



NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: March 4, 2016

RE: **Resolution 2016-007 – Project Planning Reviews for 3rd Quarter State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2016**

ACTION REQUESTED

The Board of Directors is asked to approve projects proposed for 3rd Quarter SFY 2016 to acknowledge that they have successfully completed project planning review (PPR).

The Transportation Subcommittee and Planning and Programming Committee recommend this action.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION

Attached is a list of the proposed projects that were presented to the NOACA Transportation Subcommittee (TS) at its December 18, 2015 meeting, the NOACA Planning and Programming Committee at its January 29, 2016 meeting and to the NOACA Executive Committee at its February 12, 2016 meeting in accordance with the PPR process.

NOACA's Regional Transportation Investment Policy (Resolution 2015-015) 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 components: staff review, committee review, intergovernmental review and consultation (IGRC), and public involvement. The end product of PPR is a Board resolution that certifies that the project has had thorough review, allowing the project to proceed to the programming stages of the planning process.

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. A link to the PPRs is included on the home page by clicking the 'Comment of Projects' button. Staff adds 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. The proposed projects have completed project planning review consistent with NOACA's planning requirements.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

Following Board approval, project sponsors will be notified that their project has completed PPR. NOACA staff will work with project sponsors to address any planning issues identified during PPR prior to amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

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Attachment: 3rd Quarter PPR Project List

Resolution No. 2016-007 SFY 2016 3rd Quarter Project Planning Review Projects

3/4/2016

Primary Work Category	PID No.	County	Sponsor	Project Name	Project Description	Total Cost	SFY
Study	102011	Cuyahoga	Beachwood	CUY US422-10.87	Interchange modification study (IMS) and environmental document for preliminary development (PE-Env.) of the Interchange at Chagrin Boulevard and IR-271, in Beachwood. The preparation of an IMS is a key component of determining the allowable scope of improvements along Chagrin Boulevard.	\$665,032	2016
Safety (Planning Study)	102053	Cuyahoga	ODOT	CUY 17/94/480 10.78/10.05/13.96 (Study and PE-Env)	Planning study to confirm recommended improvements to reduce crashes and improve traffic flow along State Road (SR-94), between Brookpark Road (SR-17) and the IR-480 interchange, in Cleveland and Parma. The purpose of the study is to identify a preferred alternate for implementation on a subsequent project.	\$250,000	2016
Safety	102054	Cuyahoga	ODOT	CUY 17/94/480 10.78/10.05/13.96 (PEDD, RW, CO)	Highway Safety Improvement Project to improve traffic flow and reduce crashes on State Road (SR-94) by adding a westbound (WB) right-turn only lane to Brookpark Road (SR-17), lengthening turn-slot storage on the I-480 WB exit to State Road and reconfiguring the travel lanes on State Road, between Brookpark Road and Ralph Avenue/Burger Avenue, for better lane continuity.	\$2,564,920	DD - 2017 RW - 2018 C - 2019
Bridge		Lorain	Lorain County Engineer	LOR VERMONT ST	Replace bridge on Vermont Street (TR-62), over Crow Creek, in Penfield Township.	\$650,000	PLAN

TOTAL \$4,129,952

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-007
(PROJECT PLANNING REVIEWS
for 3rd QUARTER SFY 2016)**

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

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

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States, through law, and the U.S. Department of Transportation, through regulation, have determined that a long-range transportation plan and a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that include federal-aid transportation projects expected to be implemented during their time frames shall be prepared; and

WHEREAS, the NOACA's Regional Transportation Investment Policy (Resolution No. 2015-015) requires that all proposed federal-aid transportation projects be processed through project planning review in order to meet transportation plan goals and federal requirements; and

WHEREAS, project planning review consists of staff technical and policy assessment, committee review, public involvement, and Intergovernmental Review and Consultation; and

WHEREAS, the following projects have been processed through project planning review:

- a) Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT): CUY 17/94/480 10.78/10.05/13.96 (Study and PE-Env): PID No. 102053 - Planning study to confirm recommended improvements to reduce crashes and improve traffic flow along State Road (SR-94), between Brookpark Road (SR-17) and the IR-480 interchange, in Cleveland and Parma. The purpose of the study is to identify a preferred alternate for implementation on a subsequent project.
- b) Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT): CUY 17/94/480 10.78/10.05/13.96 (PEDD, RW, CO): PID No. 102054 - Highway Safety Improvement Project to improve traffic flow and reduce crashes on State Road (SR-94) by adding a westbound (WB) right-turn only lane to Brookpark Road (SR-17), lengthening turn-slot storage on the I-480 WB exit to State Road and reconfiguring the travel lanes on State Road, between Brookpark Road and Ralph Avenue/Burger Avenue, for better lane continuity.
- c) City of Beachwood: CUY US422 -10.87 - The City of Beachwood was awarded Safety and Congestion Program funding to perform an interchange modification study (IMS) and environmental document for preliminary development (PE-Env.) of the Interchange at Chagrin Boulevard and IR-271, in Beachwood. The preparation of an IMS is a key component of determining the allowable scope of improvements along Chagrin Boulevard.
- d) Lorain County Engineer: LOR VERMONT ST - The proposed project involves replacing the bridge on Vermont Street (CR-62), over Crow Creek, in Penfield Township.

WHEREAS, the project planning reviews may contain recommendations that require project sponsor attention or action; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that the project sponsors will, in good faith, endeavor to address comments and recommendations and will provide evidence of such, prior to the projects advancing; and

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WHEREAS, the above project planning reviews were recommended by the Transportation Subcommittee, the Planning and Programming Committee and the Executive Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, consisting of 45 principal officials serving general purpose local governments throughout and within the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina that:

Section 1: The projects in attachment 1 have successfully completed project planning review. The project planning reviews are a part of the projects' permanent record, and will be used in future programming and prioritization decisions. The projects are not subject to additional planning review unless there are significant changes in scope or finances, as determined by the appropriate committee.

Section 2: The project sponsors must endeavor to comply with any recommendations that have occurred as a result of the project planning review and will provide evidence of such in coordination meetings with NOACA staff. NOACA staff will report back to appropriate NOACA committees and the Board regarding the coordination meetings.

Section 3: The Executive Director is authorized to transmit certified copies of this resolution to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency adopted this 11th day of March 2016.

Secretary: _____

Valerie H. Hall
3/11/16

Date Signed: _____