



NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY
MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: June 2, 2017

RE: **Resolution No. 2017-026; Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) Program Awards**

ACTION REQUESTED

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the proposed TLCI planning and implementation projects.

The Planning and Programming Committee recommends 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 October 14, 2016. On December 19, 2016, NOACA received 31 applications: 15 planning grant applications totaling over \$900,000 in requested funding and 17 implementation grant applications totaling over \$2.8 million in requested funding. All applications were evaluated based on the criteria established in the TLCI Policy. Project recommendations for both the planning and implementation grants are attached.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This action recommends \$2 million in available funding for the 2017 TLCI program to be awarded to the recommended projects. 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

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

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Attachment 1 – Recommended TLCI Planning Projects

Attachment 2 – Recommended TLCI Implementation Projects

Attachment 1 – Recommended TLCI Planning Projects

2017 TLCI Planning Grant Applications			
Project Sponsor / Agency Name	Study Name	Total Project Cost	NOACA Funding Requested
Recommended for Funding			
City of Cleveland/Midtown Cleveland	Carnegie Avenue Master Plan	\$85,000	\$60,000
Fairview Park	Fairview Park Lorain Road Corridor Study	\$80,000	\$80,000
Grafton	Envision Grafton: Smart Growth Through Transportation	\$60,000	\$45,000
Lakewood	Lake Avenue Bicycle Infrastructure Plan	\$30,000	\$30,000
Mayfield Heights	Mayfield Corridor Masterplan	\$80,000	\$64,000
MetroHealth Systems	Metrohealth Connector "Devonshire Spine"	\$65,000	\$65,000
TOTAL:			\$344,000

Attachment 2 – Recommended TLCI Implementation Projects

2017 TLCI Implementation Grant Recommendations			
Project Sponsor / Agency Name	Study Name	Total Project Cost	NOACA Funding Requested
Recommended for Funding			
Broadview Heights	City Campus Roadway Pedestrian Access and Safety Improvements	\$183,000	\$146,000
City of Cleveland /Burten, Bell, Carr Development, Inc.	Kinsman Road Corridor Multi-Modal Study	\$213,000	\$213,000
City of Cleveland/Downtown Cleveland Alliance	Step Up Downtown; Main Avenue Bridge Underpass Improvement Project	\$800,000	\$250,000
City of Cleveland /University Circle Inc.	Uptown Mobility Enhancements	\$247,410	\$229,669
Elyria	TLCI Implementation Grant, Downtown Elyria Revitalization and Connectivity (Phase 2)	\$315,000	\$250,000
Geauga County Engineer	Amish Safety Strategic Plan, Geauga County ODOT District 12	\$980,000	\$200,000
North Royalton	North Royalton Alternative Transportation Plan	\$150,400	\$108,900
Olmsted Township	Fitch/Cook Sidewalk Phase 1 & Phase 2	\$250,000	\$200,000
Strongsville	Strongsville Town Center District	\$324,000	\$141,000
TOTAL:			\$1,738,569

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 \$2,000,000 in NOACA federal funds for the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) program for fiscal year 2018; and

WHEREAS, during October 2016 and December 2016 NOACA solicited for TLCI planning and implementation project applications. NOACA staff evaluated the TLCI applications for recommendation of funding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, consisting of forty-five 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 2018 TLCI Planning and Implementation 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 9th day of June 2017.

Secretary: _____

Date Signed: _____

6/9/2017

Timothy C. Leonard

