



## NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** NOACA Board of Directors

**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

**DATE:** June 3, 2016

**RE: Resolution 2016-020; Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) Grant Recommendations**

#### **ACTION REQUESTED**

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the proposed recommended Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) planning and implementation grant projects.

The Planning and Programming Committee recommended this action.

#### **BACKGROUND**

NOACA's Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) Program provides federal funding assistance to communities and public agencies to contract for the planning of transportation improvements that help advance NOACA's strategic goals. The program provides support to explore innovative concepts and plans through a comprehensive, community-based planning process, leading to the construction of projects that improve multimodal transportation across the region. Projects identified through funded studies and plans are expected to lead to the development and construction of projects that can secure funding, and/or compete at the regional level for capital funds through NOACA's regional transportation investment process. The TLCI program has provided assistance to communities and public agencies for planning that strengthens community livability since 2006.

The NOACA Board adopted TLCI Policy supports funding for planning grants to support activities that facilitate and promote sustainable development, multimodal transportation, and complete and green streets. The policy also established funding of implementation grants to fund the construction of low-cost, programmatic multimodal transportation improvements recommended in completed TLCI planning studies or other locally completed plans and studies.

An application round was opened for both planning and implementation projects on November 20, 2015. On January 29, 2016, NOACA received 31 applications: 15 planning grant applications totaling over \$1.1 million in requested funding and 16 implementation grant applications totaling over \$2.8 million in requested funding. All applications were evaluated based on the criteria established in the TLCI Policy. Projects recommendations are attached.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is \$1 million in available funding for the 2016 TLCI program. The TLCI program is funded by an annual set aside from NOACA's Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds during the development of NOACA's annual OWP and biennial TIP.

### **CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

NOACA staff will present recommended projects to the Committees and the Board, and work with project sponsors to implement the projects.

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**Attachment 1 – TLCI Planning Grant and Technical Assistance Recommendations**

**Attachment 2 – TLCI Implementation Grant Recommendations**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-020  
(TLCI GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS)**

**Attachment 1 – TLCI Planning Grant and Technical Assistance Recommendations**

<b>Recommended for Funding</b>					
<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Study Name</b>	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>NOACA Funding Requested</b>	<b>Local Funding Committed</b>	<b>Recommended Funding</b>
Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority	Irishtown Bend Redevelopment Plan	\$100,000	\$80,000	\$20,000	<b>\$80,000</b>
Cuyahoga County Planning Commission	Cuyahoga County Greenway	\$286,000	\$250,000	\$36,000	<b>\$125,000</b>
Lorain County Board of Commissioners	Lorain County Lakefront Connectivity Plan	\$88,000	\$86,000	\$2,000	<b>\$86,000</b>
Lorain County Board of Commissioners / Lorain County Transit	Lorain County Transit Redevelopment Plan	\$102,000	\$100,000	\$2,000	<b>\$100,000</b>
South Euclid	Mayfield Road Corridor Multi-City & Multi-Modal Transportation Plan	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0	<b>\$60,000</b>

<b>Recommended for Technical Assistance</b>					
<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Study Name</b>	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>NOACA Funding Requested</b>	<b>Local Funding Committed</b>	<b>Recommended Funding</b>
Cleveland	Franklin Boulevard Corridor Study	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$0	
Cleveland Metroparks	Emerald Necklace Trail Bicycle and Pedestrian Crossing Improvements Study	\$25,000	\$22,000	\$3,000	
Middlefield Village	Amish Buggy Lane Feasibility Study	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$0	
Olmsted Falls	Columbia Road/Main Street Intersection Enhancements	\$60,000	\$50,400	\$9,600	

**Attachment 2 – TLCI Implementation Grant Recommendations**

<b>Recommended for Funding</b>					
<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Study Name</b>	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>NOACA Funding Requested</b>	<b>Local Funding Committed</b>	<b>Recommended Funding</b>
Elyria	TLCI Implementation Grant, Downtown Elyria Revitalization and Connectivity	\$250,618	\$235,000	\$15,618	<b>\$235,000</b>
Laketran	Laketran multi-modal transfer center at Lakeland Community College in Lake County, OH	\$1,786,865	\$360,000	\$1,426,865	<b>254,000</b>
University Heights	Warrensville Center Road and Cedar Road Multimodal Transportation Plan	\$150,000	\$100,000	\$50,000	<b>\$100,000</b>

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**, NOACA's Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) Program provides federal funding assistance to communities and public agencies to contract for the planning of transportation improvements that help advance NOACA's long range plan; and

**WHEREAS**, to ensure the continued success of the program, the proposed TLCI policy continues to support funding for planning and implementation grants to support activities that facilitate and promote sustainable development, multimodal transportation, and complete and green streets; and

**WHEREAS**, in its approval of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Board of Directors approved up to \$1,000,000 in NOACA federal funds for the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) program for fiscal year 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, during November 2015 and January 2016 NOACA solicited for TLCI planning and implementation grant applications. NOACA staff evaluated the TLCI grant applications for recommendation of funding and the NOACA Technical Assistance Program; and

**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:** Projects and funding amounts contained in Attachment 1 and 2 are approved.

**Section 2:** The Executive Director is authorized to enter into contracts with appropriate entities, as needed, to implement the approved FY 2016 TLCI Planning Grant program and NOACA Technical Assistance Program.

**Section 3:** The Executive Director is authorized to transmit a certified copy 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 10th day of June 2016.

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
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