



NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: March 6, 2015

RE: **Resolution No. 2015-029: Reprogramming Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) Funds for a Multimodal Transportation Facility Application**

ACTION REQUESTED

The Board of Directors is asked to adopt **Resolution No. 2015-029**, which would accelerate the approval process and program funding for the Multimodal Transportation Facility TLCI application, representing a joint sponsorship of the City of Cleveland and GCRTA, and additional partners including Amtrak and Greyhound.

PREVIOUS ACTION

The Planning and Programming Committee and Executive Committee have recommended approval of this item.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION

On January 26, 2015, NOACA opened the 2015 TLCI application round to eligible sponsors in northeast Ohio. The TLCI program provides assistance to communities and public agencies for planning that strengthens community livability. The application asked sponsors to detail how their proposed projects would benefit their communities and the region in relationship to program objectives and NOACA's goals. Notice of funding availability was made through email to agencies and organizations across the region, along with advertisement on social media and NOACA's website.

As part of this process, regional stakeholders have submitted an application to develop a multimodal transportation facility that would greatly benefit the region if accelerated for the Republican National Convention (RNC). Supporting this effort would be in alignment with the RNC Cooperative Agreement adopted via Resolution 2014-047.

The study will produce a comprehensive evaluation, focusing on the technical feasibility, site analysis, and area development for a potential multi-phased, multimodal transportation facility that would accommodate RTA's Downtown Trolley and adjacent light-rail service, Amtrak inter-city service, proposed commuter rail, and future high speed rail lines; as well as the relocation of Cleveland's Greyhound Station. The facility would also connect passengers to surface transportation including regional and inter-city RTA buses, shuttle buses, taxis, automobiles, and Cleveland's future bicycle share infrastructure; and perhaps other public and/or private services, such as Megabus, Akron Metro RTA, Stark Area RTA, Portage Area RTA, and rental cars.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total cost of the project is \$150,000, which the project sponsor is requesting \$120,000 of NOACA TLCI funding. The City of Cleveland and GCRTA will share in the local match. The City of Wadsworth recently declined its 2014 TLCI grant of \$52,000, making this funding available for other TLCI priorities. Also, \$68,000 of funding is available from non-awarded 2013 TLCI funds. This action will not impact any funding for the current 2015 TLCI solicitation.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

With Board approval, NOACA staff will work with the sponsors to program and develop their project.

GG/ks

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-029
(REPROGRAMMING TLCI FUNDS FOR A
MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITY
APPLICATION)**

**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, On January 26, 2015, NOACA opened the 2015 TLCI application round to eligible sponsors in northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Regional stakeholders have been working to develop a multimodal transportation facility that would greatly benefit the region if accelerated for the Republican National Convention (RNC) and supporting this effort would be in alignment with the RNC Cooperative Agreement adopted via Resolution 2014-047; and

WHEREAS, The City of Wadsworth recently declined its 2014 TLCI grant of \$52,000, making this funding available for other TLCI priorities; and

WHEREAS, \$68,000 of funding is also available from non-awarded 2013 TLCI funds; and

WHEREAS, the request of \$120,000 of TLCI funds can be accomplished without impacting any funding for the 2015 TLCI solicitation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, consisting of 45 principal officials serving general purpose local governments throughout and within the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina that:

Section 1. The Executive Director is authorized to accelerate the multimodal transportation facility application submitted by the City of Cleveland, GCRTA, Amtrak and Greyhound.

Section 2. The Executive Director is authorized to fund the project utilizing declined and non-awarded funds.

Section 3. The Executive Director is authorized to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the 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 13th day of March 2015.

Secretary: 

Date Signed: 3-13-15