

NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: September 1, 2017

RE: Resolution 2017-036; FY 2018 Budget Amendment – Active Transportation Grants

ACTION REQUESTED

The Board of Directors is asked to consider the approval of an amendment to the FY 2018 Overall Work Program (OWP) and budget for the allocation of additional funds received through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Active Transportation Program for new planning activities.

The Finance and Audit Committee recommends the item for Board consideration.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION

To advance initiatives contained in the Ohio Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), ODOT created an Active Transportation Program providing \$1.7 M in state and federal Highway Safety Funds to support *Education, Infrastructure, Planning and Data Collection* eligible projects. The program is in a response to the rise in pedestrian and bicyclist injuries and fatalities across the state, as well as an ongoing chronic disease epidemic largely preventable by creating environments that support active lifestyles. Applications were due in March 2017. NOACA submitted applications and received funding awards for two projects:

Project Category and Name	Awarded \$
Data: Collection equipment for regional bicycle count program for use in transportation planning.	\$139,635
Education: Temporary infrastructure to demonstrate active transportation facilities as part of NOACA Active Transportation, TLCI, and Technical Assistance programs.	\$160,666
Total	\$300.301

FINANCIAL IMPACT

NOACA will receive \$300,301 of additional funding to support its SFY 2018 OWP work activities associated with existing active transportation initiatives. Because this is a new allocation yet to be programmed and does not require local matching funds there is no impact to existing projects in the OWP.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

With Board approval, the NOACA OWP and budget would be amended according to the approved action.

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RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREA WIDE COORDINATING AGENCY (NOACA)

<u>WHEREAS</u>, 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

<u>WHEREAS</u>, on June 9, 2017 the NOACA Board of Directors approved Resolution number 2017-017, the Fiscal Year 2018 Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget, to plan and budget for staff work and planning activities performed on behalf of the agency; and

WHEREAS, NOACA has successfully applied for Active Transportation Program grants to fund \$139,635 for collection equipment for regional bicycle count program for use in transportation planning and \$160,666 to fund temporary infrastructure to demonstrate active transportation facilities as part of NOACA Active Transportation, TLCI, and Technical Assistance programs, and the Ohio Department of Transportation has requested a FY 2018 Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget amendment to reflect that grant; and

WHEREAS, NOACA's successful application for \$300,301 in Active Transportation Program grant funds will increase the agency's budget by that amount; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>, staff has produced a draft revised budget that has been reviewed by this Board of Directors and appropriate committees.

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:

<u>Section 1</u>. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to amend the NOACA Fiscal Year 2018 OWP and Budget to reflect the scope of work provided in the Active Transportation Program grants application and increase the total budget funding amounts by \$300,301.

<u>Section 2</u>. The Executive Director shall forward the modified Fiscal Year 2018 Overall Work Program and Budget to appropriate state and federal officials.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency adopted this 8th day of September 2017.

Secretary:

Date Signed: