

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-015  
(NOACA'S FY 2015 OVERALL  
WORK PROGRAM, BUDGET AND  
ANNUAL SELF-CERTIFICATION)**

**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**, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) is required by federal law to develop an Overall Work Program (OWP); and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board has the responsibility to approve the work activities, revenues and expenditures of the Agency and does so through approval of the agency's fiscal year Overall Work Program (OWP) and budget; and

**WHEREAS**, an OWP and budget, incorporating activities to be performed by the agency under various grants for fiscal year (FY) 2015, have been prepared for the Governing Board, based on local input and areawide needs, as supplemented by state and federal requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed OWP activities have been reviewed by local jurisdictions, agencies, Board committees, and state and federal funding agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the transportation and environmental elements of the NOACA FY 2015 OWP are designed to address the policies of the NOACA Governing Board, and meet applicable regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the draft OWP and funding information indicating project costs have been presented to the appropriate committees, subcommittees and councils; and

**WHEREAS**, the OWP includes expected planning activities from public transit agencies that will be using federal funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the draft OWP has been reviewed by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT); and

**WHEREAS**, comments and suggestions received through this process have been incorporated into the final OWP and fully reported to the NOACA Governing Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the OWP has been processed consistent with NOACA's Board-approved Public Interaction Policy; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the OWP activities, the FY 2014 budget has been prepared containing line item detail related to the Agency's projected FY 2014 operations; and

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**WHEREAS**, the project scope and funding tables in the OWP are based on estimates of available funding and will be adjusted when final funding amounts are announced; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY 2015 budget includes \$706,748 in local dues from the region's local governments and certain regional authorities, which will be used to access federal transportation planning funds and to help fund the region's water quality planning program; and

**WHEREAS**, dues from member local governments and regional authorities are invoiced at the beginning of each new fiscal year budget so that local funds are available to match available federal grants; and

**WHEREAS**, as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), NOACA is certified every four years by federal agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, NOACA was successfully certified by federal agencies in 2013 and continues to carry out its responsibilities in accordance with federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, federal regulations also require that NOACA and ODOT must annually self-certify the MPO planning process; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), NOACA and ODOT are carrying out their respective duties under applicable provisions of federal law, and as outlined in ongoing biennial agreements between the two entities.

**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.** The FY 2015 Overall Work Program and budget as it exists on NOACA's website as of April 11, 2014, has been appropriately reviewed and is approved as meeting federal requirements for comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing areawide planning.

**Section 2.** The FY 2015 budget, as summarized in Exhibit 1, is adopted with the understanding that the work scope, staffing, and budget may need to be modified as a result of available federal and state funds.

**Section 3.** The Board of Directors authorizes commitment of sufficient local funds to provide for said work activities, as matching share for grants tendered to this Agency for FY 2015, and otherwise as support for local activities.

**Section 4.** The Executive Director is authorized to issue invoices for a total of \$706,748 in local dues for FY 2014, according to the NOACA Code of Regulations and the NOACA dues allocation plans formulated by the respective Boards of Commissioners in each of the four counties and by the Cuyahoga County Executive's office.

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**Section 5.** The urban transportation planning process is being carried out in conformance with all applicable federal requirements and the Executive Director is authorized to sign Exhibit 2 and forward it with necessary documentation to the appropriate agencies, and to execute the ongoing biennial agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation.

**Section 6.** The Executive Director is authorized to apply for, receive and utilize such funds as provided for within the Overall Work Program and budget, including execution of contracts, agreements, certifications and civil rights assurances, as necessary to accomplish the intent of this Resolution. The Executive Director is to secure Governing Board approval for adjustments involving significant budget changes or significant changes in work program direction.

**Section 7.** The Executive Director is hereby authorized to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution and other appropriate documentation to 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 11th day of April  
2014.

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_



Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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**EXHIBIT 2**

**Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Certification**

In accordance with 23 CFR 450, the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Cleveland/Lorain urbanized areas hereby certify that the transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

- (1) 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and 23 CFR 450.218;
- (2) Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;
- (3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
- (4) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
- (5) Section 1101(b) of MAP-21 (Pub. L. 112-141) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects;
- (6) 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
- (7) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38;
- (8) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
- (9) Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
- (10) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

**Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency  
(NOACA)**

  
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COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
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**Ohio Department of Transportation**

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