



**RESOLUTION 2018-021:
PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST
TOWPATH TRAIL PHASE IV, CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

**Board of Directors
June 8, 2018**

ACTION REQUESTED

Request that the Board of Directors adopt the following Resolution:

- 2018-021, which re-appropriates NOACA funding to Cleveland Cuyahoga Towpath Trail Phase IV utilizing savings from the Cleveland Cuyahoga Towpath Trail Phase I

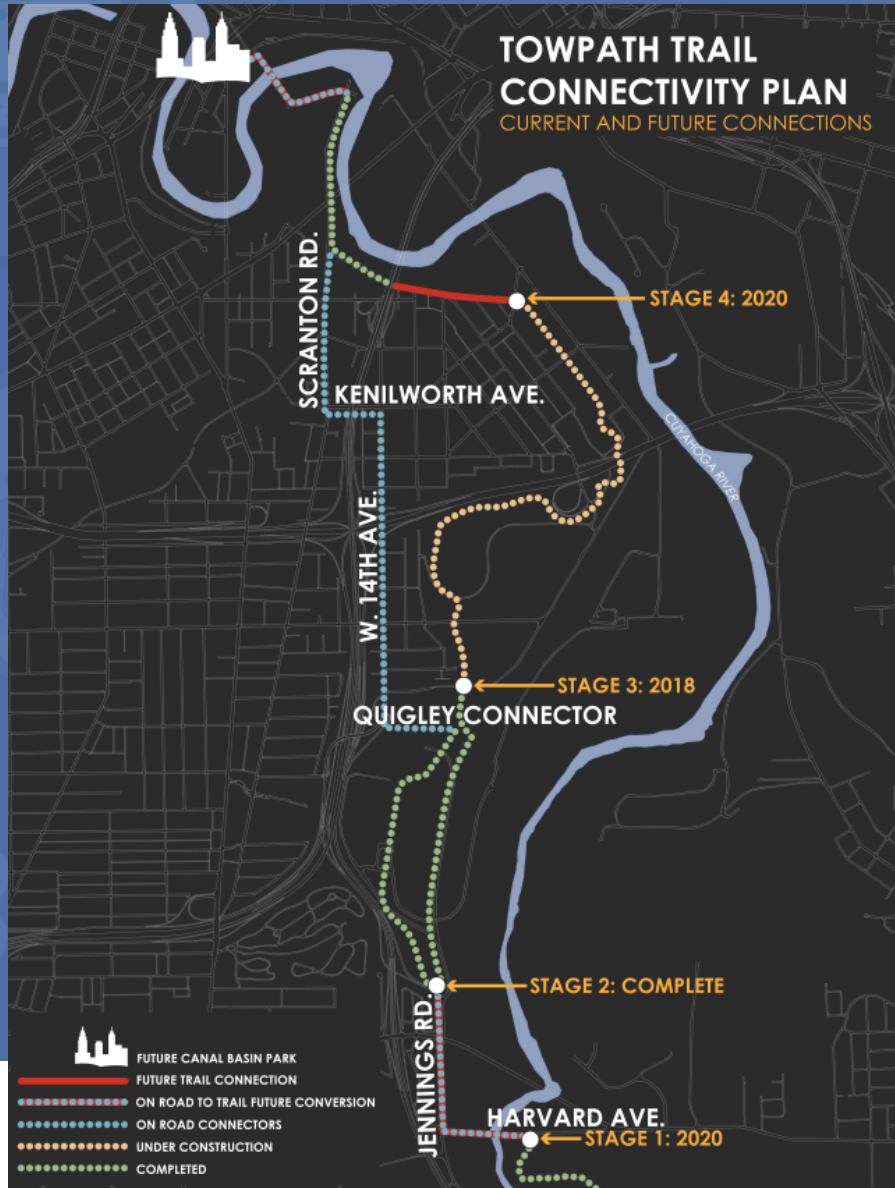
PREVIOUS ACTION

Finance and Audit Committee recommended this action at its May 2018 Meeting

BACKGROUND

- **Cleveland Towpath Trail in Cleveland**
 - Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works
 - Construction of a shared use path from Harvard Avenue to Lake Erie at Cleveland
 - Split into four phases for implementation
 - Will complete over 100 miles of bikeway from New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas County, to Lake Erie
 - Final two phases are programmed in the current SFY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

BACKGROUND



- Each phase of the Cleveland Towpath Trail was processed through project planning review (PPR)
- The preferred alignment for each phase was identified per the Towpath Trail Extension: Alignment and Design Study and refined in accordance with ODOT's project development process (PDP).

BACKGROUND

Cleveland Towpath Trail Phase I: PID No. 80997

- Harvard Avenue to Steelyard Commons
 - Original alignment followed along Cuyahoga River, under the Denison Harvard Bridge, crossing the Cuyahoga River to Steelyard Commons
 - determined too costly due to environmental, right-of-way and utility issues
 - Revised alignment follows Harvard Avenue and Jennings Road, to Steelyard Commons
 - within the existing right-of-way
 - Reduced estimated total cost \$5.1M, from \$11.5M to \$6.4M
- Board of Directors approved a TIP amendment for the revised scope and estimated cost of Phase I in December 2017
 - Per committee recommendations

BACKGROUND

Cleveland Towpath Trail Phase IV: PID No. 87075

- Literary/Tremont Trailhead to Canal Basin Park
 - Determined to be unsafe
 - Original alignment followed along University Road
 - Proposed alternate route
 - involves a structure, parallel to University Road from Literary Road to West 5th Street
 - requires right-of-way acquisition to accommodate the structure
 - Alternate route, additional ROW and proposed structure have increased estimated total cost by \$5.3M
 - from \$9.2M to \$14.5M

BACKGROUND

Cleveland Towpath Trail Phase IV: PID No. 87075

- Amendment request was presented to Planning and Programming Committee in October 2017
 - Committee recommended the scope and funding modifications to Phase IV be presented to the Finance and Audit Committee for its recommendation
- Finance and Audit Committee recommended approval of the scope and funding modifications to Phase IV at its May 2018 Meeting

BACKGROUND

	Phase I		Phase IV	Total
SFY 2018-2021 TIP	\$11,515,000		\$9,165,000	\$20,680,000
Revision	\$ 6,350,000 *		\$14,500,000	\$20,850,000
Difference	\$ 5,165,000		(\$ 5,335,000)	(\$170,000)

	Phase I		Phase IV	Total
SFY 2018-2021 TIP	\$8,750,000		\$7,200,000	\$15,950,000
Revision	\$4,800,000 *		\$11,150,000	\$15,950,000
Difference	\$3,950,000		(\$3,950,000)	\$0
Request	(\$3,950,000)		\$3,950,000	\$0

Approved via Resolution 2017-045.

The project sponsor is requesting that \$3,950,000 of NOACA funding previously programmed for Phase I be re-appropriated to Phase IV to finance the revised alignment and increased project cost.



FINANCIAL IMPACT

- There is no financial impact to other projects in the TIP as the requested funding would utilize savings from the revised scope and estimated cost of Towpath Trail Phase I.
- The overall commitment from NOACA to the Towpath phased project as a whole would remain unchanged.

NEXT STEPS

Pending Board approval, the NOACA TIP will be amended to reflect the re-appropriated project funding.

ACTION

Approval of Resolution 2018-021, which re-appropriates NOACA funding to Cleveland Cuyahoga Towpath Trail Phase IV utilizing savings from the Cleveland Cuyahoga Towpath Trail Phase I



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