



NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: December 9, 2016

RE: Resolution 2016 – 033 NOACA 2017 Legislative Agenda

ACTION REQUESTED

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the proposed 2017 Legislative Agenda (draft attached). The External Affairs Committee recommended this action.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION

The NOACA Legislative Agenda is comprised of a platform of basic principals and specific priorities for advocacy efforts in Washington D.C. and Columbus. The NOACA Board of Directors approved the 2016 Legislative Agenda in December 2015.

NOACA staff has recommended that the Federal and State priorities of the 2016 Legislative Agenda remain intact for 2017 with no substantive changes, however, some language has been removed to streamline the document and other changes have been made to reflect updated data. The streamlining and language changes are indicated in the document draft.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no immediate financial impact.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

Upon the approval of the Board of Directors, staff will conduct advocacy and manage lobbying efforts in support of the 2017 Legislative Agenda.

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 City of Cleveland; and the areawide water quality management agency for the same region; and

WHEREAS, NOACA is responsible for transportation planning and transportation system performance management in accordance with federal law – the FAST Act.

WHEREAS, the resources needed to preserve and maintain the transportation system of the NOACA region currently far exceed the funds available to the region in aggregate.

WHEREAS, NOACA has developed a legislative agenda in kind that advocates for a transportation platform that is consistent with the NOACA vision as well as specific priorities to support the NOACA Asset Management Program for consideration by policy makers.

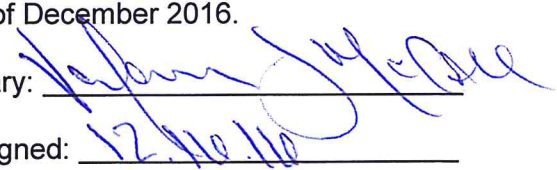
WHEREAS, NOACA's Executive Committee has recommended this resolution for adoption.

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 NOACA 2017 Legislative Agenda (Exhibit 1) is hereby endorsed.

Section 2. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of this Resolution and the Legislative Agenda to President Obama and Governor Kasich, plus all appropriate members of Congress, federal administration officials and state administration officials.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution of the Governing Board of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency adopted this 16th day of December 2016.

Secretary:  _____

Date Signed: 12.16.16