



NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: March 2, 2018

RE: **Resolution 2018-012: Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) Project Recommendations**

ACTION REQUESTED

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the 2018 Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) project recommendations.

The Planning and Programming Committee support this recommendation.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION

NOACA's Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) provides assistance to communities for integrated transportation and land use planning and projects that strengthen community livability. TLCI advances the goals of NOACA's Regional Strategic Plan by:

- Developing transportation projects that provide more travel options through complete streets and context sensitive solutions, increasing user safety and supporting positive public health impacts
- Promoting reinvestment in underutilized or vacant/abandoned properties through development concepts supported by multimodal transportation systems
- Supporting economic development through place-based transportation and land use recommendations, and connect these proposals with existing assets and investments
- Ensuring that the benefits and burdens of growth, change and transportation projects are distributed equitably by integrating accessibility and environmental justice into projects
- Enhancing regional cohesion by supporting collaboration between regional and community partners
- Provide people with safe and reliable transportation choices that enhance their quality of life

The TLCI Program has two components: The TLCI Planning Studies Program and the TLCI Implementation Program. The TLCI Planning Studies Program assists communities to develop transportation planning studies that facilitate and promote sustainable development, multimodal transportation, and complete and green streets. The TLCI Implementation Program provides funding assistance for communities to implement priority projects identified in TLCI or TLCI-like community developed plans.

An application round was opened for both planning studies and implementation projects on August 11, 2017. On October 6, 2017, NOACA received 31 applications: 14 planning study applications totaling around \$1.1 million in requested funding and 17 implementation project applications totaling around \$5.5 million in requested funding. All applications were evaluated based on the criteria established in the TLCI Policy. Recommendations for both the planning and implementation projects are attached.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This action recommends \$2,057,200 (\$2M annual allocation and \$57,200 in carryover) in available funding for the 2018 TLCI program to be awarded to the recommended projects. The TLCI program is funded by an annual set aside from NOACA's Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program funds during the development of NOACA's annual OWP and biennial TIP.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

With Board approval, the TIP will be amended to incorporate the approved projects and NOACA staff will work with project sponsors to implement.

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Attachment 1 – Recommended TLCI Planning Projects

Attachment 2 – Recommended TLCI Implementation Projects

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(TLCI PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS)**

Attachment 1 – Recommended TLCI Planning Projects

| 2018 TLCI Planning Studies Applications Recommendations | | | | |
|--|---|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Project Sponsor | Study Name | Total Project Cost | NOACA Funding Requested | NOACA Recommended Funding |
| Projects Recommended for Funding | | | | |
| Avon | Avon Active Transportation and Safe Routes to School Plan | \$ 75,000 | \$ 50,000 | \$ 30,000 |
| Cleveland | Vision for the Valley | \$ 250,000 | \$ 150,000 | \$ 125,000 |
| Cleveland Heights | Mayfield Road Study Extension | \$ 20,000 | \$ 20,000 | \$ 20,000 |
| Maple Heights | Southgate Connectivity Study | \$ 80,000 | \$ 80,000 | \$ 80,000 |
| Painesville | Painesville Complete Street and Connectivity Plan | \$ 85,000 | \$ 85,000 | \$ 85,000 |
| Willowick | Willowick Lakefront Connectivity and Downtown Redevelopment TLCI Plan | \$ 84,000 | \$ 79,000 | \$ 79,000 |
| TOTAL | | \$ 594,000 | \$ 464,000 | \$ 419,000 |

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Attachment 2 – Recommended TLCI Implementation Projects

| 2018 TLCI Implementation Projects Recommendations | | | | |
|--|---|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Project Sponsor | Project Name | Total Project Cost | NOACA Funding Requested | NOACA Recommended Funding |
| Projects Recommended for Funding | | | | |
| Cleveland | Lorain Ave. Road Diet W117 to W65 | \$ 3,800,000 | \$ 587,240 | \$ 300,000 |
| Cuyahoga County | Cleveland Bike Share | \$ 591,000 | \$ 284,200 | \$ 284,200 |
| Elyria | Downtown Elyria Revitalization and Connectivity (Phase 3) | \$ 300,000 | \$ 240,000 | \$ 177,000 |
| Fairview Park | Center Ridge Road Complete Streets | \$ 350,000 | \$ 350,000 | \$ 159,000 |
| North Royalton | Bennett Rd. Multi-Use Trail Extension | \$ 141,000 | \$ 121,000 | \$ 141,000 |
| Painesville | North Park Place Transportation and Streetscape Enhancement | \$ 506,700 | \$ 150,000 | \$ 150,000 |
| Parma Heights | Pearl Road: Complete and Green Streets Phase 2 | \$ 545,000 | \$ 545,000 | \$ 250,000 |
| Rocky River | Detroit Road Pedestrian Improvements | \$ 177,000 | \$ 177,000 | \$ 177,000 |
| TOTAL | | \$ 6,410,700 | \$ 2,454,440 | \$ 1,638,200 |

**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's Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) provides assistance to communities for integrated transportation and land use planning and projects that strengthen community livability; and

WHEREAS, the TLCI Program has two components: The TLCI Planning Studies Program and the TLCI Implementation Program; and

WHEREAS, the TLCI Planning Studies Program assists communities to develop transportation planning studies that facilitate and promote sustainable development, multimodal transportation, and complete and green streets. The TLCI Implementation Program provides funding assistance for communities to implement priority projects identified in TLCI or TLCI-like community developed plans; and

WHEREAS, the TLCI program is funded by an annual set aside of \$2,000,000 from NOACA's Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program funds approved in the NOACA's 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (Resolution 2017-024) and the 2018 Overall Work Program (OWP) (Resolution 2017-017); and

WHEREAS, an application round was opened for both planning studies and implementation projects on August 11, 2017. On October 6, 2017, NOACA received 31 applications: 14 planning study applications totaling around \$1.1 million in requested funding and 17 implementation project applications totaling approximately \$5.5 million in requested funding; and

WHEREAS, all applications were evaluated based on the criteria established in the TLCI Policy; and

WHEREAS, this action recommends \$2,057,200 (\$2M annual allocation and \$57,200 in carryover) in available TLCI program funding to be awarded to the recommended projects.

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, Medina and City of Cleveland that:

Section 1: Projects and funding amounts contained in Attachment 1 and 2 are approved and will be amended for inclusion to the NOACA 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Section 2: The Executive Director is authorized to enter into contracts with appropriate entities, as needed, to implement the approved projects.

Section 3: The Executive Director is authorized to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies.

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Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution of the
Governing Board of the Northeast Ohio Areawide
Coordinating Agency adopted this 9th day of March,
2018.

Secretary: 

Date Signed: 3-9-18