township from “areas served by on-site systems” and “local prescriptions” to “sewers expected within 20 years.” The affected parties are Medina County and Hinckley Township.

#### **NOACA 2023 Water Quality Strategic Plan**

Director Gallucci stated that the Water Quality Strategic Plan was adopted by NOACA in 2017, which was a major overhaul of the plan. Last year, NOACA did an audit of the Water Quality Strategic Plan in preparation for the five-year update. The mission statement, goals, objectives, and strategies were updated. The updated plan has been posted on NOACA’s website for public comment. NOACA is prepared to adopt the five-year update.

Executive Ronayne asked if the Water Quality Strategic Plan includes issues of retention to the Great Lakes. He also asked if anywhere in the five-county region retention is not in the Great Lakes Basin. He said he believed that the answer was no, but he was not positive because of Joliet, Illinois diversion issues. He questioned when people were going to face water diversion. He said his biggest worry had more to do with Licking County.

Director Gallucci stated that the NOACA region has more than just the Lake Erie Basin.

Mr. Joe MacDonald stated that most of the NOACA five-county region is within the Lake Erie Basin. However, the southern portion of Medina County is in the Ohio River Basin. The region straddles a basin divide across Medina County and has had issues related to FPA boundary modifications. NOACA has had to take special steps to ensure that when talking about potentially transferring an FPA or prescription for wastewater treatment or transferring water out of the basin, NOACA covers that in detail for the EPA.

Director Gallucci stated that she recalled two of them because of some concerns and issues that have come up with FPA boundary changes across the divide.

Director Gallucci stated that NOACA has a great concern about water being taken out of Lake Erie and being exported to other places, particularly Licking County, where they will need a tremendous amount of water to cool the system for the Intel plant.

Executive Ronayne asked that NOACA staff keep an eye on the retention issues within the Lake Erie Basin. He noted that the Great Lakes governors and provincial leaders were in Cleveland two weeks ago for the Great Lakes and Saint Lawrence meeting, and the issue was on their radar. He noted that the issues are probably beyond the NOACA region. The issues relate to development patterns, fuel, and water needs.

Director Gallucci stated that this is an issue across the entire Great Lakes. She noted that when she was in Chicago, there were discussions about water being taken out of Lake Michigan and sold. NOACA will need to keep an eye on this issue to see what happens.

Executive Ronayne stated that NOACA could be a good guiding hand. He noted that the arbiter is unknown; it could be the U.S. Congress or the White House, or it could be binational. NOACA makes some strong points about the importance of the Great Lakes Basin, particularly Lake Erie, which would be good for this region in the future.

### **Lake Erie Connect: Regional Lakefront Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) Plan Presentation**

Director Gallucci stated that NOACA worked on the TLCI study during the recession and has been completed. The study takes into consideration accessibility to the lakefront for Lake, Lorain, and Cuyahoga counties. The study mentions stringing together the assets across the three counties and how to access those lakefront assets throughout the region. Medina and Geauga counties need to have access to be able to use the lakefront that is close to them. The final report will be presented to the Board at the December meeting.

### **AGENDA FOR THE JANUARY 12, 2024, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (All Committees)**

Director Gallucci requested that the following items be placed on the January 12, 2024 Board agenda:

- Resolution of Appreciation for Outgoing Board Members
- Election of CY 2024 Officers
- CY 2024 Board, Committee, Subcommittee and Council Membership
- Presentation Items:
  - NOACA Major Initiatives
  - Downtown Cleveland Transportation and Livability Study: Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) Presentation
  - NOACA 101 (Optional presentation for new members following the meeting)

Mr. Puente made a motion to place the above-referenced items on the January 12, 2024 Board agenda. Mr. Hajjar seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

### **Presentation/Discussion Items**

No presentation or discussion items were presented at this meeting.

### **Executive Session**

Mr. Brandon made a motion for the Executive Committee to adjourn to executive session at 12:25 p.m. to discuss the contract extension of Director Gallucci. Executive Ronayne seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

The Executive Committee exited the executive session at 1:25 p.m.

Mr. Brandon made a motion to recommend to the Board a 3-year employment contract extension for Director Gallucci, expiring in 2027, with a one-year option. Mr. Gall seconded the motion. Executive Ronayne voted no. The motion passed by voice vote.

### **Old Business**

Commissioner Hamercheck stated that Mr. Gall approached him before this meeting, requesting that the committee reconsider the procurement for the Joel Ratner Community Partnership (JRCP) Contract Amendment.

Mr. Gall made a motion for the Executive Committee to reconsider the second item on the Finance and Audit Committee meeting agenda, the procurement for the Joel Ratner Community Partnership (JRCP) Contract Amendment. Mr. Brandon seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Hamercheck asked Mr. Gall to give some background on his concerns with the Joel Ratner Community Partnership (JRCP) Contract Amendment.

Mr. Gall stated that at a previous NOACA meeting, a presentation was made about hiring Joel Ratner Community Partnership. Mr. Gall stated that he had questions about the engagement sessions during and after Mr. Ratner's presentation at that meeting. Mr. Gall said it seemed to him that the sessions were more of a sales program than a community engagement program.

Mr. Gall stated that he talked with many people after one of the sessions, and it seemed like the questions were engineered and sort of loaded to get manufactured consent from the small group. The results did not accurately reflect what the group wanted to say, and the opposing views were watered down. Mr. Gall said he believed that Mr. Ratner probably has all that he needs to move forward with the completion of his report. Mr. Gall said he was against NOACA moving any more money toward public engagement for the CAP.

### **New Business**

No new business was discussed at this meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Gall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m. Mr. Brandon seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held at the NOACA offices on February 9, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.



## Executive Committee 2023 Attendance Record

MEETING DATES	2/10/23	4/7/23	5/12/23	8/11/23	9/8/23	11/3/23
Justin Bibb, Mayor, City of Cleveland <a href="#">Ryan Puente, Alternate</a>		A	A			A
Jeff Brandon, Trustee, Montville Twp., Medina County <a href="#">Adam Friedrich, Alternate</a>	X	A	X	X	X	X
John Hamercheck, Commissioner, Lake County <a href="#">Matt Armand, Alternate</a>	X	X	X	X	X	X
Timothy C. Lennon, Commissioner, Geauga County <a href="#">Shane Hajjar, Alternate</a> <a href="#">Nick Gorris, Alternate on 5/12/23</a> (nonvoting)	A	X	A	X		A
Jeff Riddell, Commissioner, Lorain Cty <a href="#">John Gall, Alternate</a> <a href="#">Thomas Patrick III, Alternate on 5/12/23</a>	X	A	A	A	A	A
Chris Ronayne, County Executive, Cuyahoga County <a href="#">Mike Foley, Alternate</a>	A	X	A	A	A	X
<b>Total Members Attended</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>



**NOACA Executive Committee Meeting**  
December 22, 2023  
NOACA Offices  
1299 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114

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

Commissioner John Hamercheck, Chair of the Executive Committee, convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**Meeting Minutes**

No meeting minutes were presented to the Executive Committee for approval.

**Public Comment**

No public comments were made at this meeting.

**Executive Director's Report**

No report was presented at this meeting.

**Action Items**

**Regional Climate Action Priorities**

Director Grace Gallucci stated that the Regional Climate Action Priorities focus on public feedback, particularly from the workshop that was held at NOACA at the end of November. NOACA staff would like to present to the Board in January the next steps for the Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) and priority measures.

Director Gallucci stated that each of the 67 largest MSAs received a \$1 million CPRG planning grant in 2023. NOACA and the City of Cleveland are partners on the grant.

Mr. Joe MacDonald stated that NOACA staff will have a proposed list of priority measures to present to the Board in January.

Mr. MacDonald stated that the USEPA's CPRG Program is a tool of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). §60114 appropriates nearly \$5 billion to USEPA to support efforts by states, U.S. territories, municipalities, air pollution control agencies, and tribes. CPRG recipients will develop and implement GHG reduction plans:

- Phase I (planning grants): \$250 million for eligible entities to develop GHG reduction plans.

- Phase II (implementation grants): \$4.6 billion for grants (no match) to implement measures from GHG reduction plans.

Mr. MacDonald stated that NOACA and the City of Cleveland will develop a GHG reduction plan with priority measures (i.e., actions) to reduce GHG emissions.

Mr. MacDonald stated that USEPA refers to measures as actions or strategy levers as opposed to measures NOACA talks about that refer to the performance of the transportation system. The measures are used to reduce greenhouse gas reduction or greenhouse gas emissions.

Mr. MacDonald stated that there are three deliverables as part of the planning process:

1. Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) - due March 1, 2024
2. Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) - due two years after the planning grant award, or approximately mid-2025
3. Status Report – due at the end of the four-year grant period (approximately mid-2027)

Mr. MacDonald presented lists of elements that are required or encouraged for the PCAP:

**Required**

- GHG Inventory (Regional GHG Emissions Inventory)
- GHG Reduction Priority Measures (i.e., Actions)
- Low Income/Disadvantaged Communities (LIDAC) Benefit Analysis
- Review of Authority to Implement Measures

**Encouraged (CCAP Required)**

- Co-Pollutants Benefits Analysis
- Intersection with other Funding Availability
- Workforce Planning Analysis

Mr. MacDonald also presented information on the following:

- NOACA GHG Emissions (2018)
- USEPA Sectors: Electricity generation, industry, transportation, buildings, agriculture/natural and working lands, and waste management
- USEPA's Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO):
  - NOFO grant application deadline – April 1, 2024
  - Anticipated award – October 2024
- Tiers and amounts of USEPA Implementation Awards
- Output: GHG reductions and impact:
  - Magnitude of cumulative reductions
  - Cost-effectiveness of reductions
  - Quality of calculations
- Output: Impacts on low income and disadvantaged communities and impact:
  - Community benefits
  - Community engagement

Mr. MacDonald stated that the next steps are as follows:

- Present the Regional Climate Action Priorities to the NOACA Board on January 12, 2024, for approval.

- Implementation - Communicate priority measures to potential applicants for USEPA CPRG Implementation Grants; optional Letters of Intent due by February 1, 2024, and incorporate the priority measures into the PCAP that is due by March 1, 2024.

Mr. MacDonald stated that NOACA will communicate priority measures to potential applicants across Northeast Ohio to support their efforts to secure implementation grants. He noted that Letters of Intent are optional, but they are due February 1, 2024. NOACA will incorporate the priority measures into the PCAP, which is due March 1, 2024. NOACA will support implementation grant applications due April 1, 2024.

Mayor Bibb stated that on behalf of the City of Cleveland and the team under Director Sarah O'Keefe, he was very pleased with the progress that was being made on this engagement, and he looked forward to the continued next steps.

Mr. Gall asked Mr. MacDonald what he meant when he said levers would be used to reduce greenhouse gases.

Mr. MacDonald stated that there are several terms that NOACA can use to describe actions or strategies. USEPA uses measures, while other entities use levers. Officially, the term is measures. He said he wanted to make sure that there was no confusion when using the term measures. In this context, measure refers to doing something to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the region.

Mr. Gall asked what would grant NOACA the authority to implement and make the fulcrum happen.

Mr. MacDonald stated that NOACA does not have the authority for many of the measures. USEPA wants to know the following:

- Would municipalities, counties, another jurisdiction, or organizations have the authority?
- Are there roadblocks for the authority to implement the measures?

Mr. MacDonald stated that the EPA wants to see a list of things that can actually happen.

Mr. Gall asked if the EPA wants NOACA to put teeth in these measures.

Mr. MacDonald said yes.

Mr. Gall asked what NOACA would have for teeth.

Director Gallucci said she would look at this differently. Actions and measures need to be proposed by those who have jurisdiction. If NOACA does not have jurisdiction, then it cannot propose something in terms of an application. If a city has jurisdiction, then the application must be theirs, or the action part of a group application must be theirs. EPA wants to make sure that an organization, like NOACA, that does not have jurisdiction, is not putting forward measures that cannot be implemented.

Mr. Gall stated that the collar counties in the region are very agricultural. He asked what type of authority would be used to implement measures in agriculture and what NOACA thinks the result would be.

Mr. MacDonald stated that NOACA is not demonstrating that it has the authority to implement measures when it puts forth the Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP). NOACA and the City of Cleveland need to collaborate to identify who may have the authority to do so. NOACA is not claiming authority to implement these measures across any of the sectors including agriculture. The EPA wants to know who would potentially have the authority to implement the measures.

Director Gallucci stated that the PCAP is going to be the document that the USEPA uses to evaluate applications. The USEPA wants to make sure whoever is applying for something has jurisdiction to make it happen. If they don't have the jurisdiction, then they will not be funded. Those who want to move forward with an action or a measure can do so if they have jurisdiction.

Director Gallucci stated that there have been times when a community will come to NOACA for road funding to do improvements in another community where they do not have jurisdiction. NOACA will stop that community at the beginning of the project and let them know that they must talk to the other community that does have jurisdiction.

Mayor Bibb made a motion to approve and place the Regional Climate Action Priorities on the January 12, 2024, Board agenda. County Executive Ronayne seconded the motion. Mr. Gall voted present. The motion passed by voice vote.

Director Gallucci reviewed the following recommended action items that have been vetted by other committees for placement on the January 12, 2024, Board agenda:

**Procurement: Engineering & Feasibility Study for CVSR Extension**

Director Gallucci stated that the Finance and Audit Committee recommended that this procurement be placed on the January Board agenda for approval, so that NOACA can enter into a contract with AECOM to conduct an engineering and feasibility study for the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Extension project. The goals and objectives are centered around an engineering and feasibility study of a 10.8-mile extension of the railroad from Independence into Downtown Cleveland. The following would be done:

- Update previous engineering work (1995; 2008)
- Estimate capital, operating, and maintenance costs
- Prepare an environmental report
- Assess market reach for potential ridership
- Conduct an economic impact analysis
- Conduct a cost/benefit analysis
- Develop a financial analysis and funding plan

Director Gallucci stated that the project partners are as follows:

- NOACA
- Canalway Partners
- City of Cleveland
- Cleveland Metroparks
- Cuyahoga County (Planning Commission and Public Works)
- Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR)
- Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
- Port of Cleveland
- U.S. National Park Service

Director Gallucci stated that the evaluation team recommended AECOM to be the consultant and Cambridge Systematics and Visibility Marketing to be the subconsultants. The contract is not to

exceed the project budget of \$450,000. The funding sources are the Federal Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) and project partner contributions.

If the Board approves the study at its January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, the contract will be executed and the work will commence in January or February 2024. The study is expected to be completed by December 31, 2024.

Director Gallucci stated that the City of Cleveland and Bedrock are moving forward with this study relative to the Vision for the Valley. NOACA needs to align this work with what the City of Cleveland's Planning Commission is asking Bedrock to do, making sure that Bedrock is not moving forward without the possibility of keeping this railroad extension a reality.

County Executive Ronayne stated that there is hope and expectation that the rail service can be a visitor amenity and a potential commuter connector to Independence from Cleveland and vice versa. He asked if the consultant's work renders a preferred alignment or if a set of alignments would be included in the work product.

County Executive Ronayne stated that he supports the City of Cleveland, NOACA, the affiliate development, and property owners (Bedrock and K & D) working together. He asked if there was a way to get all the parties engaged before the project was up and running. He noted that there was great potential development on the horizon at the Cuyahoga River and he would like to know how to make that connection happen.

Director Gallucci stated that NOACA meets with Bedrock every other week to talk about the status of the project and funding. NOACA had an important meeting with the project partners, including Bedrock, City of Cleveland, and the National Park Service. The National Park Service had some concerns about the timing and alignment, which spurred NOACA to move forward with the special meetings.

County Executive Ronayne asked if NOACA was beginning to feel that a potential connection could happen.

Director Gallucci said she believed so; the objective is to make sure that the project happens. She noted that some of the questions revolve around the alignment and the terminus, so some thought needs to go into the best way to do that for all the parties involved.

Ms. Nancy Griffith stated that there is an advisory member of the AECOM team who was also on the Board of the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. When the evaluation team was evaluating the bid from AECOM, they felt that once the individual resigned from the CVSR Board that would alleviate the conflict, but there is concern about bias and including this individual on the team. The Finance and Audit Committee has asked that a legal opinion be prepared regarding the conflict of interest or potential bias in this situation. The legal opinion will be sent to Board members with the advanced materials for the January Board meeting so that everyone can evaluate that situation and see whether that individual should remain on the AECOM team and in what capacity.

#### **Change in Calendar Year 2024 NOACA Board of Directors' Officer Nominations**

Director Gallucci stated that an administrative change needed to be made to the Board of Directors' Officer nominations. The Governance Committee recommended the following:

- Mark Cunningham, Columbia Township Trustee, Lorain County will replace Mayor Frank Whitfield, City of Elyria, Lorain County as an assistant treasurer

### **Change in 2024 Board, Committee, Subcommittee and Council Meeting Schedule**

Director Gallucci stated that the Governance Committee is recommending that the set of meetings originally scheduled for February 9 be moved up a week to February 2. The change is needed to accommodate the incoming Board President and Chair of the Executive Committee, who will not be available on February 9.

Director Gallucci stated that pending Board approval, the meeting rotation for the calendar year 2024 will be set.

Mayor Bibb made a motion to move the above-referenced items to the January 12, 2024, Board agenda. Mr. Gall seconded the motion. The motion was passed by voice vote.

### **Presentation/Discussion Items**

No presentation/discussion items were presented at this meeting.

### **Executive Session**

Mr. Brandon made a motion for the Executive Committee to adjourn to executive session at 10:35 a.m. Mr. Gall seconded the motion. Roll call was done.

Commissioner Hamercheck asked the Executive Committee members if they wanted Director Gallucci to join them in the executive session.

County Executive Ronayne stated that it would be appropriate for the CEO to not join the executive session when their contract is being discussed, especially during the development stage. The CEO should rejoin the meeting at the appropriate time.

Commissioner Hamercheck reconvened the Executive Committee meeting at 11:20 a.m. He summarized the discussion that took place in the executive session:

- NOACA is in the process of searching for a company that does wage/compensation studies. The category of Executive Director/CEO will be added to their search, and the results will be incorporated into the contract.
- Director Gallucci's current base salary will be put into the contract as a placeholder going forward on the renewal. The renewal is three years plus one.
- The wage study should be back within six months. The Executive Committee will review the wage study, discuss compensation and incentives, and bring it to the Board.
- The Executive Committee will continue to utilize the OWP for Director Gallucci's performance reviews.
- The staff review form was sent out to the five counties and the City of Cleveland. Three of the counties have completed and returned the form to NOACA. The completed forms will be shared with all Board members.
- The Executive Committee will meet again on January 5, 2024, to tie up some loose ends. The Executive Committee is going to discuss the important things in the studies that seem to be a common theme and share that information with the Board.

- Ms. Griffith will send the Executive Director/CEO Salary Survey 2020-2023 to the Board.

**Old Business**

No old business was discussed at this meeting.

**New Business**

No new business was discussed at this meeting.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Bibb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Mr. Brandon seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be Friday, January 5, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.



## Executive Committee 2023 Attendance Record

MEETING DATES	2/10/23	4/7/23	5/12/23	8/11/23	9/8/23	11/3/23	12/22/23
Justin Bibb, Mayor, City of Cleveland <a href="#">Ryan Puente, Alternate</a>		A	A			A	X
Jeff Brandon, Trustee, Montville Twp., Medina County <a href="#">Adam Friedrich, Alternate</a>	X	A	X	X	X	X	X
John Hamercheck, Commissioner, Lake County <a href="#">Matt Armand, Alternate</a>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Timothy C. Lennon, Commissioner, Geauga County <a href="#">Shane Hajjar, Alternate</a> <a href="#">Nick Gorris, Alternate on 5/12/23</a> (nonvoting)	A	X	A	X		A	
Jeff Riddell, Commissioner, Lorain Cty <a href="#">John Gall, Alternate</a> <a href="#">Thomas Patrick III, Alternate on 5/12/23</a>	X	A	A	A	A	A	A
Chris Ronayne, County Executive, Cuyahoga County <a href="#">Mike Foley, Alternate</a>	A	X	A	A	A	X	X
<b>Total Members Attended</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>



**NOACA Executive Committee Meeting**  
January 5, 2024  
NOACA Offices  
1299 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114

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

Commissioner John Hamercheck, Chair of the Executive Committee, convened the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

**Meeting Minutes**

No meeting minutes were presented to the Executive Committee for approval.

**Public Comment**

No public comments were made at this meeting.

**Executive Director's Report**

No report was presented at this meeting.

**Action Items**

**Presentation / Discussion Items**

No presentation items were presented at this meeting.

**Executive Session**

Mr. John Gall made a motion for the Executive Committee to adjourn into executive session at 11:05 a.m. County Executive Chris Ronayne seconded the motion. Roll call was done and the motion passed.

The Executive Committee meeting reconvened at 12:05 p.m.

County Executive Chris Ronayne made a motion for the approval of the CEO's contract renewal for three years through FY2027 with an option for a fourth year (FY2028). The compensation will include the current base salary with the condition that over the next six months, a compensation analysis to inform the director's contracted amount be conducted by a third-party independent evaluator. Mayor Justin Bibb seconded the motion.

The Executive Committee voted and the motion passed by voice vote.

Mayor Bibb made a motion for NOACA to engage an independent consultant to complete an organizational assessment focusing on capacity building, human resources, communications, and advocacy in recognition of the need to continue to support NOACA and its future sustainability and ensure that the CEO has the tools needed to move the organization forward. County Executive Ronayne seconded the motion.

The Executive Committee voted and the motion passed by voice vote.

**Old Business**

No old business was discussed at this meeting.

**New Business**

No new business was discussed at this meeting.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Brandon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. County Executive Ronayne seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be on February 2, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.



**Executive Committee  
2024 Attendance Record**

MEETING DATES	1/5/24	2/2/24	5/10/24	8/9/24	11/8/24
Justin Bibb, Mayor, City of Cleveland <a href="#">Bonnie Teeuwen, Alternate</a>	X				
Jeff Brandon, Trustee, Montville Twp., Medina County <a href="#">Adam Friedrich, Alternate</a>	X				
John Hamercheck, Commissioner, Lake County <a href="#">Matt Armand, Alternate</a>	X				
Timothy C. Lennon, Commissioner, Geauga County <a href="#">Shane Hajjar, Alternate</a>					
Jeff Riddell, Commissioner, Lorain Cty <a href="#">John Gall, Alternate</a>	A				
Chris Ronayne, County Executive, Cuyahoga County <a href="#">Debbie Berry, Alternate</a>	X				
<b>Total Members Attended</b>	<b>5</b>				

X=Member present      A=Alternate



**NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY  
M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** NOACA Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director, and Chief Executive Officer  
**DATE:** January 26, 2024  
**RE:** **Regional Strategy for Coordinating Funding Opportunities 2024 Update**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

The Executive Committee is asked to consider recommending this item for placement on the Board of Directors' March 2024 agenda.

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION**

As determined in Resolution 2023-018, there will be regular reviews with potential updates of NOACA's Regional Strategy for Coordinating Funding Opportunities (the Strategy). The Strategy was created to approach IIJA 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 will serve as the regional convener and facilitator with respect to discretionary funding opportunities. The Board of Directors adopted the Strategy on June 9, 2023.

This memo and attachments reflect updates to calendar year 2024 of the Strategy, per submitted sponsor Update Request Forms, and NOACA staff review of requested updates, according to the Guidance. The Guidance for updating the Strategy was approved by the Board on September 8, 2023 (Resolution 2023-032) and is similar to NOACA's TIP update process. As determined in Resolution 2023-032, entities may recommend updates to the Strategy by submitting an Update Request Form, accessible on NOACA's IIJA webpage.

Updates requested by local governments or at the NOACA level may consist of new projects that were added to the Strategy, projects that were moved to another funding program, and any other pertinent updates per

These updates and justification for changes are located in Attachment 1.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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

**CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

Pending Board approval, NOACA will implement the Regional Strategy updates.

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**Attachment 1:** NOACA Regional Strategy for Coordinating Funding Opportunities 2023 Updates Draft

**Attachment 2:** NOACA Regional Strategy for Coordinating Funding Opportunities Final version

The purpose of this strategy is to provide a prioritized list of projects from the regional Long Range Plan (LRP) eNEO 2050 to apply for Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) federal discretionary programs in the ideal application year. Most projects here were included in the regionally developed LRP, and some were added through the stakeholder engagement process in 2023. Though the projects identified herein best align with the corresponding funding programs, we understand that the year of application may be more fluid based on local circumstances. This strategy supports NOACA's role as a regional collaborator and creates a transparent, multi-year strategic approach which will be updated periodically, similar to NOACA's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) process. We seek to avoid competition among northeast Ohio communities in order to enhance the region's overall chances of success.

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RECOMMENDED PROJECTS FOR FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES 2023-2026

1	Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP)	TBD		TBD			
2	All Stations Accessibility Program	TBD		TBD	1. GCRTA Blue Line Stations		2. GCRTA Green Line Stations
3	Amtrak National Network Grants	TBD	1. Elyria Amtrak Station Accessibility (bumped up from 2024)	TBD		2. Cleveland's Multimodal Transportation Facility Transit	
4	Bridge Investment Program	Closed 11/27	1. Hilliard Road Bridge Replacement*	TBD	1. Hilliard Rd. Bridge Replacement* 2. Carter Lift Bridge Rehab* 3. Whiskey Island Bridge Access, New Bridge & Road Approaches*	4. Detroit-Superior Bridge (US-6 SFN 1800930) Subway Level Enhancements* 5. Whiskey Island Bridge Access, New Bridge & Road Approaches*	6. Cuyahoga River Bridge Lighting* 7. Whiskey Island Bridge Access, New Bridge & Road Approaches*
5	Bridge Investment Program-Planning, Feasibility Analysis, and Revenue Forecasting Grants	Summer 2023	1. Detroit-Superior Bridge (US-6 SFN 1800930) Subway Level Enhancements*	TBD	1. Detroit-Superior Bridge (US-6 SFN 1800930) Subway Level Enhancements* 2. Thrive 105-93* 3. Cuyahoga River Bridge Lighting*	4. Detroit-Superior Bridge (US-6 SFN 1800930) Subway Level Enhancements*	5. Redline Greenway Ph3*
6	Build EV Charging in Communities & Neighborhoods Nationwide	Closed June 2023	1. NOACA Regional EV Charging Station Project Ph2	TBD	2. City of Cleveland Charging Program*		
7	Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) (Stafford Act)	TBD	1. CHEERS* 2. North Marginal Connector: E. 9th to E. 55th*	TBD	1. CHEERS* 2. North Marginal Connector: E. 9th to E. 55th* 3. Euclid Beach Connector* 4. Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail regional TLCI)*	5. Thrive 105-93* 6. Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project	7. Thrive 105-93*
8	Bus and Bus facilities Competitive Grants	Closed April 2023	1. GCRTA Bus Improvement Program	TBD	2. Transit Vehicle Replacements		
9	CIG - Core Capacity Improvement Projects	TBD		TBD			
10	CIG - Expedited Project Delivery (EPD) Pilot Program	TBD		TBD			
11	CIG - New Start Projects	TBD		TBD			
12	CIG - Small Start Projects	TBD		TBD	1. Metrohealth Line BRT*		

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13	Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities	TBD	1. <del>CHEERS*</del> 2. <del>Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project</del> 3. <del>Lake Erie Connects (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)*</del>	TBD	1. CHEERS* 2. Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project 3. Lake Erie Connects (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)* 4. <del>North Marginal Connector: E- 9th to E- 55th*</del> 5. <del>Euclid Beach Connector*</del>		
14	Congestion Relief Program	TBD	1. <del>Detroit Superior Bridge (US-6 SFN 1800930) Subway Level Enhancements*</del> 2. <del>Metrohealth Line BRT*</del> 3. <del>Howe Road Widening</del>	TBD	1. Detroit Superior Bridge (US-6 SFN 1800930) Subway Level Enhancements 2. Metrohealth Line BRT* 3. Howe Road Widening 4. Innerbelt CCG3A IR-90 Central Interchange*		
15	Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement Grants	Fall 2023	1. <del>Lane Road Widening and Grade Separation</del> 2. <del>Elyria Amtrak Station Accessibility</del> 3. <del>Bessemer Rail Crossing Separation</del>	TBD	1. Lane Rd. Widening & Grade Separation 2. Bessemer Rail Crossing Separation 3. <del>Cleveland Riverfront Masterplan*</del> 4. Cleveland Multimodal Transportation Facility*	5. Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Extension* 6. Cleveland Riverfront Masterplan*	
16	Corridor ID	Closed	1. <del>Three Corridor applications for improved Amtrak service in NEO*</del>	TBD	1. Three Corridor applications for improved Amtrak service in NEO*	1. Three Corridor applications for improved Amtrak service in NEO*	
17	Federal/State Partnership Rail Program	TBD		TBD	1. Cleveland Multimodal Transportation Facility		
18	Great Lakes Restoration Initiative	TBD	1. <del>Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project</del> 2. <del>Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)*</del> 3. <del>CHEERS*</del>	TBD	1. Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project 2. Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)* 3. CHEERS* 4. <del>North Marginal Connector: E- 9th to E- 55th*</del> 5. <del>Euclid Beach</del>	6. Euclid Beach Connector*	
19	Innovative Public Transportation Research, Development, Demonstration, and Deployment Projects	TBD		TBD			
20	Local and Regional Project Assistance Grants (RAISE)	Closed	1. <del>DREAM 66*</del>	TBD	2. Lorain E. 36th St. Improvements-Planning* 3. <del>Lorain Avenue Midway Construction</del> 4. East Side RAISE Trails*-Construction 5. Cleveland Innerbelt: Bridging the divide ODOT (if doesn't get Reconnecting Communities)	6. Lee Road Reconstruction* 7. Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)* 8. CHEERS* 9. Lorain Avenue Midway Construction	10. Village of Middlefield Transportation Improvement Project 11. Regional Metro Parks Connectivity 12. Lorain Avenue Midway Construction
21	Low or No Emission (Bus) Grants	Closed April 2023	1. GCRTA Electric Buses 2. ODOT/GCRTA/Geauga County Transit low emission vehicles	TBD	3. GCRTA Electric Buses (with charging stations)	4. GCRTA Electric Buses (with charging stations) 5. ODOT/GCRTA/Geauga County Transit low emission vehicles	

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22	Medium Hub Airports	TBD		TBD	1. Cleveland-Hopkins Airport Project*		
23	Multi-Benefit Projects to Improve Watershed Health	TBD	1. CHEERS* 2. Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project 3. Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)*	TBD	1. CHEERS* 2. Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project 3. Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)* 4. Euclid Beach Connector*		
24	National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega Projects)	Closed 8/21	1. Innerbelt CCG3A IR-90 Central Interchange* 2. Denison-Harvard (SFN 1832344)*	TBD	3. Cleveland Riverfront Masterplan*	4. Regional Airport Access Improvements*	5. Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)* 6. Denison-Harvard Bridge (SFN 1832344)*
25	Nationally Significant Fright and Highway Projects (INFRA)	Closed 8/21	1. Lane Road Widening and Grade Separation	TBD	2. Cleveland Riverfront Masterplan*	3. Regional Airport Access Improvements*	4. SR-17 Bridge (SFN 1802046-Brook Park Rd. over Rocky River) 5. Denison-Harvard Bridge (SFN 1832344)*
26	Non-Hub and Non-Primary Airports	TBD		TBD		1. Regional Airport Access Improvements*	
27	Pilot Program for Transit Oriented Development	Closed 10/10	1. Lorain Road Multimodal Complete Street Project Planning*	TBD	2. Detroit Superior Bridge (US-6 SFN 1800930)- Subway Level Enhancements* 3. GCRTA Priority Corridor Studies	4. Lakefront Pedestrian Connection	5. GCRTA Priority Corridor Studies
28	PROTECT - At risk Coast Infrastructure Grants	Closed 8/18	1. CHEERS* 2. Carter Road Trail Hub* 3. Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project	TBD	4. Euclid Beach Connector* 5. Cleveland Riverfront Masterplan*	6. Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)*	
29	PROTECT - Planning Grants	Closed 8/18	1. Cleveland North Coast Connector- 2. CHEERS-	TBD	3. Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)* 4. Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project 5. Cleveland Riverfront Masterplan*	6. Cleveland Riverfront Masterplan*	
30	PROTECT - Resilience Improvement Grants	Closed 8/18	1. CHEERS* 2. Cleveland Riverfront Masterplan*	TBD	3. Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)* 4. CHEERS*	5. Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project	6. Cleveland North Coast Connector*
31	Rail Vehicle Replacement Grants	Closed 2023	1. GCRTA Rail Car Replacement Program*	TBD			
32	Railroad Crossing Elimination Grants	Summer 2023		TBD	1. Bessemer Rail Crossing Separation 2. Lane Road Widening and Grade Separation	3. Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Extension*	

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33	Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program - Capital Construction Grants	Closed 9/28	1. <del>Lake Erie Connects (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)*</del> 2. <del>Cle Innerbelt: Bridging the Divide ODOT</del>	TBD	3. Sidaway Bridge Reconstruction	4. <del>Thrive 105-93*</del> 5. Hodgson Road Realignment*	6. Detroit-Superior Bridge (US-6 SFN 1800930) Subway Level Enhancements* 7. <del>Thrive 105-93*</del> 8. Lost Nation & Hodgson Roads Intersection*
34	Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program - Planning Grants	Closed 9/28	1. <del>Reconnecting Cleveland I-90 (resubmission)</del>	TBD	2. Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)* 3. <del>Cleveland Riverfront Masterplan*</del>		4. Lakefront Pedestrian Connection*
35	Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program - Technical Assistance	Closed 9/28	1. <del>Lake Erie Connects (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)*</del>	TBD	2. Hodgson Road Realignment* (not a good match)	3. Lakefront Pedestrian Connection*	
36	Restoration and Enhancement Grant Program	TBD	1. <del>Cleveland Riverfront Masterplan*</del>	TBD	1. Cleveland Riverfront Masterplan* 2. Cleveland North Coast Connector*	3. Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Extension*	
37	Rural Surface Transportation - Rural Roadway Lane Departures	Closed 8/21	1. <del>Lane Road Widening and Grade Separation</del>	TBD	2. Village of Middlefield Transportation Improvement Project	3. Regional Metro Parks Connectivity	4. Lake Medina County Rocky River Greenway Trail Extension 5. Wadsworth Interurban Trail Expansion
38	Rural Surface Transportation - Small Projects	Closed 8/21	1. <del>Lane Road Widening and Grade Separation</del>	TBD	2. Village of Middlefield Transportation Improvement Project	3. Regional Metro Parks Connectivity	4. Lake Medina County Rocky River Greenway Trail Extension 5. Wadsworth Interurban Trail Expansion
39	Safe Streets and Roads for All - Eligible Projects**	Closed 7/10		TBD	1. <del>Lake-Clifton Connector*</del> 2. Connectivity Trails to Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Reservation	3. Brecksville Rd. Reconstruction & Streetscape Improvements (Independence) 4. Lorain Rd. Multimodal Complete Street Project Planning* 5. <del>Lorain Avenue Midway Construction (addition)</del>	6. Adkins Road Reconstruction 7. Village of Middlefield Transportation Improvement Project 8. <del>Lorain Avenue Midway Construction (addition)</del>
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41	State Incentives Leverage Pilot Program (Set-aside within INFRA)	Closed 8/21	1. <del>SR-44 ST 05.10/Jackson St. Interchange*</del> 2. <del>Lane Road Widening and Grade Separation</del>	TBD		3. Regional Airport Access Improvements*	4. Denison-Harvard Bridge (SFN 1832344)*
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43	Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grants	Closed 11/17	1. CHEERS* 2. <del>Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project</del>	TBD	3. <del>Euclid Beach Connector*</del> 4. CHEERS* (if not awarded)		5. Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCL)*

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<b>RECOMMENDED PROJECTS FOR FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES 2023-2026</b>							
1	Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP)	TBD		TBD			
2	All Stations Accessibility Program	TBD		TBD	1. GCRTA Blue Line Stations LOS from NOACA		2. GCRTA Green Line Stations
3	Amtrak National Network Grants	TBD	1. Elyria Amtrak Station Accessibility (bumped-up from 2024)	TBD		2. Cleveland's Multimodal Transportation Facility Transit	
4	Bridge Investment Program	Closed 11/27	1. Hilliard Road Bridge Replacement*	TBD	1. Hilliard Rd. Bridge Replacement* 2. Carter Lift Bridge Rehab*	3. Detroit-Superior Bridge (US-6 SFN 1800930) Subway Level Enhancements* 4. Whiskey Island Bridge Access, New Bridge & Road Approaches*	5. Cuyahoga River Bridge Lighting* 6. Whiskey Island Bridge Access, New Bridge & Road Approaches*
5	Bridge Investment Program-Planning, Feasibility Analysis, and Revenue Forecasting Grants	Summer 2023	1. <del>Detroit-Superior Bridge (US-6 SFN 1800930) Subway Level Enhancements*</del>	TBD	2. Cuyahoga River Bridge Lighting*	3. Detroit-Superior Bridge (US-6 SFN 1800930) Subway Level Enhancements*	4. Redline Greenway Ph3*
6	Build EV Charging in Communities & Neighborhoods Nationwide	Closed June 2023	1. NOACA Regional EV Charging Station Project Ph2	TBD	2. City of Cleveland Charging Program*		
7	Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) (Stafford Act)	TBD	4. CHEERS* 2. <del>North Marginal Connector: E. 9th to E. 55th*</del>	TBD	1. CHEERS* 2. North Marginal Connector: E. 9th to E. 55th* 3. Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail regional TLCI)*	4. Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project	5. Thrive 105-93*
8	Bus and Bus facilities Competitive Grants	Closed April 2023	1. GCRTA Bus Improvement Program	TBD	2. Transit Vehicle Replacements		
9	CIG - Core Capacity Improvement Projects	TBD		TBD			
10	CIG - Expedited Project Delivery (EPD) Pilot Program	TBD		TBD			
11	CIG - New Start Projects	TBD		TBD			
12	CIG - Small Start Projects	TBD		TBD	1. Metrohealth Line BRT*		
13	Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities	TBD	4. CHEERS* 2. Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project 3. <del>Lake Erie Connects (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)*</del>	TBD	1. CHEERS* 2. Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project 3. Lake Erie Connects (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)*		

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14	Congestion Relief Program	TBD	<del>1. Detroit-Superior Bridge (US-6 SFN 1800930) —Subway Level Enhancements* 2. Metrohealth Line BRT* 3. Howe Road Widening</del>	TBD	1. Detroit-Superior Bridge (US-6 SFN 1800930) Subway Level Enhancements 2. Metrohealth Line BRT* 3. Howe Road Widening 4. Innerbelt CCG3A IR-90 Central Interchange*		
15	Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement Grants	Fall 2023	<del>1. Lane Road Widening and Grade Separation 2. Elyria Amtrak Station Accessibility 3. Bessemer Rail Crossing Separation</del>	TBD	1. Lane Rd. Widening & Grade Separation 2. Bessemer Rail Crossing Separation 3. Cleveland Multimodal Transportation Facility*	4. Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Extension* 5. Cleveland Riverfront Masterplan*	
16	Corridor ID	Closed	1. Three Corridor applications for improved Amtrak service in NEO*	TBD	1. Three Corridor applications for improved Amtrak service in NEO*	1. Three Corridor applications for improved Amtrak service in NEO*	
17	Federal/State Partnership Rail Program	TBD		TBD	1. Cleveland Multimodal Transportation Facility		
18	Great Lakes Restoration Initiative	TBD	<del>1. Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project 2. Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)* 3. CHEERS*</del>	TBD	1. Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project 2. Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)* 3. CHEERS* 4. Euclid Beach	5. Euclid Beach Connector*	
19	Innovative Public Transportation Research, Development, Demonstration, and Deployment Projects	TBD		TBD			
20	Local and Regional Project Assistance Grants (RAISE)	Closed	1. DREAM 66*	TBD	2. Lorain E. 36th St. Improvements-Planning* 3. East Side RAISE Trails*-Construction 4. Cleveland Innerbelt: Bridging the divide ODOT (if doesn't get Reconnecting Communities)	5. Lee Road Reconstruction* 6. Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)* 7. CHEERS* 8. Lorain Avenue Midway Construction	9. Village of Middlefield Transportation Improvement Project 10. Regional Metro Parks Connectivity 11. Lorain Avenue Midway Construction
21	Low or No Emission (Bus) Grants	Closed April 2023	1. GCRTA Electric Buses 2. ODOT/GCRTA/Geauga County Transit low emission vehicles	TBD	1. GCRTA Electric Buses (with charging stations)	2. GCRTA Electric Buses (with charging stations) 3. ODOT/GCRTA/Geauga County Transit low emission vehicles	
22	Medium Hub Airports	TBD		TBD	1. Cleveland-Hopkins Airport Project*		
23	Multi-Benefit Projects to Improve Watershed Health	TBD	<del>1. CHEERS* 2. Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project 3. Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)*</del>	TBD	1. CHEERS* 2. Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project 3. Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)*		

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24	National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega Projects)	Closed 8/21	1. Innerbelt CCG3A IR-90 Central Interchange* <del>2. Denison-Harvard (SFN 1832344)*</del>	TBD	3. Cleveland Riverfront Masterplan*	4. Regional Airport Access Improvements*	5. Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)* 6. Denison-Harvard Bridge (SFN 1832344)*
25	Nationally Significant Frigate and Highway Projects (INFRA)	Closed 8/21	<del>4. Lane Road Widening and Grade Separation</del>	TBD	2. Cleveland Riverfront Masterplan*	3. Regional Airport Access Improvements*	4. SR-17 Bridge (SFN 1802046-Brook Park Rd. over Rocky River) 5. Denison-Harvard Bridge (SFN 1832344)*
26	Non-Hub and Non-Primary Airports	TBD		TBD		1. Regional Airport Access Improvements*	
27	Pilot Program for Transit Oriented Development	Closed 10/10	1. Lorain Road Multimodal Complete Street Project Planning*	TBD	2. GCRTA Priority Corridor Studies	3. Lakefront Pedestrian Connection	4. GCRTA Priority Corridor Studies
28	PROTECT - At risk Coast Infrastructure Grants	Closed 8/18	<del>1. CHEERS*</del> <del>2. Carter Road Trail Hub*</del> <del>3. Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project</del>	TBD	4. Cleveland Riverfront Masterplan*	5. Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)*	
29	PROTECT - Planning Grants	Closed 8/18	<del>1. Cleveland North Coast Connector</del> <del>2. CHEERS*</del>	TBD	3. Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)* 4. Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project	5. Cleveland Riverfront Masterplan*	
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31	Rail Vehicle Replacement Grants	Closed 2023	1. GCRTA Rail Car Replacement Program*	TBD			
32	Railroad Crossing Elimination Grants	Summer 2023		TBD	1. Bessemer Rail Crossing Separation 2. Lane Road Widening and Grade Separation	3. Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Extension*	
33	Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program - Capital Construction Grants	Closed 9/28	<del>1. Lake Erie Connects (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)*</del> 2. Cleveland Innerbelt: Bridging the Divide ODOT	TBD	3. Sidaway Bridge Reconstruction	4. Hodgson Road Realignment*	5. Detroit-Superior Bridge (US-6 SFN 1800930) Subway Level Enhancements* 6. Thrive 105-93* 7. Lost Nation & Hodgson Roads Intersection*
34	Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program - Planning Grants	Closed 9/28	1. Reconnecting Cleveland I-90 (resubmission)	TBD	2. Lake Erie Connect (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)*		3. Lakefront Pedestrian Connection*
35	Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program - Technical Assistance	Closed 9/28	<del>1. Lake Erie Connects (Lakefront Trail Regional TLCI)*</del>	TBD	2. Hodgson Road Realignment*	3. Lakefront Pedestrian Connection*	

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37	Rural Surface Transportation - Rural Roadway Lane Departures	Closed 8/21	<del>4. Lane Road Widening and Grade Separation</del>	TBD	2. Village of Middlefield Transportation Improvement Project	3. Regional Metro Parks Connectivity	4. Lake Medina County Rocky River Greenway Trail Extension 5. Wadsworth Interurban Trail Expansion
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## NOACA Regional Strategy for Coordinating Funding Opportunities Project Descriptions

#	REGIONAL NEED	DESCRIPTION
1	<b>ADKINS RD. RECONSTRUCTION</b>	RECONSTRUCTION OF ADKINS ROAD WITHIN THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY.
2	<b>3 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).
3	<b>BESSEMER RAIL CROSSING SEPARATION</b>	CONSTRUCTING A GRADE SEPARATION OF BESSEMER AVENUE FROM THE RAILROAD TRACKS IN THE KINSMAN NEIGHBORHOOD OF CLEVELAND.
4	<b>BRECKSVILLE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS (INDEPENDENCE)</b>	THE PROJECT WILL CONSTRUCT A 14' BOULEVARD ALONG THE CENTER OF BRECKSVILLE ROAD NORTH OF ROCKSIDE ROAD, PROVIDING 2 TRAVEL LANES IN EACH DIRECTION, A 14' MEDIAN, 8' SIDEWALK ON ONE SIDE OF BRECKSVILLE ROAD AND A 5' SIDEWALK ON THE OTHER. WIDEN THE EXISTING BRIDGE OVER I-480. IT WILL ENHANCE MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION IN THIS AREA, INCLUDING SUPPORTING PEDESTRIANS, TRUCKS, AND TRAFFIC OVERALL.
5	<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. BUILDS 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.
6	<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.
7	<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.
8	<b>CLEVELAND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING PROGRAM</b>	IMPLEMENT ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE IN CLEVELAND.
9	<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".
10	<b>CLEVELAND-HOPKINS AIRPORT PROJECT</b>	SUPPORTING PRIORITIZED COMPONENTS OF THE CLEVELAND AIRPORT MASTER PLAN, DEVELOPED IN 2023.
11	<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.
12	<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.
13	<b>CLEVELAND REMOTE BRIDGE OPERATIONS</b>	THIS PROJECT WILL ALLOW FOR REMOTE OPERATIONS OF LIFT AND SWING BRIDGES ALONG THE CUYAHOGA RIVER IN THE CITY OF CLEVELAND.
14	<b>CLEVELAND RIVERFRONT MASTERPLAN</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 TLCI PLANNING STUDY, THIS ENCOMPASSES VARIOUS INITIATIVES WHICH WILL MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE RIVER SYSTEM'S HEALTH AND THE FACILITIES ALONG IT.
15	<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.
16	<b>CLEVELAND VISION ZERO IMPLEMENTATION</b>	THIS PROJECT WILL IMPLEMENT SAFETY INITIATIVES IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE CITY OF CLEVELAND'S VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN.
17	<b>CLEVELAND'S MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITY TRANSIT-NEW FACILITIES</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.
18	<b>"CONNECTED FUTURE" - 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.
19	<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.
20	<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.
21	<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.
22	<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.
23	<b>DETROIT-SUPERIOR 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.
24	<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.
25	<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.
26	<b>ELYRIA AMTRAK STATION ACCESSIBILITY</b>	THIS PROJECT WILL PROVIDE ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND ENHANCEMENTS AT THE ELYRIA AMTRAK STATION.
27	<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.

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#	REGIONAL NEED	DESCRIPTION
28	<b>GCRTA BLUE LINE STATIONS (CUYAHOGA COUNTY)</b>	THIS PROJECT WILL PROVIDE ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES AND ENHANCEMENTS TO GCRTA'S BLUE LINE STATIONS IN CLEVELAND AND SHAKER HEIGHTS.
29	<b>GCRTA GREEN LINE STATIONS (CUYAHOGA COUNTY)</b>	THIS PROJECT WILL PROVIDE ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES AND ENHANCEMENTS TO GCRTA'S GREEN LINE STATIONS IN CLEVELAND AND SHAKER HEIGHTS.
30	<b>GCRTA BUS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CUYAHOGA COUNTY)</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.
31	<b>GCRTA ELECTRIC BUSES (CUYAHOGA COUNTY)</b>	THIS PROJECT WILL PROVIDE LOW EMISSION VEHICLES TO GCRTA. THIS WILL LOWER MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS COSTS AND IMPROVE REGIONAL AIR QUALITY.
32	<b>GCRTA PRIORITY CORRIDOR STUDIES</b>	RECONFIGURE VARIOUS CORRIDORS IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY WHICH WILL SUPPORT ENHANCED TRANSIT SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.
33	<b>GCRTA RAIL CAR REPLACEMENT PROGRAM (CUYAHOGA COUNTY)</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.
34	<b>HILLIARD ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT</b>	REHABILITATION OF HILLIARD ROAD BRIDGE OVER ROCKY RIVER AND VALLEY PARKWAY IN LAKEWOOD AND ROCKY RIVER.
35	<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.
36	<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.
37	<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.
38	<b>LAKE-CLIFTON CONNECTOR</b>	THE LAKE ROAD - CLIFTON BOULEVARD MULTIMODAL ENHANCEMENTS IS A CRITICAL PART OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY'S LAKEFRONT PUBLIC ACCESS PLAN. THE PLANNED CONNECTOR TRAIL WOULD SAFELY CONNECT PEDESTRIANS ON A KEY LAKEFRONT CORRIDOR BY UTILIZING EXISTING ROAD WIDTH AND TRANSFORMING IT INTO A LINEAR PARK. THE PROPOSED MULTI-PURPOSE TRAIL SECTION WILL SHIFT VEHICULAR TRAFFIC TO THE SOUTH PORTION OF THE EXISTING ROAD AND TRANSFORM THE NORTHERN SECTION INTO A MULTI-MODAL FACILITY.
39	<b>LAKE ERIE CONNECTS (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>LAKEFRONT PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION</b>	ENHANCED PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO THE LAKEFRONT CONNECTING DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND, LEVERAGE A COHESIVE AND OPEN CITY GRID, AND CREATE SITES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THIS PROJECT WILL RECONNECT COMMUNITIES TO NATURE, WATERWAYS, PARKS, AND WILL SUPPORT MULTIMODAL USERS.
41	<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.
42	<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.
43	<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.
44	<b>LORAIN AVENUE MIDWAY</b>	CONSTRUCT A SEPARATED CYCLE TRACK ALONG LORAIN AVENUE IN CLEVELAND FROM W. 20TH ST. TO W. 65TH ST.
45	<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.
46	<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.
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.
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 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.
51	<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.
52	<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.
53	<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.
54	<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.
55	<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.
56	<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.
57	<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.
58	<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, FREIGHT, AND IS AN EXPANSION.

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59	<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.
60	<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.
61	<b>VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT</b>	THIS WILL IMPLEMENT VARIOUS MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD TRANSPORTATION PLAN TLCI.
62	<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.
63	<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  
M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** NOACA Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director, and Chief Executive Officer  
**DATE:** January 26, 2024  
**RE:** **State Fiscal Year 2025 Overall Work Program (OWP)**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

The Executive Committee is asked to consider recommending this item for placement on the March 8 Board agenda. The item would approve NOACA's State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025 Overall Work Program and Budget. The full draft OWP can be found [here](#). The OWP budget will be reviewed by the Finance Committee at its February 2 meeting.

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION**

The Overall Work Program (OWP), a federally required document, is developed annually by NOACA as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the greater Cleveland metropolitan region. It serves as the agency budget and as a guide for transportation and environmental planning work conducted over the course of each fiscal year beginning on July 1st. The OWP includes detailed descriptions of transportation and environmental planning tasks, work elements to be performed, and a summary of the budget used to fund these planning activities. The 2025 state fiscal year (SFY) begins on July 1, 2024, and ends on June 30, 2025.

Each division of the SFY 2025 OWP is highlighted below.

**Strategic and Environmental Planning**

- Prepare air quality index public forecasts, alerts, and messaging
- Publish annual reports and technical guides on air quality
- Adapt air quality programs to increase engagement opportunities
- Provide technical support for air quality outreach and public education
- Manage the Gohio Commute Platform (Administration, Improvements and Performance Metrics)
- Manage NOACA's regional climate action planning and climate pollution reduction activities
- Development of Regional Climate Action Plan
- Coordinate with Ohio EPA on work to reduce nutrient pollution
- Incorporate critical sewer area data into water quality planning
- Review wastewater treatment plans for consistency with Clean Water 2020
- Manage FPA Boundaries and Prescriptions Map Dispute Negotiations
- Continue developing and managing NOACA performance measures and targets
- Continue managing and maintaining the Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund

## **Transportation Planning and Engineering**

### **Transportation Engineering**

- Manage implementation of the NOACA EV Stations program
- Develop community safety reports
- Administer the NOACA regional safety program
- Update and maintain the NOACA region's intelligent transportation system architecture
- Manage Signal Timing Optimization Program (STOP) projects
- Provide transportation and traffic engineering technical assistances to communities
- Manage Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative program
- Evaluate and implement the 2020-2030 Congestion Management Plan
- Update the regional freight plan

### **Transportation Modeling**

- Provide technical assistance and analysis in response to internal and external requests utilizing NOACA's trip-based travel forecasting models
- Perform sub-regional transportation analyses, as needed
- Update the functional classification system, as needed
- Maintain and upgrade workforce mobility and accessibility-related toolbox
- Update the pavement datasets for developing a new set of community pavement reports
- Manage the annual traffic count program
- Complete the Household travel survey
- Implement the annual NOACA travel forecasting model calibration and validation procedure
- Update and maintain the NOACA GIS Portal and implement GIS data analysis and mapping requests

### **Transportation Planning**

- Manage the regional Metroparks Trail Connectivity study
- Implement the annual bike and pedestrian manual and automatic count collection program
- Maintain and update inventory of existing facilities for nonmotorized modes of travel
- Maintain and update the NOACA ACTIVATE plan
- Continue supporting communities for their temporary projects through the NOACA Street Supplies program
- Update and maintain the Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) for cycling and county bike maps
- Determine potential cycling demand of road segments using the NOACA travel forecasting model
- Identify and prioritize nonmotorized facility investments
- Integrate and coordinate transit planning with the overall transportation planning process
- Develop future transit networks based on access, equity and major transit corridors
- Update the NOACA Transit-Oriented Development plan

## **Public Affairs**

- Develop and implement communication and marketing strategies to increase awareness, understanding, and support of NOACA's vision, mission, and goals
- Develop and implement external communications strategies to promote partnerships, build consensus, and foster inclusiveness in the decision-making process

- Produce educational and promotional platforms including website, videos and podcasts to inform external stakeholders and the public regarding relevant and current transportation and environmental planning issues through integrating messages throughout
- Plan and implement a series of public outreach and engagement activities that involve and solicit feedback from stakeholders and the general public on the transportation planning priorities identified in NOACA's major planning documents
- Create reports that analyze public policy related to planning priorities of the region in support of outcomes consistent with the planning goals and objectives of NOACA and the region
- Craft content marketing approach that focuses on cohesive engagement and distribution of valuable, sustainable, relevant, and consistent messaging across all agency services to attract and retain audiences and their experiences through our digital platforms and communications
- Plan, develop, and implement a public affairs agenda and priorities that articulate and advocate NOACA's regional planning and policy development goals

### **Programming**

- Manage SFY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement and LECT Scenic Byway
- Develop SFY 2026-2029 TIP
- Administer NOACA capital funding programs and the Regional Vanpool Program
- Monitor capital program performance measures
- Advance Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (RIA) Initiatives
- Complete the Regional Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Program
- Maintain monitoring program reviews and compliance with federal and state oversight requirements
- Submit annual completion report
- Administer the 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program and provide mobility management resources through the Gohio Commute platform

### **Executive – Strategic Planning**

- Ensure compliance and complete reporting related to environmental justice and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act
- Manage and maintain the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs)

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

#### **Revenues**

NOACA's combined SFY 2025 revenues and SFY 2024 (estimated carry forward) revenues are projected to be about \$12.3 million. Revenue sources are similar to prior years and primarily come from the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, ODOT, Ohio EPA and NOACA's local dues and interest. By optimizing use of existing resources, the SFY 2025 budget will not only allow NOACA to complete ongoing work but also address new priorities.

#### **Expenditures**

NOACA forecasts total expenditure for SFY 2025 to be about \$10.2 million. This includes encumbrances from SFY 2024, which are estimated to be paid in SFY 2025. The key SFY 2025 budget assumptions include:

- 47 positions authorized
- 8% increase in health care costs over the last 6 months of SFY 2025 (or 4% for the year)
- 3% overall salary increase for the annual staff performance evaluation process and merit pool.

## **CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

Work program development begins in December and the schedule is determined when draft and final work programs are due to ODOT. The draft work program is due at the beginning of March and the final work program is due at the beginning of May.

The approved work program is submitted to ODOT for review and approval.

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**NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY  
M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** NOACA Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director, and Chief Executive Officer  
**DATE:** January 26, 2024  
**RE:** Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Recommendations for Amendment to Loans and Subgrants Terms and Conditions

**ACTION REQUESTED**

The Executive Committee is asked to consider placement of this item on the Board of Directors' March 2023 meeting agenda, conditional on approval by the Brownfields Steering Committee:

Recommendation to amend the general guidelines for the terms and conditions of loans and subgrants made under the Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF):

- Update related fees to 0.5% of the loan or \$2,000, whatever is lower.
- Add a request for collateral for private entities that are awarded loans.

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION**

The Brownfields Steering Committee was established to review applications for funding from the NOACA-Vibrant NEO Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). The Steering Committee is responsible for reviewing the applicants' eligibility according to the US EPA's requirements, as well as the applicants' financial capacity to carry out the project. The Steering Committee is also responsible for drafting loan/subgrant agreements with owners of the approved projects, subject to Vibrant NEO and NOACA Board approval, including determination of funding with loan or subgrant, dollar amount, interest rate and payback period. NOACA staff is responsible for preparing all supporting documentation for the Steering Committee to consider, however, does not have capacity to assess the financial documentation needed from private entities. Therefore, NOACA has retained a financial consultant to assist in reviewing the creditworthiness of private entities applying for funding. In order to cover this additional cost, the Steering Committee considered amending the general terms and conditions of loans/subgrants.

At their January 26, 2024, meeting, the Steering Committee discussed making a recommendation to the Vibrant NEO Board and NOACA Finance and Audit Committee that the following amendment to the general guidelines for the conditions of those loans/subgrants be made:

- Update related fees to cover legal and financial consultant to 0.5% of the loan or \$2,000, whatever is lower.
- Add a request for collateral for private entities that are awarded loans.

Those present at the meeting were supportive of this recommendation, however, there was no quorum to vote on approving this recommendation.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no immediate financial impact of this action; financial impact will be dependent on specific loans/subgrant agreements.

**CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

Loan/subgrant agreements with entities whose projects are selected for funding will be drafted according to these amended general terms and conditions upon approval from the Boards of Directors of NOACA and Vibrant NEO. The Brownfields Steering Committee is expected to meet again prior to the NOACA and Vibrant NEO Board meetings in order to vote to approve these recommended amendments.

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M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** NOACA Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director, and Chief Executive Officer  
**DATE:** January 26, 2024  
**RE:** Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Recommendations for Funding

**ACTION REQUESTED**

The Executive Committee is asked to consider placement of this item on the March 12, 2024 Board of Directors meeting agenda:

That a loan from the NOACA-Vibrant NEO Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) be made to NREUV MLK Plaza LLC, in the amount of US\$300,000, conditional on USEPA Eligibility Determination, Credit Worthiness Review, and vote by the Brownfields Steering Committee.

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION**

The Brownfields Steering Committee was established to review applications for funding from the NOACA-Vibrant NEO Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). The Steering Committee is responsible for reviewing the applicants' eligibility according to the US EPA's requirements, as well as the applicants' financial capacity to carry out the project. Three applications were received in time for analysis by the Brownfields Steering Committee at its January 26, 2024, meeting. NOACA staff, with assistance from the Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) retained for this project, screened the applications for eligibility and determined that only one was eligible for consideration – the application from NREUV MLK Plaza LLC to remediate a site at 9300 Wade Park Ave. The Brownfields Steering Committee reviewed the eligible application.

Those present at the January 26, 2024 Brownfields Steering Committee meeting were supportive of recommending to the Vibrant NEO Board of Directors and to the NOACA Finance and Audit Committee that a loan be made to the applicant, conditional on USEPA site Eligibility Determination and applicant Creditworthiness Review. NOACA has retained Sudsina & Associates, LLC to assist with financial assessment of applicants.

There was no quorum to vote on approving this recommendation, however it was presented to the Finance and Audit Committee for conditional consideration.

Prior to final approval by the NOACA Board of Directors, funding recommendations must be presented to the Vibrant NEO Board of Directors for approval; that Board will next meet on February 20, 2024, when it will consider this.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The financial impact of this action is the allocation of \$300,000 from the revolving loan fund to this applicant; actual disbursements will be made as documentation of eligible expenses is provided to NOACA. If this award is made, the RLF will have a remaining balance available for funding in the amount of \$200,000.

## **CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

NOACA is awaiting a letter from US EPA confirming eligibility of the proposed site, and working with Sudsina & Associates, LLC to determine creditworthiness of NREUV MLK Plaza LLC.

Assuming that the Brownfields Steering Committee votes on this recommendation, that the Vibrant NEO Board of Directors accepts their recommendation, that NREUV MLK Plaza LLC is deemed credit-worthy and that the 9300 Wade Park Ave site is confirmed by the US EPA to be eligible, the NOACA Board of Directors is expected to vote on this item at its meeting on March 12, 2024.

If approved, a loan will be drafted, executed by the appropriate parties and the funds will be encumbered from the Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund.

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**Attachment 1:** Brownfields Recommended Project\_Details

## **MLK Plaza Project Details**

### **Location:**

9300 Wade Park Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44106 (MLK Plaza Site)

4.65 acres or 202,660 SF. Acquired by NREUV MLK Plaza LLC on February 6, 2023.

### **Site Map:**



### **Redevelopment Details:**

NREUV MLK Plaza LLC states that the planned reuse for property is mixed-use (compatible with current zoning) – the proposed re-use will be primarily affordable, multi-family housing with limited retail mixed-use on the ground floor. In addition to the two apartment buildings planned, the site will offer a minority-driven market hall. In total, 149 residential units are planned. The construction phase of the project is expected to create 150-300 temporary jobs with hourly wage of these jobs being \$16.20 (Davis Bacon). The proposed reuse is expected to create 25-30 permanent jobs with approximate hourly wage being \$20 and up to \$70,000 in salaried income.

NREUV MLK Plaza LLC is requesting \$300,000 from the Brownfields RLF to remediate asbestos prior to demolition of the MLK Plaza building. The total cost of remediation is estimated at \$500,000.



## **NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY**

### **M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** NOACA Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer  
**DATE:** January 26, 2024  
**RE:** Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Cooperative Purchasing Program

#### **ACTION REQUESTED**

The Executive Committee is asked to consider recommending this item for placement on the Board of Directors' March 2024 meeting agenda. Specifically, it would authorize the agency to participate in the Ohio Department of Administrative Services' (DAS) Cooperative Purchasing Program.

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

Ohio's Cooperative Purchasing Act (1986) provides the opportunity for political subdivisions to participate in contracts distributed by the State of Ohio's Department of Administrative Services - Office of Cooperative Purchasing for the purchase of supplies, services, equipment and certain materials. This program is referred to as the Cooperative Purchasing Program. Purchases made by NOACA under the Cooperative Purchasing Program are exempt from any additional competitive bidding requirements. Participation in this State procurement program can yield financial savings for the organization through streamlined procurement procedures and favorable pricing terms on goods and services.

To participate in the program, DAS requires an authorizing resolution from the NOACA Board of Directors. The terms and conditions of participation include the following:

- While membership is currently provided free of charge, at some point in the future, NOACA may be required to pay a reasonable annual membership fee to cover the administrative costs which the Department of Administrative Services incurs as a result of the agency's participation in a contract.

- NOACA agrees to not cause or assist in any way the misuse of such contracts or make contract disclosures to non-members of the Coop for the purpose of avoiding the requirements established by [ORC 125.04](#)<sup>1</sup>.
- NOACA agrees to directly pay the vendor under each such state contract in which it participates for items it receives pursuant to the contract.

As part of the agency's participation in the program, NOACA's Executive Director and CEO shall serve as the authorized agent. In that capacity, the Executive Director and CEO agrees to be bound by all Ohio Department of Administrative Services contract terms and conditions and to assume all responsibility for placing orders and vendor payments.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no current financial impact resulting from the approval of this item, but as noted, participation in the program can yield potential cost savings on future procurement actions.

### **CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

Upon Board approval, NOACA will complete all registration requirements of the Ohio DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program. Once membership is approved, it is perpetual, with no requirement for annual renewals.

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<sup>1</sup> Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 125.04 – “*Determining what supplies and services are purchased by or for state agencies*”



## **NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY**

### **M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** NOACA Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer  
**DATE:** January 26, 2024  
**RE:** Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Cooperative Purchasing Program

#### **ACTION REQUESTED**

The Executive Committee is asked to consider recommending this item for placement on the Board of Directors' March 2024 meeting agenda. Specifically, it would authorize the agency to seek renewal of its participation in the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) Cooperative Purchasing Program.

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

Section 5513.01(B) of the Ohio Revised Code provides the opportunity for political subdivisions to participate in contracts of the Ohio Department of Transportation for the purchase of machinery, material, supplies or other articles. This program is referred to as the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program. Purchases made by NOACA under the Cooperative Purchasing Program are exempt from any additional competitive bidding requirements. The ability to participate in the program streamlines the agency's purchase of materials, supplies and equipment, including purchases to aid in the implementation of locally sponsored transportation projects.

To participate in the program, ODOT requires an authorizing resolution from the NOACA Board of Directors every two years. As such, approval of this item would continue NOACA's participation in the program through March of 2026. Most recently, the NOACA Board of Directors approved such resolutions in March of 2022 (R2022-009) and March of 2020 (R2020-010). The terms and conditions prescribed by the State Director of Transportation include the following:

- NOACA agrees to be responsible for resolving claims or disputes arising out of its participation.
- NOACA agrees to waive any claims, actions, expenses, or other damages arising out of its participation which NOACA may have or claim to have against ODOT or its employees, unless such liability is the result of negligence on the part of ODOT or its employees.

As part of the agency's participation in the program, NOACA's Executive Director and CEO shall serve as the authorized agent. In that capacity, the Executive Director and CEO agrees to be bound by all Ohio Department of Transportation contract terms and conditions and to assume all responsibility for placing orders and vendor payments.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no direct financial impact resulting from the approval of this item, but participation in the program can yield potential cost savings on future procurement actions.

**CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

Pending Board approval, NOACA will renew its participation in this State-sponsored procurement program.

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**NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY  
M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** NOACA Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer  
**DATE:** January 26, 2024  
**RE:** Requests for Additional NOACA Funding to Address Project Cost Increases

**ACTION REQUESTED**

The Executive Committee is asked to consider recommending this item for placement on the Board of Directors' March 2024 meeting agenda. Specifically, the action would approve requests from the sponsor of NOACA funded projects for additional NOACA funding to help defray cost increases attributed to the extraordinary and unpredictable impacts of current commodities (fuel and materials prices).

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION**

NOACA receives an allocation of federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds for the implementation of transportation projects in the region. The NOACA Regional Transportation Investment Policy (RTIP) establishes the following policies to guide the management of these funds as directed by the Board of Directors.

By agreeing to the Board-approved TIP funding maximum and schedule for their project, project sponsors are acknowledging their firm commitment to helping manage project cost increases. Because unforeseen events can occur, a project sponsor may submit a request for additional funds needed to implement the project. All requests for additional funds are contingent upon the availability of funding in the current NOACA TIP.

Policies governing the requests for additional funds:

Non-Eligible Requests:

1. Costs resulting from increased scope not needed to complete the original project
2. Projects that have been delayed by the sponsor more than one fiscal year outside of the original TIP program year
3. Covering a shortfall resulting from the project bids coming in higher than estimate, without justification of unforeseen conditions

4. Costs associated with construction engineering and inspection activities or annual inflation above the percentages established in the ODOT Construction Engineering and Inspection Guidelines and SFY Business Plan Inflation Calculator. Both of these tools can be found on the ODOT Office of Estimating website
5. Costs incurred during construction that were caused by engineering or design errors and omissions.
6. Covering a shortfall in funding from other sources (i.e. local, state, private, or other federal)
7. Contingencies or requests to reserve funding for potential change orders
8. Overruns incurred as the result of contractor or project sponsor negligence

Eligible Requests:

1. Costs identified due to unforeseen conditions during the engineering or right of way acquisition phase.
2. Change orders during construction that are necessary to:
  - a. Complete the project as approved by the NOACA Board without additional scope or project changes
  - b. Meet federal or state requirements and standards that are new or were unforeseen at the time preliminary development was initiated
  - c. Cover conditions not reasonably discoverable in the engineering phase

Additional policies governing eligible requests:

- Requests are limited to no more than 15% of the original Board commitment. Costs in excess of 15% will be the responsibility of the project sponsor. Projects that cannot be implemented without significant cost increase would be withdrawn from the TIP to compete with other priority projects in a later year to obtain a higher NOACA commitment.
- The project must have received Stage 3 design plan approval consistent with the ODOT Project Development Process prior to cost increase consideration.
- All other funding committed to the project is being utilized to capacity.

NOACA received requests from the Cuyahoga County for additional NOACA funding to account for cost increases primarily due to the impacts of current commodities (fuel and material prices).

Below is a table listing the projects:

Project Name	Actual Cost	Actual Need (80%)	Current NOACA \$	Recommendation	
				15% Increase	New NOACA \$
CLAGUE RD	\$2,932,807	\$2,132,456	\$593,750	\$89,063	\$682,813
N MARGINAL ROAD CONNECTOR	\$11,753,472	\$9,402,778	\$5,684,048	\$852,607	\$6,536,655
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$11,535,234</b>	<b>\$6,277,798</b>	<b>\$941,670</b>	<b>\$7,219,468</b>

The above requests are to reduce shortfalls resulting from the project engineer's cost estimates coming in higher than the plan design cost estimates. However, the unforeseen conditions justifying the requests are the rise in the price of commodities (notably fuel and oil associated impacts, asphalt, and steel) above normal inflation, and the impacts of COVID. Therefore, staff recommend approving the requests from the sponsor for additional NOACA funding to help defray the cost increases, up to the 15% allowable under policy.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The recommended additional funding in accordance with NOACA's current cost increase policy is \$941,670. Additional funding necessary to support this request is available in the current 2024-2027 TIP. As such, there will be no impact to other existing TIP projects.

### **CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

Pending Board approval, the 2024-2027 TIP will be updated to reflect the revised funding commitments.

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**NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY  
M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** NOACA Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director, and Chief Executive Officer  
**DATE:** January 26, 2024  
**RE:** **Authorization to Execute Project Financing Documents – CUY ROCKSIDE ROAD BRIDGES PID No. 95403**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

The Committee is asked to consider placement of this item on the Board of Directors' March 2024 meeting agenda. Specifically, this action authorizes the Executive Director to execute SIB loan related documents for an existing project planned for the SIB program in the NOACA Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Finance and Audit Committee will review and act on this item on February 2nd prior to the Executive Committee meeting.

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION**

The Ohio SIB was authorized by the Ohio State Legislature in 1996 for the purposes of funding highway, rail, transit, intermodal and other transportation facilities and projects. Assistance provided by the SIB is in the form of loans, loan guarantees, letters of credit, leases, interest rate subsidies, debt service, cash reserves, and other forms ODOT determines to be appropriate. NOACA has previously utilized SIB loans, the last time SIB loans were executed was in December 2015 for CUY ROYALTON ROAD: PID 80961, CUY TOWER CITY BRIDGES: PID 95557 and MED NORTH CARPENTER ROAD: PID 14821.

Authorization is requested for CUY ROCKSIDE ROAD BRIDGES PID 95403, sponsored by Cuyahoga County. The project is currently estimated at a cost of \$21 M for construction and construction administration, with a Board approved NOACA share of \$14,400,000 for loan principal and interest.

The project is listed is referenced in the state fiscal years (SFYs) 2024 - 2027 NOACA TIP, approved by the NOACA Board of Directors on March 10, 2023 via Resolution No. 2023-015. Advancing this project with assistance through the SIB program maintains fiscal balance and flexibility while enabling the project to advance into the TIP during the year requested by the sponsor. Funding for the project in the requested year is dependent upon sufficient balances available in the SIB program to finance the full NOACA share.

The Ohio Attorney General's Office, on behalf of ODOT, requires certified resolutions from the County and NOACA, that authorize the execution and delivery of all documents and performance of the loan requirements thereunder, as applicable.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

NOACA will be financially responsible for the repayment of principal, interest, and administrative costs, up to the Board of Directors approved project funding caps and any future Board approved funding increases, over the term of the loan. The loan will be repaid through bi-annual installments to the SIB drawn from the NOACA-attributable STP funds that are apportioned annually to NOACA per federal transportation law. The standard terms of the ODOT SIB program, as portrayed include:

- Term of Loan – 11 years (1 year interest-free period / 10 years of amortization)
- Repayment Schedule – Biannually (July and January of each year)
- Interest – 0% for months 1-12, 3% for months 13-132
- Initial Payment: 19th month after loan closing date
- Prepayment Penalty – 3% premium charged for any prepayment of the loan, in whole or in part, prior to the 36th month following

## **CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

Pending Board approval, a SIB loan will be advanced for the project at the appropriate time for project delivery.

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**NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY  
M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** NOACA Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director, and Chief Executive Officer  
**DATE:** January 26, 2024  
**RE:** **Project Planning Reviews (PPRs)/ Intergovernmental Review and Consultation (IGRC): 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter State Fiscal Year 2024**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

The Committee is asked to consider recommending this item for placement on the Board of Directors' March 2024 agenda. Specifically, the item proposes that the project has completed the Project Planning Review (PPR) process.

The Planning and Programming Committee and Transportation Subcommittee support this recommendation.

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION**

Attached is the PPR summary document for the proposed projects to be presented to the NOACA Executive Committee for review and recommendation.

NOACA's Board approved [Regional Transportation Investment Policy](#) requires that all proposed federal-aid transportation projects be processed through PPR in order to meet NOACA's adopted goals and federal requirements.

PPR consists of four levels of review:

- NOACA staff;
- Board, including committees, subcommittees, and Councils;
- Intergovernmental review and consultation (IGRC); and
- Public involvement.

The final product of PPR is a Board resolution which certifies that the project has had thorough review, allowing the project to proceed to the programming stages of the planning process.

The third quarter PPR covers roadway projects sponsored by the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works, the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and the Geauga County Engineer. Also included are projects proposed by local partners to be considered for NOACA's Regional Strategy for Coordinating Funding Opportunities. They are included as part of the PPR process to be amended to the LRP.

Detailed information about the project can be found at:

- [Roadway Rehabilitation on Clague Road in North Olmsted](#)
- [Roadway Resurfacing on Station Road in Brecksville](#)
- [Roadway Rehabilitation on Wilson Mills Road in Geauga County](#)
- [Projects to be Amended to the NOACA Long Range Plan](#)

As part of the PPR process, a detailed summary of the proposed improvement and staff and committee assessment of the project are posted on NOACA's website, [www.NOACA.org](http://www.NOACA.org). A link to the PPRs is included on the home page by clicking the 'Comment on Projects' button. Staff add comments obtained from the public, governmental organizations, and NOACA committees as they are received. Proposed projects are posted on the website for three months, allowing adequate time for review and comment.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact.

### **CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

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.

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**Attachments:** PPR SFY 24 Q3 Project Summaries

## Roadway Rehabilitation on Clague Road in North Olmsted

**Project Name:** CUY CLAGUE RD

**Sponsor:** Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works (CCDPW)

**Estimated Total Cost:** \$2,848,970

**Proposed Source of Federal Funds:** State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) and NOACA

**History/Background:** The Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works (CCDPW) is the sponsor of a roadway rehabilitation project along 0.97 mile of Clague Road, from Lorain Road (SR-10) to Marion Road, in North Olmsted. This project is programmed in the NOACA SFY 2024 - 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with a total cost of \$860,988, including \$593,750 of NOACA funding. The estimated cost has increased from \$860,988 to \$2,848,970. The sponsor reports this is due to the widening of Clague Road at the Maple Ridge intersection to accommodate a dedicated left turn lane.

NOACA's Regional Transportation Investment Policy states the following:

*Projects already on the Plan or TIP that request a change of scope or significant cost increase (greater than 20 percent) must go through PPR (Project Planning Review) again.*

**Proposed Project:** The proposed project involves widening (approximately 600 feet) of the pavement to install a left turn lane, rehabilitation of the pavement base and resurfacing of Clague Road from Lorain Road to Marion Road, in North Olmsted (location map). This project will also install new curbs along the intersection approaches with drainage inlets that tie into the existing drainage system, replacement of the existing traffic and pedestrian signals, and construction of new ADA (Americans with Disabilities) compliant curb ramps. The project's estimated total cost, provided by the sponsor, is \$2, 848,970, including the original \$593,750 in NOACA funds and \$2,255,220 in local funds.

**Staff Comment (Summary):**

**Committee Review:**

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Council and Safety and Operations Advisory Council

- A member of both committees recommended that in alignment with the Cuyahoga Greenways planning study, consider bicycle facilities along the corridor. Clague Rd. is listed as a Key Route along this segment.

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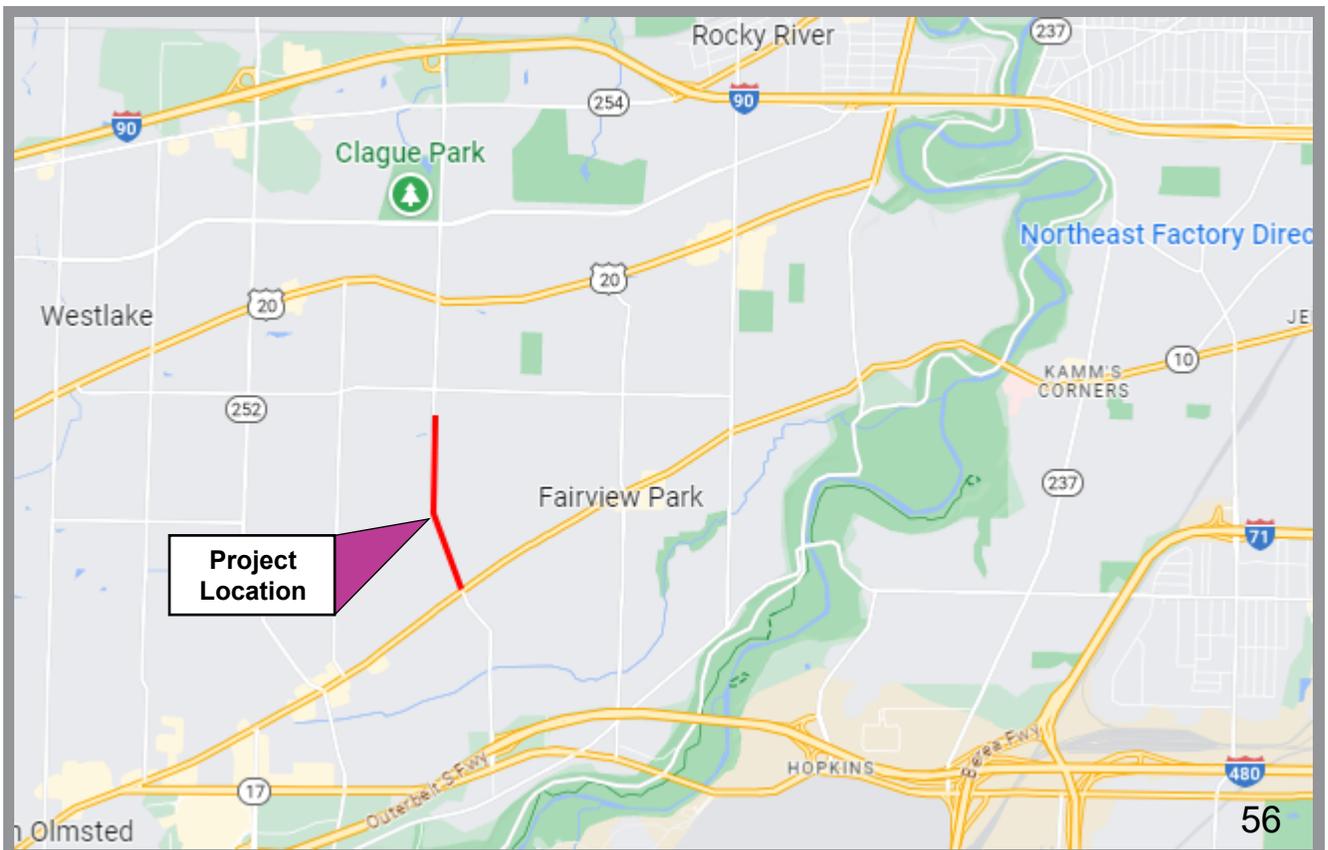
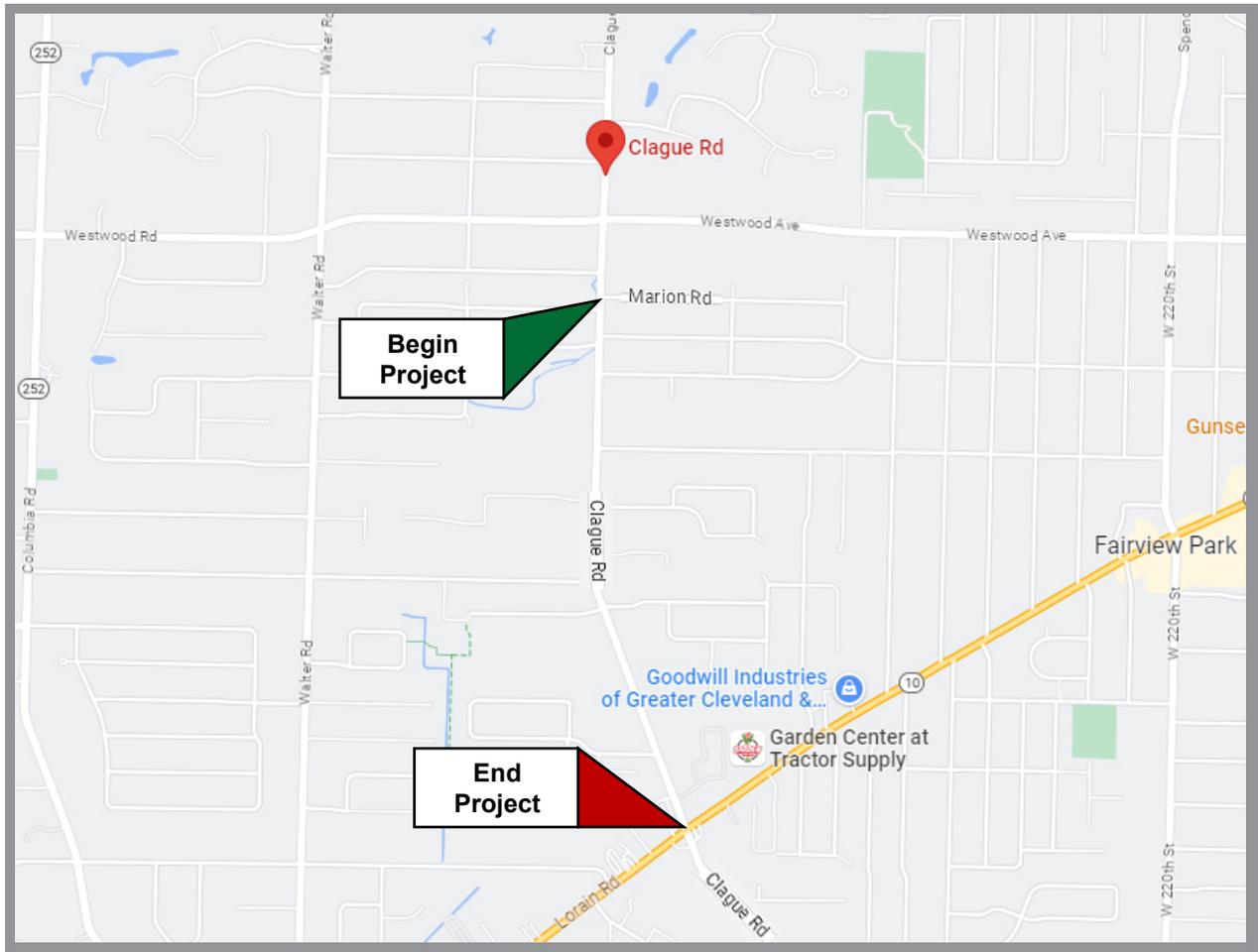
- No comments; recommended for Planning and Programming Committee review.

**Intergovernmental Review and Consultation (IGRC):**

**Public Involvement:**

# Clague Road

Lorain Road to Marion Road  
North Olmsted



## Roadway Resurfacing on Station Road in Brecksville

**Project Name:** OH NP CUVA 236381

**Sponsor:** Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CUVA)

**Estimated Total Cost:** \$550,000

**Proposed Source of Federal Funds:** Federal Lands Transportation Program (FLTP)

**History/Background:** The Federal Lands Highway Program provides funding for use by the Federal Land Management Agencies (FLMAs) and Federal Highway Administration for the planning, design, construction or reconstruction of designated public roads that provide access to, through or within Federal or Tribal lands. The Federal Lands Highway and the FLMAs (NPS, FS, FWS, and IRR) jointly develop transportation projects, based on the need and availability of funds.

All regionally significant FLMA projects, regardless of funding source, that affect the public are coordinated with the appropriate State or local agencies responsible for planning implementation of transportation improvements. The attached list of projects only includes projects programmed for construction undertaken by the EFLHD. The projects undertaken by FLMAs with FLHP funds or the environmental studies for transportation projects conducted by the EFLHD or its partnering agencies are not included at this time. This project is not yet included in the NOACA SFY 2024 - 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This project is located in Cuyahoga County, scheduled for 2024, and is administered by the Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division (<https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-planning/tip/efl-transportation-improvement-program>). Upon completion of PPR, this project will be considered for amendment to NOACA's LRP and TIP.

**Proposed Project:** The proposed project involves repaving Station Road, the Station Parking Lot and improving drainage systems, in Brecksville.

The project's estimated total cost, provided by the sponsor, is \$550,000, funded with \$550,000 in Federal Lands Transportation Program funds.

### **Staff Comment (Summary):**

### **Committee Review:**

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- No comments; recommended for Planning and Programming Committee review.

### **Intergovernmental Review and Consultation (IGRC):**

### **Public Involvement:**

## Roadway Rehabilitation on Wilson Mills Road in Geauga County

**Project Name:** GEA WILSON MILLS RD

**Sponsor:** Geauga County Engineer

**Estimated Total Cost:** \$2,000,000

**Proposed Source of Federal Funds:** NOACA

**History/Background:** The Geauga County Engineer sponsored a roadway rehabilitation project along Washington Street, from SR-306 to Bainbridge Road, in Bainbridge Township and Auburn Township. This project was programmed in the NOACA SFY 2021 - 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with a total cost of \$1,000,000, including \$800,000 of NOACA funding. Although this project was programmed in the TIP with NOACA funding, the project was also a good candidate for a State of Ohio Earmark program. As such, the Geauga County Engineer and NOACA supported an application to that program. In March of 2023, NOACA announced the Geauga County Engineer was successful in getting approved for a Federal Earmark for Washington Street. The Geauga County Engineer requested that the \$800,000 in NOACA funding, originally programmed for Washington Street, be applied to a separate federal-aid eligible high priority project in Geauga County.

**Proposed Project:** The proposed project involves rehabilitation along Wilson Mills Road, from SR-306 to Thwing Road, in Chester Township and Munson Township (location map). This work will include full width pavement planning, base repair and rehabilitation, curb and curb inlet rehabilitation as needed and two-course asphalt overlay. The project's estimated total cost, provided by the sponsor, is \$2,000,000, to be funded with \$800,000 in NOACA funds and \$1,800,000 in local funds.

**Staff Comment (Summary):**

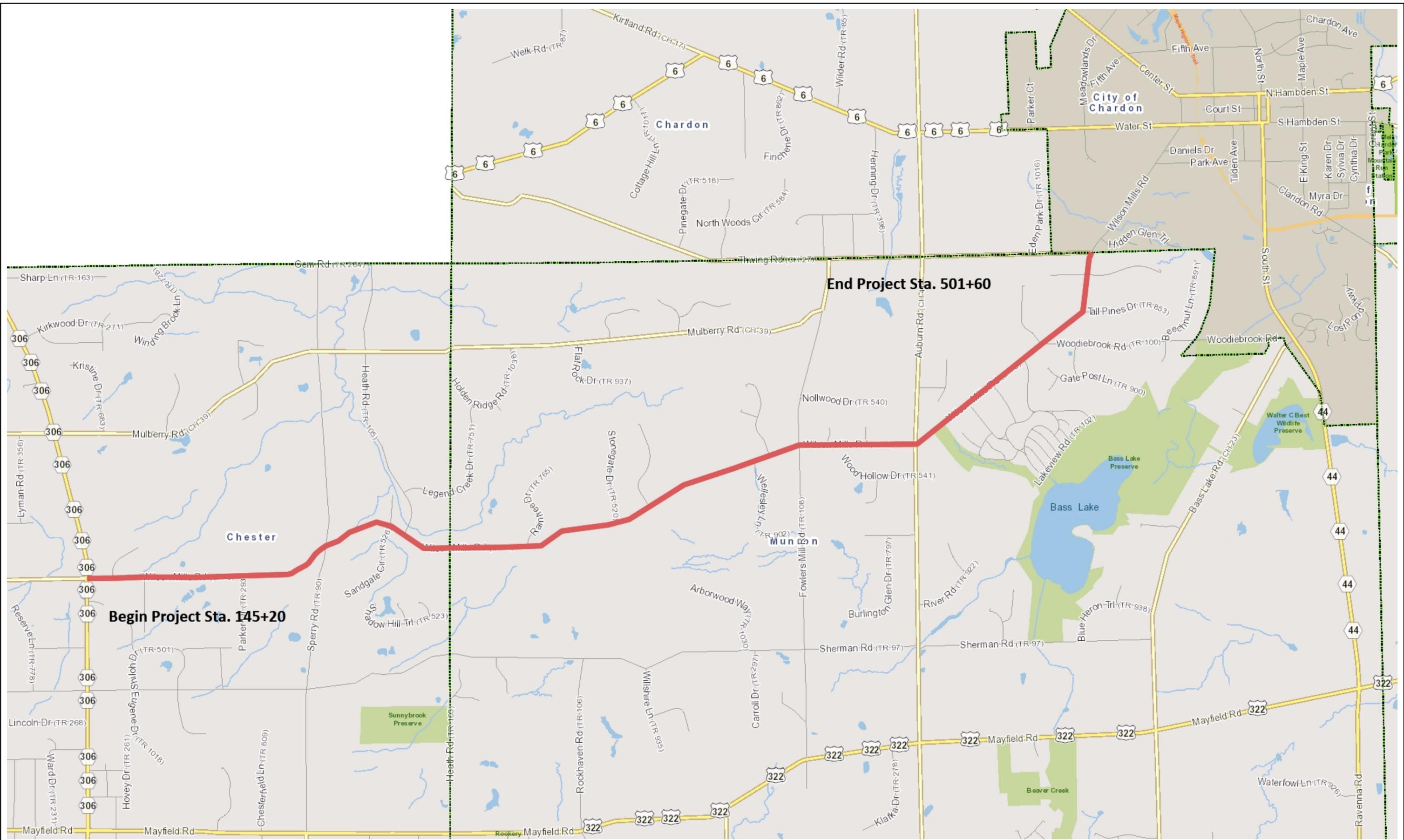
**Committee Review:**

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- No comments; recommended for Planning and Programming Committee review.

**Intergovernmental Review and Consultation (IGRC):**

**Public Involvement:**



## Projects to be Amended to the NOACA's Long Range Plan (LRP) eNEO 2050

**History/Background:** NOACA's Regional Strategy for Coordinating Funding Opportunities (Strategy) was created to approach IIJA 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 will serve as the regional convener and facilitator with respect to discretionary funding opportunities. The Board of Directors adopted the Strategy on June 9, 2023. Furthermore, as determined in NOACA Board Resolution 2023-018, there will be regular reviews with potential updates of NOACA's Regional Strategy for Coordinating Funding Opportunities (the Strategy).

Initial drafts of the Strategy initially contained only projects which were listed in NOACA's Long Range Plan (LRP) eNEO 2050. During the development of the Strategy, in coordination with local partners, many projects which were not yet included in the LRP were included in the Strategy. They are included as part of the PPR process to eventually be amended to the LRP.

These updates can be viewed on in the table below.

Project	Description	Total Project Cost
Adkins Road Reconstruction	Reconstruction of Adkins Rd. in Willoughby.	\$3,500,000
Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project	Stabilize the coast along Lake Erie, restore habitat, and build trails at Cahoon Memorial Park in Bay Village.	\$45,000,000
CHEERS (Cleveland Harbor Eastern Embayment Resilience Strategy)	Protect the shore, create habitat and natural ecosystems, improve access and connectivity to along this section of the Lake Erie coast east of Burke Airport in Cleveland.	\$350,000,000
Cleveland North Coast Connector	Adjustments to SR 2 through downtown Cleveland between the Main Ave. bridge and the I-90 interchange, including a land bridge.	\$50,000,000
Cleveland Vision Zero	Implement safety initiatives from Cleveland's Vision Zero Plan.	\$50,000,000
Cuyahoga River Bridge Lighting	New lighting for the bridges in the Cuyahoga River Valley in Cleveland.	\$10,000,000
Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) Extension	Extend the CVSR from its terminus at Rockside Rd. to Tower City in Cleveland.	\$40,000,000
Hodgson/Lost Nation Intersection Realignment	Realign Hodgson Rd. with Apollo Parkway at Lost Nation Rd. in Willoughby.	\$5,000,000
E. 36th St. Improvements (Lorain)	Multimodal and environmental improvements along E. 36 <sup>th</sup> St. in Lorain.	\$15,000,000
Regional Metro Parks Connectivity	Implement regional metro parks connectivity TLCI planning study recommendations.	\$50,000,000
Improved Amtrak Service in NEO	Improve and elevate current and future regional Amtrak corridors.	\$50,000,000
Bessemer Rail Crossing Separation	Rail crossing separation at Bessemer Rd. in Cleveland.	\$15,000,000
Carter Road Trail Hub	Various riverfront trail connections on the Scranton Peninsula in Cleveland.	\$8,000,000
Cleveland Charging Program	Implement electric vehicle charging stations in Cleveland.	\$30,000,000
Cleveland SMART Corridors	Implement Cleveland's SMART corridors (W. 25 <sup>th</sup> St., Kinsman Rd., etc.) with multimodal improvements and sensors.	\$30,000,000

<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Total Project Cost</b>
GCRTA Electric Buses	Low emission vehicles for GCRTA.	\$100,000,000
GCRTA Priority Corridor Studies	Study and implement various priority corridors for transit oriented development in Cuyahoga County.	\$100,000,000
East Side RAISE Trails	Constructing Morgana Run, Slavic Village-Downtown Connector, Iron Ct., and Euclid Creek Trail, all in Cleveland.	\$20,000,000
Connectivity Trails to Cleveland Metro Parks Rocky River Reservation	Construct two new entrance trails to the Rocky River Reservation in Fairview Park: from SR-17 and Brookway Dr.	\$3,850,000
Euclid Beach Connector	Shoreline protection and bicycle and pedestrian connections from Lakeshore Blvd. into Euclid Creek Reservation in Cleveland.	\$16,000,000
Redline Greenway-Phase 3	Implement Ph. 3 of the Redline Greenway from Franklin Blvd. to downtown Cleveland.	\$10,000,000
Sidaway Bridge Reconstruction	Implement an updated version of the Sidaway Bridge in Cleveland.	\$10,000,000
Elyria Amtrak Station Accessibility	Accessibility improvements and enhancements at the Elyria Amtrak Station.	\$5,000,000
Transit Agencies Low Emission Vehicles	Provide the purchase of low emission vehicles for transit agencies.	\$100,000,000
Reconnecting Cleveland I-90	Reconnecting communities through bridge and multimodal investments along I-90 in Cleveland.	\$50,000,000
Detroit-Superior Bridge Subway Level Enhancements	Re-open the former streetcar level of the Detroit-Superior Bridge over the Cuyahoga River with multimodal and cultural improvements.	\$30,000,000

**Staff Comment (Summary):**

**Committee Review:**

Transportation Subcommittee

- No comments; recommended for Planning and Programming Committee review.

**Intergovernmental Review and Consultation (IGRC):**

**Public Involvement:**



**NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY  
M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** NOACA Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director, and Chief Executive Officer  
**DATE:** January 26, 2024  
**RE:** **Plan and TIP Amendments 3rd Quarter State Fiscal Year 2024**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

The Committee is asked to consider recommending this item for placement on the Board of Director's March 2024 agenda. Specifically, this item directs that NOACA's long range plan (Plan) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be amended to include the proposed projects as indicated.

The Planning and Programming Committee and Transportation Subcommittee support this recommendation.

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION**

The Long Range Plan (Plan) provides a 20-year outlook for projects and regional transportation needs. The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the four-year program that implements the investment priorities established in the 20-year Plan and contains funding commitments for the upcoming four years. As such, some projects are to be amended to both the Plan and TIP and others to the TIP only.

The proposed amendments to the Plan and the state fiscal year (SFY) 2024 – 2027 TIP include projects being processed through NOACA's project planning review (PPR) process. The projects include projects proposed by project partners for NOACA's Regional Strategy for Coordinating Funding Opportunities. These projects represent transportation needs in the region. Inclusion of these projects in the Plan may increase their chances for success to receive discretionary federal funding. The projects also include roadway projects sponsored by the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA), the Geauga County Engineer and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CUVA). The amendments also include an increase in the construction cost estimate for a major rehabilitation project, sponsored by the Ohio Department (ODOT), along IR-90, from the Hilliard Road interchange to West Boulevard, in Rocky River, Lakewood and Cleveland.

		Long Range Plan			
Project	Description	SFY 2024-2027 TIP	SFY 2028-2050	Total Project Cost	
<b>New Projects Proposed for Plan/TIP Inclusion</b>					
Adkins Road Reconstruction	Reconstruction of Adkins Rd. in Willoughby.	CO		\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000
Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project	Stabilize the coast along Lake Erie, restore habitat, and build trails at Cahoon Memorial Park in Bay Village.	CO		\$45,000,000	\$45,000,000
CHEERS (Cleveland Harbor Eastern Embayment Resilience Strategy)	Protect the shore, create habitat and natural ecosystems, improve access and connectivity to along this section of the Lake Erie coast east of Burke Airport in Cleveland.	CO		\$350,000,000	\$350,000,000
Cleveland North Coast Connector	Adjustments to SR 2 through downtown Cleveland between the Main Ave. bridge and the I-90 interchange, including a land bridge.	CO		\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000
Cleveland Vision Zero	Implement safety initiatives from Cleveland's Vision Zero Plan.	CO		\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000
Cuyahoga River Bridge Lighting	New lighting for the bridges in the Cuyahoga River Valley in Cleveland.	CO		\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) Extension	Extend the CVSR from its terminus at Rockside Rd. to Tower City in Cleveland.	CO		\$40,000,000	\$40,000,000
Hodgson/Lost Nation Intersection Realignment	Realign Hodgson Rd. with Apollo Parkway at Lost Nation Rd. in Willoughby.	CO		\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
E. 36th St. Improvements (Lorain)	Multimodal and environmental improvements along E. 36 <sup>th</sup> St. in Lorain.	CO		\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000
Regional Metro Parks Connectivity	Implement regional metro parks connectivity TLCl planning study recommendations.	CO		\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000
Improved Amtrak Service in NEO	Improve and elevate current and future regional Amtrak corridors.	CO		\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000
Bessemer Rail Crossing Separation	Rail crossing separation at Bessemer Rd. in Cleveland.	CO		\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000
Carter Road Trail Hub	Various riverfront trail connections on the Scranton Peninsula in Cleveland.	CO		\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000

Project	Description	Long Range Plan		Total Project Cost	
		SFY 2024-2027 TIP	SFY 2028-2050		
<b>New Projects Proposed for Plan/TIP Inclusion</b>					
Cleveland Charging Program	Implement electric vehicle charging stations in Cleveland.	CO		\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000
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East Side RAISE Trails	Constructing Morgana Run, Slavic Village-Downtown Connector, Iron Ct., and Euclid Creek Trail, all in Cleveland.	CO		\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
Connectivity Trails to Cleveland Metro Parks Rocky River Reservation	Construct two new entrance trails to the Rocky River Reservation in Fairview Park: from SR-17 and Brookway Dr.	CO		\$3,850,000	\$3,850,000
Euclid Beach Connector	Shoreline protection and bicycle and pedestrian connections from Lakeshore Blvd. into Euclid Creek Reservation in Cleveland.	CO		\$16,000,000	\$16,000,000
Redline Greenway-Phase 3	Implement Ph. 3 of the Redline Greenway from Franklin Blvd. to downtown Cleveland.	CO		\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
Sidaway Bridge Reconstruction	Implement an updated version of the Sidaway Bridge in Cleveland.	CO		\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
Elyria Amtrak Station Accessibility	Accessibility improvements and enhancements at the Elyria Amtrak Station.	CO		\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Transit Agencies Low Emission Vehicles	Provide the purchase of low emission vehicles for transit agencies.	CO		\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000
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Detroit-Superior Bridge Subway Level Enhancements	Re-open the former streetcar level of the Detroit-Superior Bridge over the Cuyahoga River with multimodal and cultural improvements.	CO	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000
<b>Total Project Cost</b>				<b>\$1,196,350,000</b>
CUY GCRTA SFY 2024 OTP2 EV Planning	Electrical Vehicle Planning	PL	\$250,000	\$250,000
GEA Wilson Mills Road	Rehabilitate Wilson Mills Rd., from Bainbridge Rd. to SR 306 to Thwing Rd., in Chester Township and Munson Township	CO	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
<b>Total Project Cost</b>			<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>
OH NP CUVA 236381;	Repave Station Road, Station Parking Lot and Improve Drainage Systems, in Brecksville	CO	\$550,000	\$550,000
<b>Total Project Cost</b>			<b>\$550,000</b>	<b>\$550,000</b>

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Project	Description	SFY 2024-2027 TIP	SFY 2028-2050	Total Project Cost
<b>Programmed TIP Projects Proposed for Modification</b>				
CUY Clague Road	Rehabilitate Clague Road (CR-52) from Lorain Rd. (SR-10) to Marion Rd., in North Olmsted	CO	\$2,932,807	\$2,932,807
<b>Total Project Cost</b>			<b>\$2,932,807</b>	<b>\$2,932,807</b>
CUY IR 090 06.69 Major Rehab	Replace pavement along IR-90, from the Hilliard Rd. interchange to West Blvd., in Rocky River, Lakewood and Cleveland.	CO CE	\$136,300,000 \$9,630,850	\$136,300,000 \$9,630,850
<b>Total Project Cost</b>			<b>\$145,930,850</b>	<b>\$145,930,850</b>

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The cost of the proposed projects being amended to the Plan and TIP is \$1.3 billion. The cost of the rehabilitation projects along Clague Road and I-90 is \$148.9 million.

Funding for the projects being amended in the TIP is committed and/or planned from a variety of federal, state, and local sources. Federal funding is provided by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration and administered through the Ohio Department of Transportation.

**CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

Pending Board approval, the amendments will be incorporated into the NOACA Plan and/or statewide TIP amendment in April 2024.

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**Attachment 1:** Plan and TIP Amendments 3rd Quarter State Fiscal Year 2024

**Attachment 1  
Plan and TIP Amendments 3rd Quarter State Fiscal Year 2024**

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Cahoon Memorial Park Lakefront Project	Stabilize the coast along Lake Erie, restore habitat, and build trails at Cahoon Memorial Park in Bay Village.	CO		\$45,000,000
CHEERS (Cleveland Harbor Eastern Embayment Resilience Strategy)	Protect the shore, create habitat and natural ecosystems, improve access and connectivity to along this section of the Lake Erie coast east of Burke Airport in Cleveland.	CO		\$350,000,000
Cleveland North Coast Connector	Adjustments to SR 2 through downtown Cleveland between the Main Ave. bridge and the I-90 interchange, including a land bridge.	CO		\$50,000,000
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<b>Total</b>			<b>\$151,663,657</b>	<b>\$1,196,350,000</b>	<b>\$1,348,013,657</b>



**NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY  
M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** NOACA Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director, and Chief Executive Officer  
**DATE:** January 26, 2024  
**RE:** **Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) Program Project Recommendations**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

The Committee is asked to consider recommending this item for placement on the Board of Directors' March 8, 2024 meeting agenda. Specifically, this item will adopt the 2024 Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) Program Project Recommendations.

This item was presented to the Transportation Subcommittee, Air Quality Subcommittee, Transit Council, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Council, Safety and Operations Council, and the Planning and Programming Committee.

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION**

NOACA's Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) Program provides assistance to communities for integrated transportation and land use planning and projects that strengthen community livability. TLCI advances the goals of NOACA's Regional Strategic Plan, as funds:

- Develop transportation projects that provide more travel options
- Promote reinvestment in underutilized or vacant/abandoned properties
- Support economic development
- Ensure that the benefits of growth and change are available to all members of a community
- Enhance regional cohesion
- Provide people with safe and reliable transportation choices

The TLCI Program has two components: The TLCI Planning Studies Program and the TLCI Implementation Program. The TLCI Planning Studies Program helps communities develop transportation planning studies that facilitate and promote sustainable development, multimodal transportation, and complete and green streets. The TLCI Implementation Program provides funding assistance for communities to implement priority projects identified in TLCI or TLCI-like community-developed plans. In the current round, NOACA only sought applications for TLCI implementation projects, which have been recommended in either TLCI or TLCI-like planning studies.

An application round opened for implementation projects on August 17, 2023 with a deadline of October 6, 2023. NOACA received 15 TLCI implementation project requests totaling about \$6.97 million. Staff evaluated all requests based on the criteria established in the TLCI Policy. Requests for TLCI implementation funding are included in the attachment.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

This action recommends \$2,554,645 (\$2,000,000 annual allocation and \$554,645 in carryover) in available funding for the SFY 2024 TLCI program to be awarded to the recommended projects. The TLCI program is funded by an annual set aside from NOACA's Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program funds during the development of NOACA's annual Overall Work Program and biennial TIP.

## **CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

Pending Board approval, NOACA staff will work with project sponsors as needed to implement the projects.

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**Attachment 1:** SFY2024 NOACA Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative Program Recommendations

**Attachment # 1: SFY2024 NOACA Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative Program Recommendations**

#	Project Sponsor	Project Name	Total Project Cost	NOACA Funding Requested	NOACA Recommended Funding	NOACA Participation (%)
<b>RECOMMENDED PROJECTS</b>						
1	Cleveland*	East 66th St. Implementation**	\$ 2,460,018	\$ 1,968,014	\$ 644,622	100%
2	Cleveland Hts. & University Hts.	Taylor Road Corridor Project - Phase 1	\$ 395,295	\$ 395,295	\$ 395,295	100%
3	Elyria	Wayfinding Signage and Connectivity for Downtown & Surrounding Area	\$ 278,355	\$ 278,355	\$ 185,000	100%
4	Fairview Park	Fairview Park/Metroparks Connectivity Phase 3	\$ 123,410	\$ 98,728	\$ 98,728	80%
5	Grafton	Grafton Envision Main Street Wayfinding and Trailhead Project	\$ 427,435	\$ 320,576	\$ 130,000	80%
6	Maple Heights	Southgate Park Boulevard Improvement Project**	\$ 1,356,639	\$ 825,000	\$ 825,000	100%
7	Olmsted Township	Olmsted Township Greenway Connector Project - Phase I & II	\$ 681,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 276,000	80%
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$ 2,554,645</b>	
<p><i>*To be combined with \$1.5M in Transportation Alternative funds to be recommended for the SFY26-29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).</i></p> <p><i>**Partial recommendation of \$251,608 for the Mentor Hopkins Rd. Bike Lanes project affirmed by Planning and Programming Committee was declined by the City. Funds have been applied to the Cleveland (\$176,608) and Maple Heights (\$75,000) recommendations.</i></p>						
<b>NOT RECOMMENDED AT THIS TIME</b>						
8	Brecksville	Chippewa Road (SR 82) Connectivity Project	\$ 1,871,000	\$ 526,000		
9	Lake Metroparks	Lake Metroparks Lakefront Trail - Phase II	\$ 358,850	\$ 358,850		
10	Lorain	Kolbe Road - A Path to Health	\$ 358,850	\$ 358,850		
11	Mentor	Hopkins Road Bike Lanes - Phase 1**	\$ 600,000	\$ 500,000		
12	North Royalton	Pathway on State Road from Wallings Road to Lisa Lane	\$ 286,982	\$ 229,586		
13	North Royalton	Pathway on State Road from Akins Road to Turnpike Bridge	\$ 219,049	\$ 175,240		
14	Olmsted Township	Schady Road Sidewalk Project	\$ 225,000	\$ 175,000		
15	Sheffield Lake	Lakefront Connectivity Improvements Phase 3b	\$ 356,901	\$ 356,901		
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 9,998,784</b>	<b>\$ 6,966,395</b>		



**NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY  
M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** NOACA Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director, and Chief Executive Officer  
**DATE:** January 26, 2024  
**RE:** **NEORSD – Southwest FPA, North Olmsted FPA and No Planning Area FPA – Boundary and Prescription Modifications in Olmsted Township**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

The Executive Committee is asked to consider recommending this item to for placement on the Board of Director’s March 2024 meeting agenda. Specifically, the action will modify the facility planning area (FPA) boundary and prescriptions for wastewater treatment (prescriptions) for 36 parcels (69.58 acres). NOACA staff has reviewed the FPA Amendment Request Form and has performed 208 Plan Consistency Review (Attachment A).

CCDPW requests modifications to the North Olmsted FPA and No Planning Area FPA boundaries (Attachment B), moving nine and 27 parcels respectively, into the NEORSD-Southwest FPA. Additionally, CCDPW proposes prescription changes for the western nine parcels from “Limited Sewers Expected Within 20 years” to “Sewers Expected Within 20 Years.” Finally, CCDPW proposes prescription changes for the 27 eastern parcels from “Areas Served by On-Site Systems” to “Sewers Expected Within 20 Years” (Attachment C)

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION**

The Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works (CCDPW), which is a Secondary Designated Management Agency (DMA), proposes FPA boundary and prescription modifications to the NEORSD – Southwest FPA, North Olmsted FPA and No Planning Area FPA. NOACA’s *Clean Water 2020 (208) Plan’s* FPA Policy 4-6: Modifications to Facility Planning Areas (FPAs) of Designated Management Agencies (DMAs), states that “Primary DMAs that own or operate a publicly owned treatment works (POTW) for wastewater have lead responsibility for sewer planning within their established FPA, subject only to appeal to the NOACA Board under FPA Policies 4-6a and 4-6b below.” Additionally, the 208 Plan allows Secondary DMAs to submit requests for FPA boundary and prescription modifications.

The NEORSD has agreed to accept flow from the sewer extension; has line and plant capacity to treat the wastewater; and supports modification of the NEORSD Southwest FPA boundary and proposed prescriptions. The City of North Olmsted has agreed to the boundary and prescription changes; a signed NOACA’s acknowledgment form. Additionally, Olmsted Township has completed and signed NOACA’s acknowledgment form indicating support. The support letters fulfill the 208 Plan notification requirements (Attachment D).

### ***Development Impacts***

The affected area is within the Urbanized Area, but there are no formal development proposals associated with this request; the action would tie in existing residential parcels. CCDPW has indicated that the new sewer line extension would be part of an asset management plan.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact to NOACA.

### **CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

Pending Board approval, NOACA staff will submit the FPA boundary and prescriptions modifications to Ohio EPA.

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**Attachment A:** FPA Amendment Request Form and 208 Plan Consistency Review

**Attachment B:** Current FPA Boundaries and Prescriptions in Olmsted Township

**Attachment C:** Proposed FPA Boundaries and Prescriptions in Olmsted Township

**Attachment D:** Support Documents from NEORSD, North Olmsted and Olmsted Falls



## Attachment A Facility Planning Area (FPA) Amendment Request Form

**Applicant:**

Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works (CCDPW) – Secondary DMA

**FPA Amendment Type:**

The applicant requests changes to the NEORSD – Southwest FPA and City of North Olmsted FPA Boundaries and Prescriptions for Wastewater Treatment (Prescriptions) in Olmsted Township, Cuyahoga County for 36 parcels (69.58 acres). The FPA Boundary and Prescription changes will allow for the extension of a 4,270 LF 18-inch diameter gravity sewer to allow for connection of homes with antiquated, failing and/or malfunctioning home sewage treatment systems (HSTSs).

**Location:**

Fitch Road (CR-170) from Cook Road to 250 lineal feet north of Greenbrooke Drive

**FPA Boundary:**

West side of Fitch Road is North Olmsted FPA  
East side of Fitch Road is No FPA

**Prescriptions Change Summary:**

West side of Fitch Road: The applicant would like to change the Prescription from “Limited Sewers Expected Within 20 Years” to “Sewers Expected Within 20 Years” for nine parcels.

East side of Fitch Road: The applicant would like to change the Prescription from “Areas Served by On-Site Systems” to “Sewers Expected Within 20 Years” for 27 parcels.

**Total Acres:**

West side of Fitch Road (N. Olmsted FPA) = 28.90 acres  
East side of Fitch Road (No FPA) = 40.68 acres

**Total Parcels:**

<b>West side of Fitch Road – All of 9 parcels (N. Olmsted FPA)</b>	<b>East side of Fitch Road – All of 27 parcels (No FPA)</b>
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**List of Affected Parties:**

North Olmsted, NEORSD, Olmsted Township, and Cuyahoga County

## **208 Plan Consistency Review**

### **Facility Planning Area Review - Applicant Needs to Solicit Support from Affected Parties**

- Applicant is the Designated Management Agency for all of the affected area.
- ✓ Applicant is not the Designated Management Agency for all or part of the affected area
  - ✓ Applicant **has** secured the approval of the entity or entities that are.
  - Applicant **has not** secured the approval of the entity or entities that are.

### **Service Extension/Community Plan Review – Amendment should be Consistent with the Prescriptions for Wastewater Treatment<sup>1</sup>**

- Applicant **does not** propose the extension of any sewer service.
  - The proposed project is limited to sewer system rehabilitation work.
  - The proposed project is limited to a plant expansion or modification to better handle wet weather flow volumes
- ✓ Applicant **does** propose the extension of sewer service to an area lying entirely within the established facility planning area of the project sponsor.
  - The proposed extension **is** consistent with the current Prescriptions for Wastewater Treatment for the affected area.
  - The proposed extension **is not** consistent with the current Prescriptions for Wastewater Treatment for the affected area.
  - ✓ The applicant proposes **new** Prescriptions for Wastewater Treatment for the affected area.
- Another entity proposes the extension of sewer service to an area lying entirely within the established facility planning area(s).
  - The proposed extension is consistent with the current Prescriptions for Wastewater Treatment for the affected area.
  - The proposed extension is not consistent with the current Prescriptions for Wastewater Treatment for the affected area.
  - The applicant proposes new Prescriptions for Wastewater Treatment for the affected area.

### **Plant Expansion Review (if applicable)**

- The application involves a plant capacity expansion that **is** consistent with extant population projections included in the Clean Water 2000 Plan as most recently updated.
- The application involves a plant capacity expansion that **is not** consistent with extant population projections included in the Clean Water 2000 Plan as most recently updated.
  - The applicant **has** provided information that **has** sufficiently resolved any population project discrepancy.
  - The applicant **has not** provided information that sufficiently resolved the population projection discrepancy.

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<sup>1</sup> Prescriptions for Wastewater Treatment are referred to as Community Plans for Wastewater Treatment in the *Clean Water 2000* plan.

**Staff Comments:**

The Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works (CCDPW) is requesting FPA Boundary and Prescription changes in Olmsted Township to allow for the extension of a 4,270 LF 18-inch diameter gravity sewer to connect of homes with antiquated, failing and/or malfunctioning home sewage treatment systems (HSTSs) to a publicly owned sewer system. This project will eliminate existing off-lot outlets form HSTS to storm water ditches and natural drainage channels in the area.

CCDPW is requesting an FPA boundary modification along the west side of Fitch Road for nine parcels (29.42 acres); removing the parcels from the North Olmsted FPA and adding them to the NEORSD – Southwest FPA. CCDPW is also requesting that the Prescriptions for these parcels be changed from “Limited Sewers Expect Within 20 Years” to “Sewers Expected Within 20 Years.”

CCDPW is also requesting an FPA boundary modification along the east side of Fitch Road for 27 parcels (41.51 acres); the parcels are currently not within an FPA (No FPA) and would be added to the NEORSD – Southwest FPA. CCDPW is also requesting that the Prescriptions for these parcels be changed from “Areas Served by On-Site Systems” to “Sewers Expected Within 20 Years.”

Attachment B includes a map of the Current FPA Boundaries and Prescriptions. Attachment C includes a map of the Proposed FPA Boundary and Prescription changes.

The gravity sewer extension will be connected to a NEORSD sewer that has sufficient conveyance capacity and will be treated by the NEORSD Southerly WWP that also has sufficient treatment capacity.

CCDPW requested letters of support from North Olmsted, NEORSD and Olmsted Township on November 22, 2023. Olmsted Township provided a letter of support. Letters of support and/or signed NOACA acknowledgment forms have been submitted by NEORSD, North Olmsted and the requirements *Clean Water 2020* (Attachment D).

The Cuyahoga County Board of Health provided a letter of support for the FPA Boundary and Prescription changes; the letter referenced Fecal Coliform sampling records that exceeded 1.3 million cfu/100mL (Nuisance Conditions = 5,000 cfu/100mL) in 2008.

**Development Impacts:**

The modification request is to provide sewer service to existing residential development.

**Staff Disposition:**

Staff recommends approval of the proposed FPA Boundary and Prescription Modifications in Olmsted Township to allow the CCDPW to extend a 4,270 LF 18-inch diameter gravity sewer to connect of homes with antiquated, failing and/or malfunctioning home sewage treatment systems (HSTSs) to a publicly owned sewer

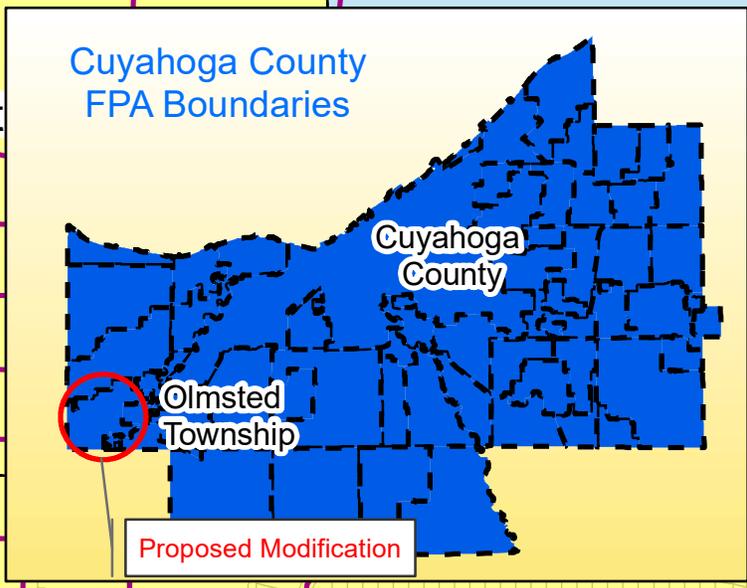
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**Water Quality Subcommittee Disposition:**

Action Item for December 15, 2023, meeting

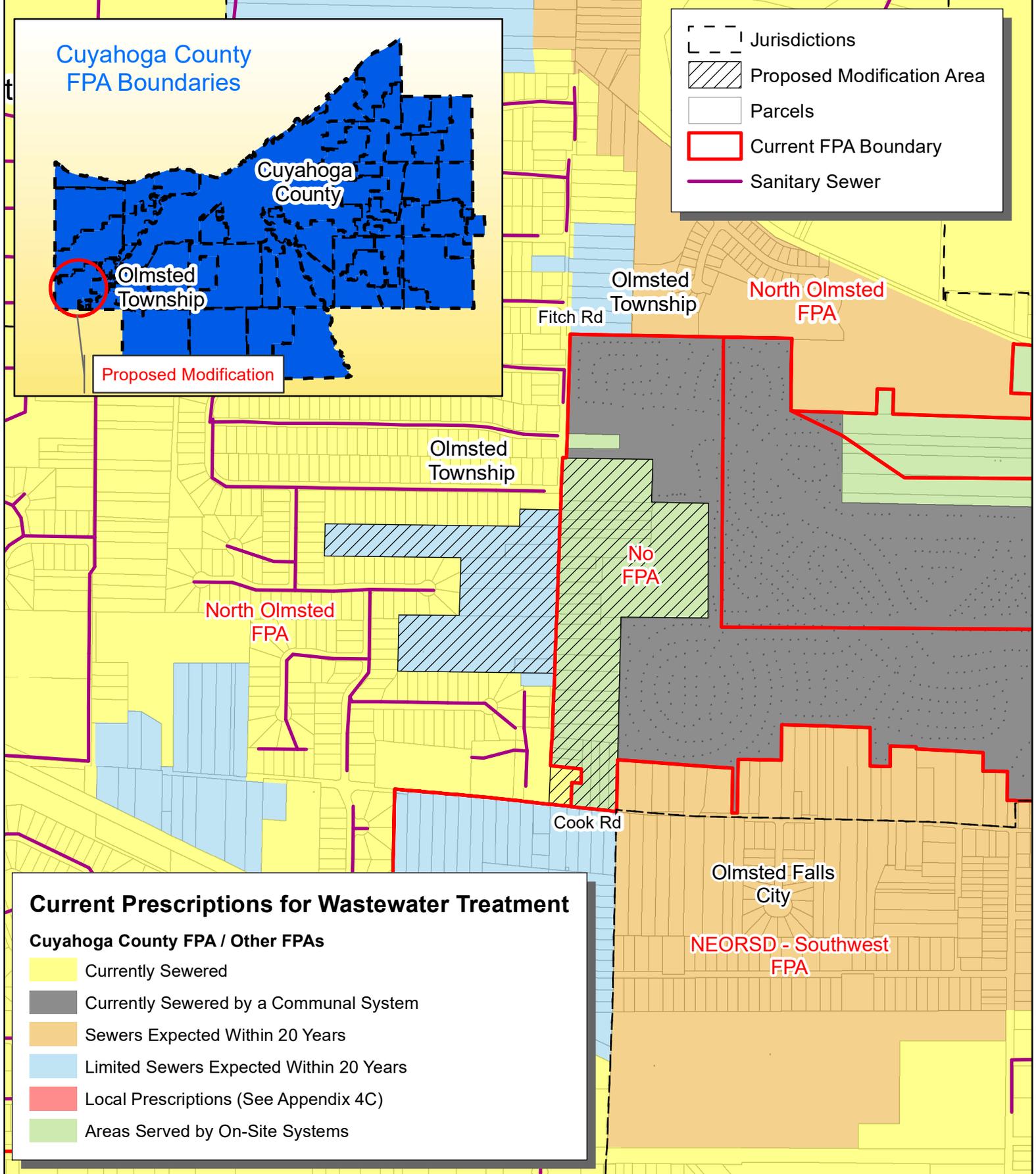
**Planning and Programming Committee Disposition:**

**ATTACHMENT B: CURRENT FACILITY PLANNING AREA (FPA) BOUNDARY AND PRESCRIPTIONS FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT FOR OLMSTED TOWNSHIP, CUYAHOGA COUNTY**



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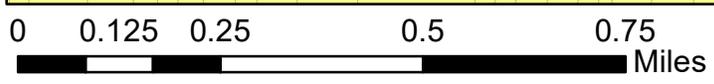
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**Current Prescriptions for Wastewater Treatment**

**Cuyahoga County FPA / Other FPAs**

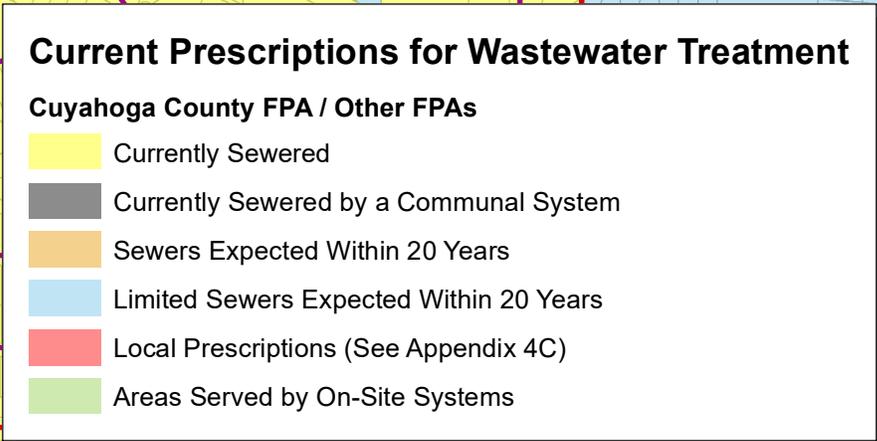
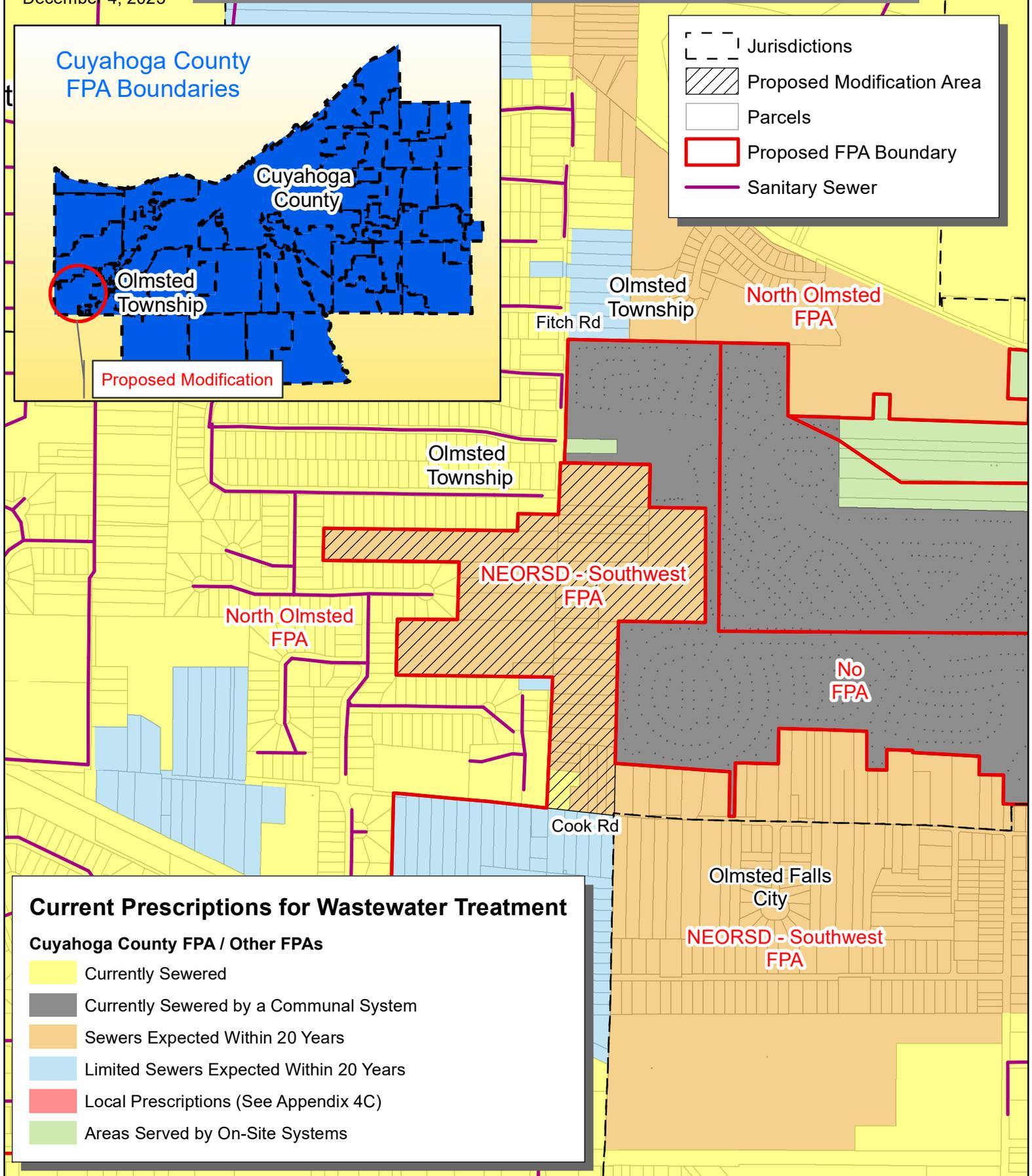
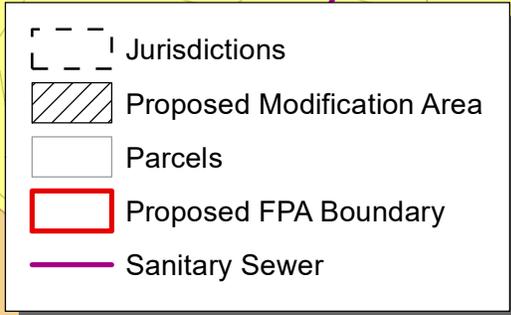
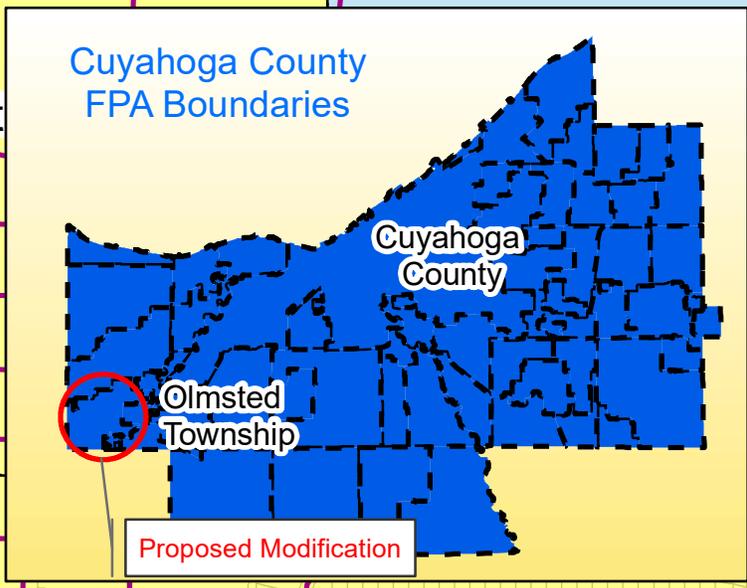
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December 4, 2023

# ATTACHMENT C: PROPOSED FACILITY PLANNING AREA (FPA) BOUNDARY AND PRESCRIPTIONS FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT FOR OLMSTED TOWNSHIP, CUYAHOGA COUNTY



Attachment D

**TO:** Ms. Kyle Dreyfuss-Wells, Chief Executive Officer  
 Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District  
 3900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115

**FROM:** Ms. Laura Weber, P.E., Chief Section Engineer, Sanitary  
 Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works  
 2079 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44115

**DATE:** November 22, 2023

**RE:** **FPA Boundary Modification Request – Fitch Road north of Cook Road, Olmsted Township, Cuyahoga County**

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Kyle Dreyfuss-Wells, CEO  
 Authorized Signature and Title

Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District  
 Agency Name

11/30/23  
 Date

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**TO:** Mayor Nicole Dailey Jones, City of North Olmsted  
5200 Dover Center Road, North Olmsted, Ohio 44070

**FROM:** Ms. Laura Weber, P.E., Chief Section Engineer, Sanitary  
Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works  
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*Support the requested change contingent on the approval by the North Olmsted City*

*Council.*



, Mayor

Authorized Signature and Title

City of North Olmsted

Agency Name



Date

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**TO:** Olmsted Township Trustees  
7900 Fitch Road, Olmsted Township, OH 44138

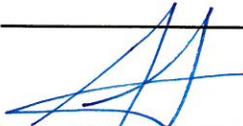
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TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR  
Authorized Signature and Title  
GARY VELENOSKY

OLMSTED TOWNSHIP  
Agency Name

11/27/23  
Date

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# CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

YOUR TRUSTED SOURCE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION

November 22, 2023

Attn: Mrs. Laura Weber  
Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works  
2079 East Ninth Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Re: Letter of Support for ODOD grant application

Dear Laura,

I queried the area of Fitch Rd. that your department is interested in the installation of a sanitary sewer. Specifically, I looked at the section of Fitch Rd. north of Cook Rd. up to the North Olmsted line. The majority of the household sewage treatment systems within the proposed project area are of antiquated design with many being documented as known failures.

I believe there are approximately 54 homes within the aforementioned area of Fitch Rd. There are 19 systems (35%) that are documented as failing and incapable of treating the wastewater generated from these homes. There are an additional 11 homes whose systems are from the 1950's or earlier (date of install listed as "unknown"). These 11 systems have not been fully evaluated by our department but due to their age and design can all be assumed to be in failure. Including these homes with the documented failures, the total number of failing systems is now at 55%. The majority of the systems left within the project area were installed in the 70's, 80's, and 90's. It's likely that many of these systems are nearing a point of failure or compromised in their ability to properly treat the wastewater generated from these homes. There are only 4 systems within the project area that have been installed in the 2000's.

The limited number of effluent samples collected within this project area emphasize the degree to which many of these antiquated systems are failing. For instance, a Fecal Coliform sample collected on August 18, 2008 had a reading of 1,378,788 cfu/100mL (A nuisance condition for this parameter is 5,000 cfu/100mL) Additionally, a sample collected on July 24, 2008 had a reading of 766,667 cfu/100mL. Lastly, a sample collected on June 11, 2013 had a reading of 146,667 cfu/100mL. Although there is not sampling data for all the systems within the scope of the project area, it can be assumed that systems of similar age and design are generating similar results.



Roderick Harris, DrPH Health Commissioner

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# CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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Having worked in the proposed project area for some time and seeing the conditions present in the receiving streams, the need for sanitary sewer is indisputable. The positive impact that this sewer could have on the natural environment for this area of Olmsted Township as well as the public health environment for the community would be significant. Having said this, Olmsted Township along with the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works, and Chagrin Valley Engineering has the full support of this office for this grant application. It is our hope that this application be received and accepted and the community of Olmsted Township be rewarded as a worthy recipient for a portion of this funding.

Respectfully,



Mike Sekerak REHS  
Program Manager  
Environmental Health Services



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**NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY  
M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** NOACA Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director, and Chief Executive Officer  
**DATE:** January 26, 2024  
**RE:** **Geauga County FPA - Village of Burton FPA - Boundary and Prescription Modifications in Burton Township**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

The Executive Committee is asked to consider recommending this item for placement on the Board of Director’s March 2024 meeting agenda. Specifically, the item will modify the facility planning area (FPA) boundary and prescriptions for six parcels (43.18 acres) in Burton Township to reflect current sewer conditions and an updated Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) agreement. The Village of Burton FPA boundary will be amended to include one parcel along Kinsman Rd, west of the Village of Burton in Burton Township; two parcels along Bigelow Rd, west of the Village of Burton in Burton Township; and three parcels along Claridon Troy Rd, north of the Village of Burton in Burton Township.

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION**

The Geauga County Department of Water Resources (GCDWR) proposes FPA boundary and prescriptions for wastewater (prescriptions) modifications to the Village of Burton FPA to reflect current sewer conditions and an updated JEDD agreement. NOACA staff has reviewed the FPA Modification Request and has performed its 208 Plan Consistency Review (Attachment A).

According to the GCDWR modification request packet, the six parcels will be transferred from the Geauga County FPA into the Village of Burton FPA. Additionally, the applicant requests prescriptions changes for three parcels along Kinsman and Bigelow Rd. from “No Sewer Service” to “May be Sewered” and three parcels along Claridon Troy Rd from “No Sewer Service” and “May Be Sewered” to “Existing Sewers.” See Attachment B for a map of current conditions and Attachment C for the resulting changes from the proposed modifications.

GCDWR has met with Burton Village and submitted a signed map demonstrating agreement on the boundary and prescription modifications (Attachment D). The signed map and letter of support fulfill the 208 Plan notification requirements.

***Development Impacts***

An updated JEDD will guide development.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact to NOACA.

## **CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

Pending Board approval, NOACA staff will submit the FPA boundary and prescriptions modifications to Ohio EPA.

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**Attachment A:** FPA Amendment Request Form and 208 Plan Consistency Review

**Attachment B:** Current FPA Boundaries and Prescriptions in Burton Township

**Attachment C:** Proposed FPA Boundaries and Prescriptions in Burton Township

**Attachment D:** Support Documents from the Village of Burton and Burton Township



## Attachment A Facility Planning Area (FPA) Amendment Request Form

**Applicant:**

Geauga County Department of Water Resources (GCDWR) – Primary DMA

**FPA Amendment Type:**

The applicant requests an FPA boundary change to the Burton Village FPA and prescriptions changes to six parcels located in Burton Township to reflect current sewers and an updated JEDD agreement.

**Location:**

One parcel along Kinsman Road, west of the Village of Burton in Burton Township; two parcels along Bigelow Road, west of the Village of Burton in Burton Township; three parcels along Claridon Troy Road, north of the Village of Burton in Burton Township.

**FPA Boundary:**

Transfer six parcels (43.18 acres) from Geauga County FPA to the Village of Burton FPA

**Prescriptions Change Summary:**

The applicant would like to change the prescriptions for the parcels along Kinsman Road (1) and Bigelow Road (2) from “No Sewer Service” to “May be Sewered.”

The applicant would like to change the prescriptions for the three parcels along Claridon Troy Road from “No Sewer Service” and “May Be Sewered” to “Existing Sewers.”

**Total Acres:**

43.18 acres

**Total Parcels:**

Parcel ID	Address	Current Designation	Requested Designation	Comments
05-045320	13483 Kinsman Rd	No Sewer Service	May Be Sewered	Added by JEDD Agreement
05-045319	14673 Bigelow Rd	No Sewer Service	May Be Sewered	Added by JEDD Agreement

05-045318	14655 Bigelow Rd	No Sewer Service	May Be Sewered	Added by JEDD Agreement
04-707238	14220 Claridon Troy Rd	No Sewer Service	Existing Sewers	Updated for Actual Condition
04-705300	14220 Claridon Troy Rd	No Sewer Service	Existing Sewers	Updated for Actual Condition
04-124000	14219 Claridon Troy Rd	May Be Sewered	Existing Sewers	Updated for Actual Condition

**List of Affected Parties:**

Village of Burton, Burton Township and Geauga County

## **208 Plan Consistency Review**

### **Facility Planning Area Review - Applicant Needs to Solicit Support from Affected Parties**

- Applicant is the Designated Management Agency for all of the affected area.
- ✓ Applicant is not the Designated Management Agency for all or part of the affected area
  - ✓ Applicant **has** secured the approval of the entity or entities that are.
  - Applicant **has not** secured the approval of the entity or entities that are.

### **Service Extension/Community Plan Review – Amendment should be Consistent with the Prescriptions for Wastewater Treatment<sup>1</sup>**

- Applicant **does not** propose the extension of any sewer service.
  - The proposed project is limited to sewer system rehabilitation work.
  - The proposed project is limited to a plant expansion or modification to better handle wet weather flow volumes
- ✓ Applicant **does** propose the extension of sewer service to an area lying entirely within the established facility planning area of the project sponsor.
  - The proposed extension **is** consistent with the current Prescriptions for Wastewater Treatment for the affected area.
  - The proposed extension **is not** consistent with the current Prescriptions for Wastewater Treatment for the affected area.
  - ✓ The applicant proposes **new** Prescriptions for Wastewater Treatment for the affected area.
- Another entity proposes the extension of sewer service to an area lying entirely within the established facility planning area(s).
  - The proposed extension is consistent with the current Prescriptions for Wastewater Treatment for the affected area.
  - The proposed extension is not consistent with the current Prescriptions for Wastewater Treatment for the affected area.
  - The applicant proposes new Prescriptions for Wastewater Treatment for the affected area.

### **Plant Expansion Review (if applicable)**

- The application involves a plant capacity expansion that **is** consistent with extant population projections included in the Clean Water 2000 Plan as most recently updated.
- The application involves a plant capacity expansion that **is not** consistent with extant population projections included in the Clean Water 2000 Plan as most recently updated.
  - The applicant **has** provided information that **has** sufficiently resolved any population project discrepancy.
  - The applicant **has not** provided information that sufficiently resolved the population projection discrepancy.

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<sup>1</sup> Prescriptions for Wastewater Treatment are referred to as Community Plans for Wastewater Treatment in the *Clean Water 2000* plan.

**Staff Comments:**

These FPA boundary and prescription modifications match current conditions and an updated JEDD agreement and are supported by all parties.

**Development Impacts:**

FPA modification request is not for new development so the development impact policy does not apply.

**Staff Disposition:**

Staff recommends approval of the proposed FPA boundary and prescription modifications for six parcels within Burton Township to reflect current sewers and an updated JEDD agreement.

**Water Quality Subcommittee Disposition:**

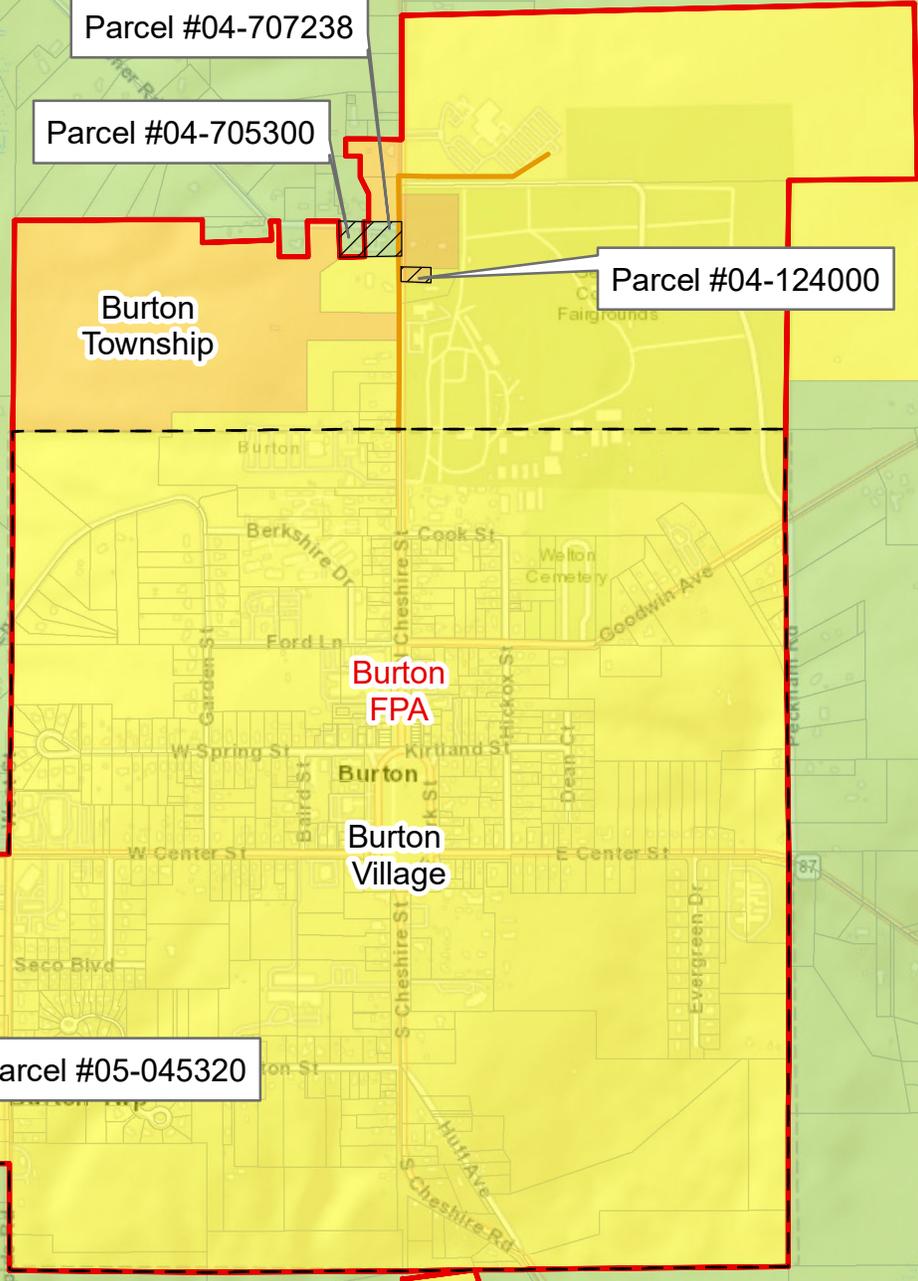
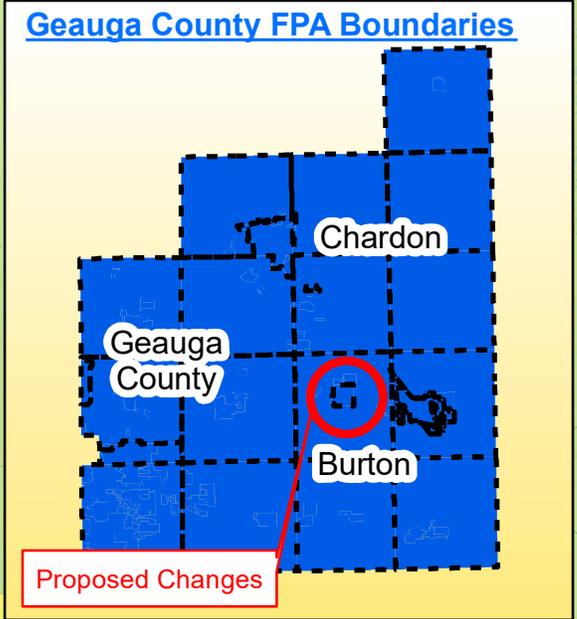
Action Item for December 15, 2023, meeting

**Planning and Programming Committee Disposition:**



December 1, 2023

# ATTACHMENT B: CURRENT FACILITY PLANNING AREA (FPA) BOUNDARY AND PRESCRIPTIONS FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT IN THE VILLAGE OF BURTON, GEauga COUNTY



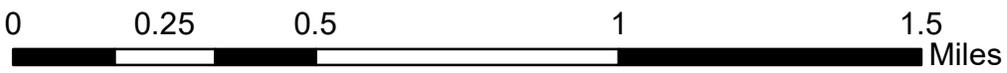
- Current FPA Boundary
- Jurisdictions
- Parcels
- Proposed Modification Areas
- Sewer Line

**Current Prescriptions for Wastewater Treatment**

**Geauga County FPA / Other FPAs**

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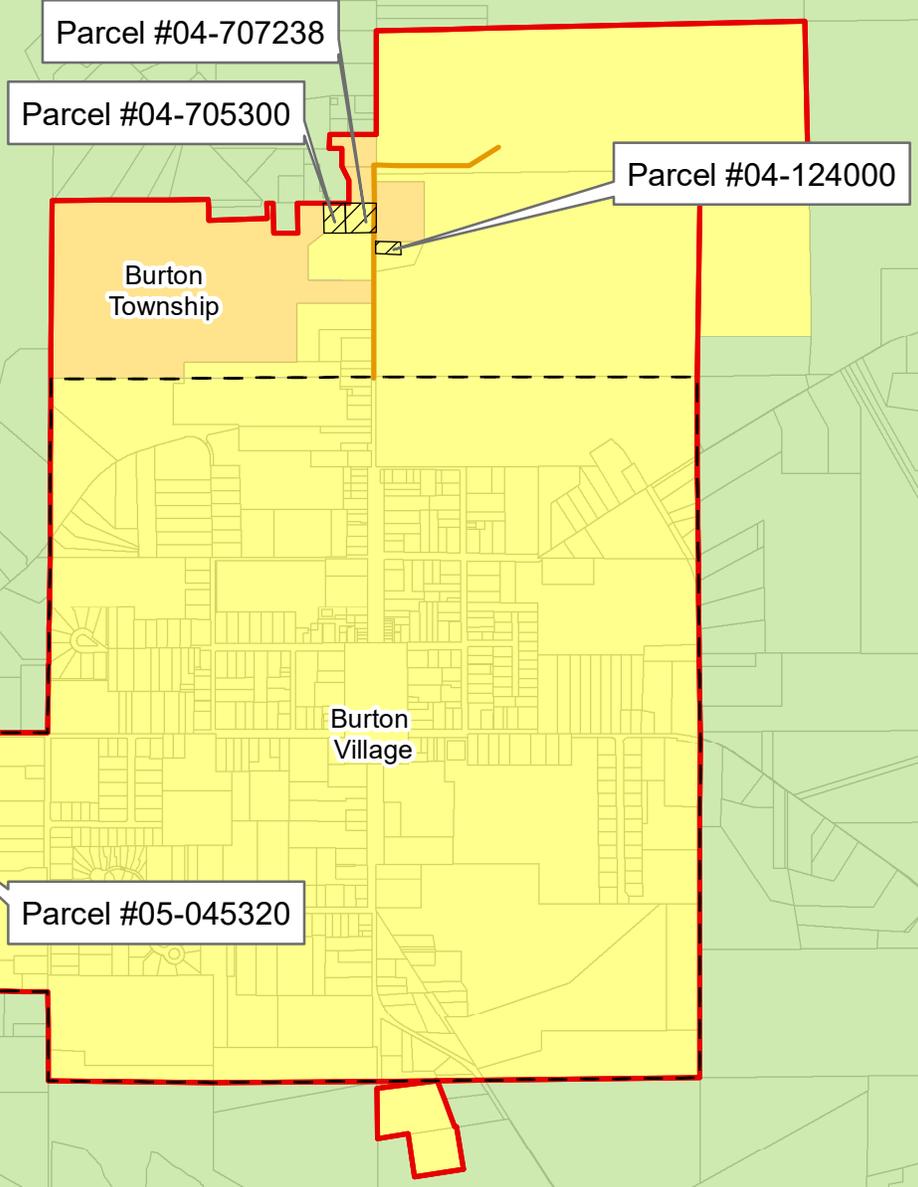
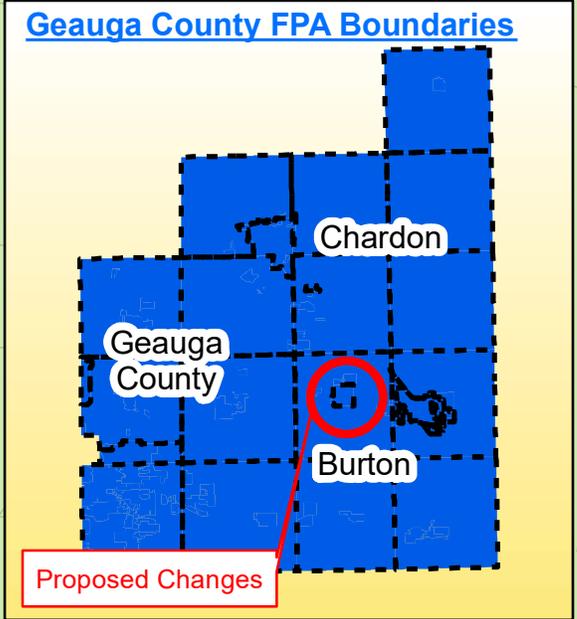
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December 1, 2023

# ATTACHMENT C: PROPOSED FACILITY PLANNING AREA (FPA) BOUNDARY AND PRESCRIPTIONS FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT IN THE VILLAGE OF BURTON, GEauga COUNTY

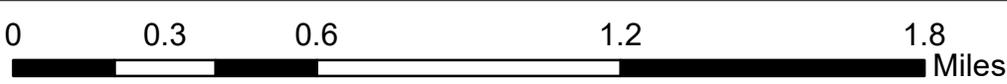


- Jurisdictions
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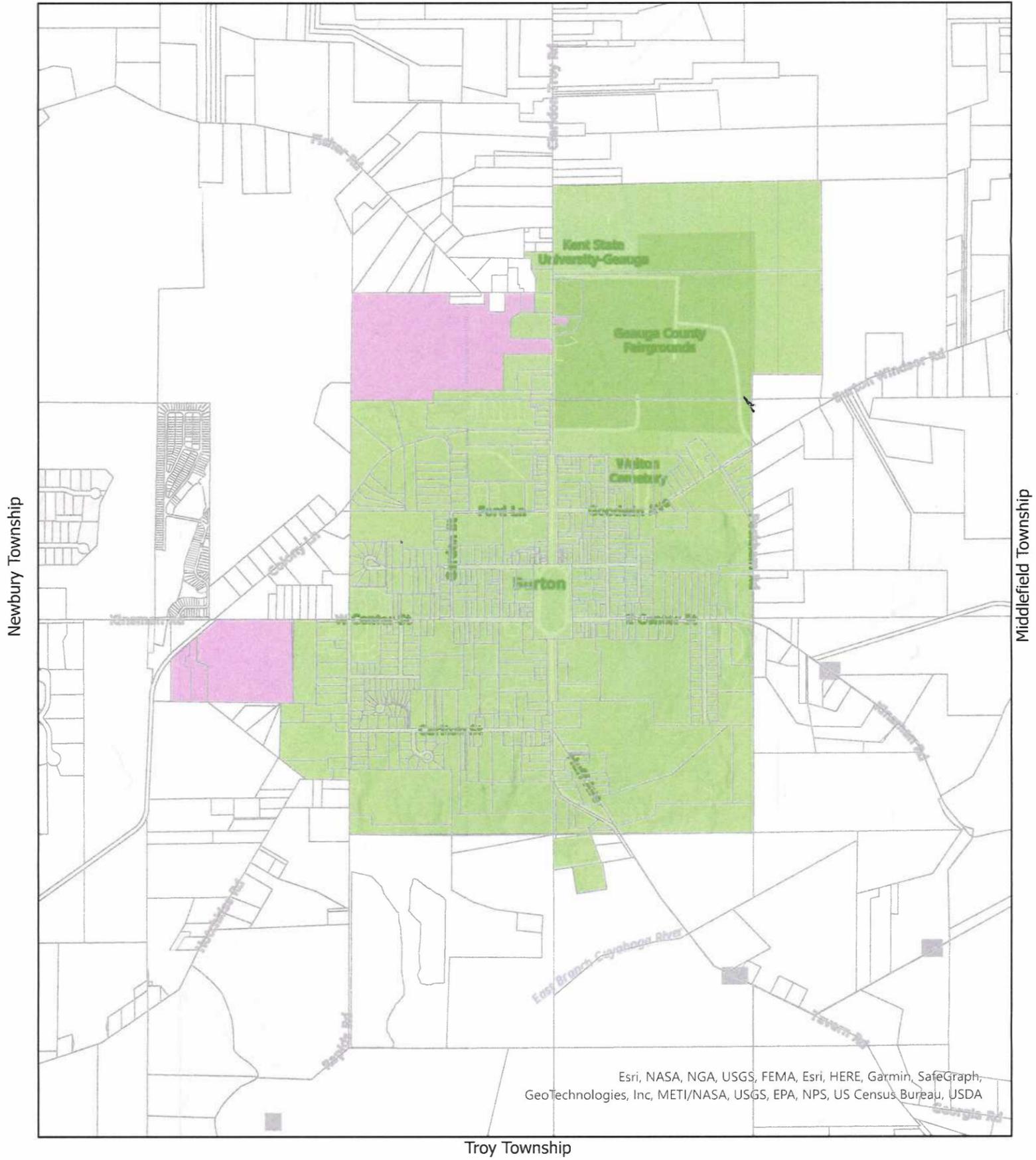
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# 208 Facilities Planning Area Burton Village Geauga County

Claridon Township



Esri, NASA, NGA, USGS, FEMA, Esri, HERE, Garmin, SafeGraph, GeoTechnologies, Inc, METI/NASA, USGS, EPA, NPS, US Census Bureau, USDA



## PRESCRIPTIONS FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT

- Burton Village, Existing Sewers
- Burton Village, May Be Sewered
- Burton Village, No Service

Approved by BPA  
 this 24 day of October, 2023  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_, BPA Chairman

Accepted by Burton Village  
 this 26 day of October, 2023  
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 Ruth Spanos, Mayor

Adopted by the Geauga County Board of Commissioners  
 this 14 day of November, 2023  
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 James W. Dvorak, Commissioner  
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 Timothy C. Lennon, Commissioner  
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 Ralph Spidalieri, Commissioner

This map has been produced in compliance with Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency Water Quality Management (208) plan for Northeast Ohio.

Map produced by:  
Geauga County Department of Water Resources October 3rd, 2023



# GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

James W. Dvorak   Timothy C. Lennon   Ralph Spidalieri

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470 Center Street, Building 4 • 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Suite 350 • Chardon, Ohio 44024

*November 14, 2023*

*Nicholas Gorris, P.E., Director  
Department of Water Resources  
12611 Ravenwood Dr., Suite 390  
Chardon, OH 44024*

*Dear Mr. Gorris:*

*Please be advised that during session on November 14, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners took the following action:*

*Motion:           by Commissioner Lennon, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute the 208 Facilities Planning Area for Burton Village for corrected boundary area due to most recent annexations along with updated individual parcel prescriptions.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Lennon</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Very truly yours,*

  
*Christine Blair*  
*Commissioners' Clerk*

**Village of Burton**  
14588 West Park Street  
P.O. Box 408  
Burton, Ohio 44021  
Phone: 440-834-4474  
Fax: 440-834-1446  
villageofburton@sbcglobal.net



June 1, 2023

Dear Geauga County Department of Water Resources,

The Village of Burton Council approved the Utilities Supervisor, Jake Neill, to update the 208 Sewer Plan and assist the county with needed updates.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

*Ruth V. Spanos*  
Ruth V. Spanos  
Mayor



Attachment D  
**GEAUGA COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

James W. Dvorak      Timothy C. Lennon      Ralph Spidalieri

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

12611 Ravenwood Drive • Suite 390 • Chardon, Ohio 44024-9340

**TO:**            Burton Township Trustees  
                  14821 Rapids Road  
                  Burton, OH 44021

**FROM:**        Nicholas J. Gorris, PE  
                  Sanitary Engineer / Director

**DATE:**        **December 4, 2023**

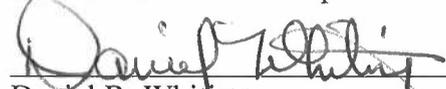
**RE:**            **Village of Burton – FPA Modification**

*12/4/2023*

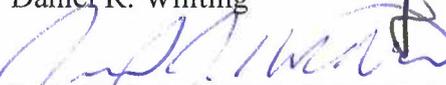
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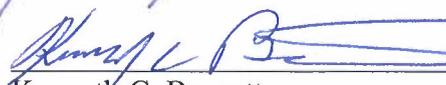
For the Burton Township Trustees:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel R. Whiting

YES  
Vote

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jarred J. Miller

YES  
Vote

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kenneth C. Burnett

YES  
Vote

12/4/2023  
Date



**NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY  
M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** NOACA Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director, and Chief Executive Officer  
**DATE:** January 26, 2024  
**RE:** **NOACA 2023 Title VI Program**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

The Executive Committee is asked to consider recommending this item for placement on the Board of Directors' March 8 agenda. The 2023 Title VI Program update is necessary to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other nondiscrimination statutes, plus current federal and state regulations, and program directives.

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION**

The Federal Transit Administration requires recipients of FTA funds to update their Title VI Programs every three years. The NOACA Board approved the current Title VI Program in December 2020. The program describes how NOACA complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national origin. NOACA's program also addresses other nondiscrimination statutes in U.S. law, including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Finally, NOACA's program addresses Executive Orders pertaining to Environmental Justice for minority and low-income populations, and to public outreach for limited English Proficiency populations.

The 2023 Title VI Program provides updates to the 2020 program. Items covered in this document continue to include:

- A NOACA Title VI public notice in English and Spanish and posted prominently on the agency's website and in the building
- Complaint and appeals procedures in English and Spanish along with a detailed complaint form
- Better defined processes using socioeconomic data and mapping to determine how NOACA's projects benefit Environmental Justice populations
- A commitment to reach out to the Latino community through social service agencies and news outlets, in consultation with the Community Advisory Council
- A description of NOACA's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) policy, which conforms to ODOT's DBE goals per U.S. DOT requirements
- A summary of NOACA's Public Interaction Policy and Public Participation Plan, both of which outline specific steps regarding outreach to Title VI and Environmental Justice populations
- A description of the NOACA Diversity and Inclusion Policy and its component policies
- An update on staff training pertaining to Title VI, Environmental Justice and nondiscrimination in planning

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact. The full draft document is available [here](#).

## **CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

Pending Board approval, the NOACA 2023 Title VI Program will be forwarded to appropriate state and federal authorities.

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## TRAVEL OPTIONS FOR NOACA MEETINGS

### LOCATION

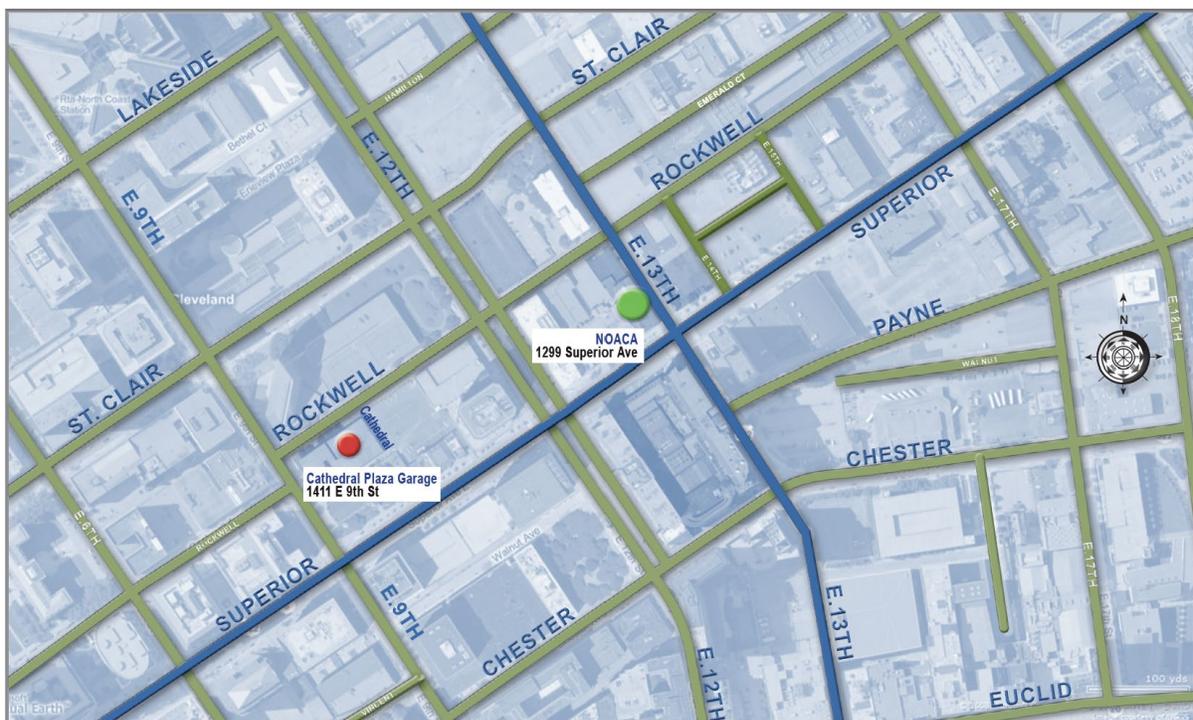
- NOACA is conveniently located in Cleveland's central business district at 1299 Superior Avenue, on the NW corner of Superior and E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

### TRANSIT & BICYCLE TRAVEL TO NOACA

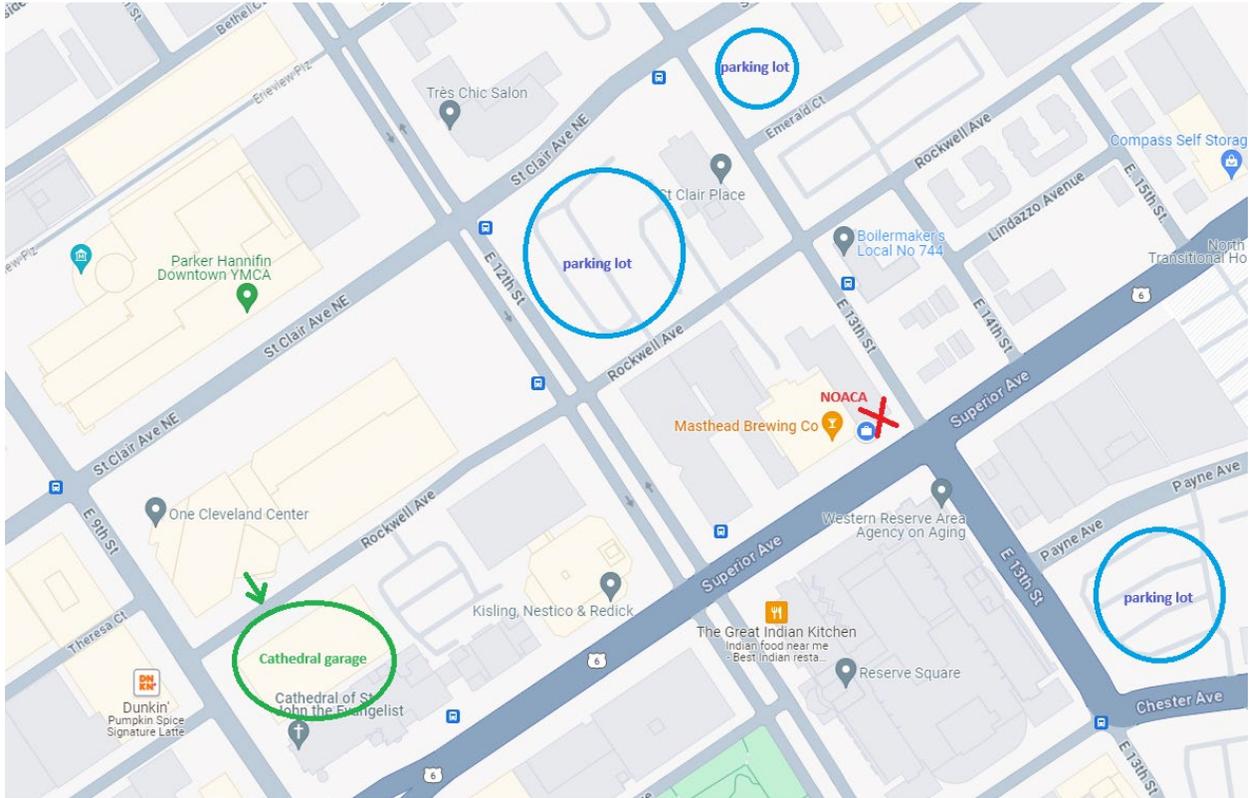
- NOACA is accessible by transit and bike.
  - The NOACA office building is situated on several major and minor bus routes. You can plan your transit trip to NOACA by using trip planner tools or with information provided by the region's public transit agencies:
    - [GCRTA Trip Planner](#)
    - [Geauga 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

NOACA can provide vouchers for parking in the garage on the north side of St. John's Cathedral, accessible from Rockwell Ave. just off of E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Upon arrival to the NOACA building, please request a voucher from the receptionist.



- Parking meters along both sides of E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street between Superior and Rockwell Avenues. Please heed parking signs and note morning restriction on the east side of E. 13th. Payment may be made at these meters with quarters or by using the ParkMobile mobile device application.
- Other parking options in the vicinity of the NOACA office building include the following surface lots:



### **TRAVEL ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION**

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