



NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: June 5, 2015

RE: Resolution No. 2015-036 – Redistribution of MPO Carry Over Projects

ACTION REQUESTED

The Board of Directors is asked to approve project award recommendations for funding allocated to NOACA through the redistribution of other MPO carry forward.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION

As previously discussed, NOACA has received a total of \$1,683,293 in additional funding for SFY 2015 based on its SFY 2014 performance.

The Finance and Audit Committee recommended, and Board of Directors approved, a strategy to allocate the funds to short-term projects (12 months) that address immediate needs and provide significant regional benefit. The Planning and Programming Committee developed the procedure by which to select projects for funding allocation. The Committee determined that funding will be allocated to projects that:

- Represent a need identified by an existing study or plan
- Can award contracts in SFY 2016
- Can meet federal eligibility requirements for the respective funding programs (STP and TA)

Projects that met the above conditions but that could also be accelerated to enhance an important event, such as the Republican National Convention, received priority consideration.

Applications were due to NOACA on Monday, March 30th. NOACA received 8 applications totaling a request for \$4,110,000 in NOACA funds. Given that the submitted requests were greater than the funds available, the Planning and Programming Committee determined the following funding decisions:

- Not consider existing projects that are seeking increased funds
- Fund low-cost projects, those under \$100,000, at the full request
- Fund the all other remaining eligible projects at a proportionate to utilize the remainder of funds (48% share).

The list of projects and funding limits recommended by the Planning and Programming Committee are contained in attachment 1 to this memorandum.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Projects recommended for funding will expend \$1,683,293 between the NOACA STP (\$1,541,407) and TAP (\$141,886) program budgets in SFY 2016.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

Upon Board approval, NOACA staff will work with sponsors to ensure that projects are delivered in accordance with the conditions set forth in the program.

Attachment: List of Project Recommendations

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2016 REDISTRIBUTION OF MPO CARRY FORWARD PROJECT APPLICATIONS

June 4, 2015

Project Sponsor	Project Name	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested	Recommended Award	Primary Work Type:	Project Description	Eligibility Conditions	RNC Priority Consideration
Cleveland Metroparks	Emerald Necklace Trail: Valley Parkway Connector - Phase I	\$1,900,000	\$311,000	\$0	Bicycle or Pedestrian Facilities or Amenities	The Valley Parkway Connector, Phase I, is a .33 0-mile segment of a planned .60-mile all-purpose, multi-use trail that will provide the missing link in Cleveland Metroparks Emerald Necklace Trail between Brecksville and Mill Stream Run Reservations.	Meets conditions	Project does not directly support RNC
Cleveland, City of	Red Line Public Right of Way Improvements	\$1,500,000	\$750,000	\$357,253	Community Improvement Activities	The Red Line Public Right of Way Improvements, prepared for the City of Cleveland, recommends a strategy for public right of way enhancements along the GORTA Red Line and outlines the benefits it could ring to the city and broader region. This plan looks at specific locations for enhancements along the Red Line and also discusses approaches to aesthetics that could apply to the various scenes and structures found along the route.	Meets conditions	Project directly supports RNC through enhanced travel experience
Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority and Flats Forward LLC	Flats Bike Box Project	\$30,000	\$24,000	\$24,000	Bicycle or Pedestrian Facilities or Amenities	Flats Forward with the support of the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority is interested in placing three Bike Boxes in the Cleveland Flats. The Bike Boxes are intended to serve several purposes: 1.) to be a visual statement of the Flats renaissance; 2.) to encourage additional bicycle and pedestrian activities by providing safe, visible locations to secure bicycles; and, 3.) to encourage new infrastructure development along existing and developing bicycle paths throughout the Flats.	Meets conditions	Project directly supports RNC through enhanced travel experience
Cuyahoga County, Department of Sustainability	Cleveland Bike Share	\$3,600,000	\$750,000	\$357,253	Bicycle or Pedestrian Facilities or Amenities	Cleveland Bike Share is a system that will allow the public to access bicycles at low cost within a network of stations and return them to any other station. The program expects to launch by April 2016. The proposed system would have a dual core situated in Downtown and University Circle and expand into Midtown, Ohio City and Tremont. These locations offer the highest potential demand for bike sharing. As the program grows it can be expanded to other neighborhoods/communities.	Meets Conditions	Project directly supports RNC through improvement transportation alternatives
Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA)	Trolley Replacement Program	\$1,980,000	\$1,564,000	\$754,519	Safety or Operational Improvements	GCRTA is seeking to replace 8 downtown trolleys. Trolleys run daily every 10 minutes. Service will be enhanced during the RNC to run every 5 minutes, requiring extra vehicles. GCRTA's goal is to operate the new trolleys along with current trolleys. GCRTA currently has funding for 4 replacement trolleys but seeks to fund for 4 additional vehicles. After the RNC, trolleys that reach the end of their useful life will be retired.	Meets conditions	Project directly supports RNC through improvement transportation alternatives
Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA)	Seamless Cleveland: Wayfinding Signage Phase I	\$1,200,000	\$200,000	\$95,268	Roadway or Wayfinding Signage	In 2015, Destination Cleveland will install 50-60 signs in Downtown Cleveland, integrating with University Circle's current sign product. Through this funding, GCRTA and Destination Cleveland hope to connect GCRTA's HealthLine, integrating the current sign product.	Meets conditions	Project directly supports RNC through enhanced travel experience
Painesville, City of	Improvement of North State Street	\$260,000	\$95,000	\$95,000	Roadway Resurfacing, Bicycle or Pedestrian Facilities or Amenities / Roadway or Wayfinding Signage	The project improvements include asphalt pavement planning and resurfacing of North State Street from the intersection with Erie Street (US 20) through the intersection of Chester Street/Storrs Street. Additional improvements will include new loop detectors, casting adjustments, and pavement markings. This project includes signage and pavement markings to incorporate a shared bicycle lane in both directions.	Meets conditions	Project does not directly support RNC
Shaker Heights, City of	Warrensville Center Road Streetscape	\$495,000	\$396,000	\$0	Bicycle or Pedestrian Facilities or Amenities	The City seeks funding to install pedestrian and streetscape improvements on Warrensville Center Road between Chagrin Boulevard and Farnsleigh Road. Pedestrian improvements to be considered include lighting, pedestrian countdown signals, ADA ramps and other safety-related infrastructure; wayfinding signage; and streetscape improvements such as crosswalks, specially pavement, landscaping and street furniture. The City has secured \$19M for roadway improvements at the Warrensville/Van Aken/Chagrin intersection, and construction is underway (completion December 2015).	Meets conditions	Project does not directly support RNC
		\$10,965,000 \$	4,110,000 \$	1,683,293				

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-036
(REDISTRIBUTED MPO CARRY
OVER FUNDS PROJECT AWARDS)**

**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 Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) allocates federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding to each of the 17 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, in May 2012, ODOT, through the Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC), approved a MPO and Large City Program Carryover Reduction Policy that establishes percent limits on the amount of capital funds that MPOs can carry forward from one state fiscal year (SFY) to the next; and

WHEREAS, any funds carried over by a MPO in excess of the policy percent limits would be subject to recall by ODOT and redistributed proportionately to those MPOs that did not exceed the limits; and

WHEREAS, in SFY 2014, the first year under the policy, NOACA carried over only 8% of the 75% allowable, while five of the eight large MPOs carried over more than 75%, and were therefore subject to a recall funds; and

WHEREAS, the recalled funds have been reallocated to the three successful MPOs, including NOACA; and

WHEREAS, NOACA has received a total of \$1,683,293 (STP - \$1,541,407 and TAP - \$141,886) in additional funding; and

WHEREAS, the NOACA Planning and Programming Committee determined that the additional funds should be expended on new projects that meet the following conditions – 1. Represent a need identified in an existing study or plan, 2. Can award to contract for implementation in SFY 2016, and 3. Can meet federal eligibility requirements for the respective funding programs; and

WHEREAS, priority consideration would be given to projects that enhance an important event, such as the Republic National Convention; and

WHEREAS, projects were solicited and eight applications were received requesting a total of \$4,110,000; and

WHEREAS, since the application requests were greater than the funds available, the Planning and Programming Committee determined the following funding decisions – not to consider funding for existing projects seeking increased funds; fund low-cost projects, those under \$100,000, at the full requested amount; and fund all other remaining eligible projects at a proportionate share to utilize the remaining funds (48%) share; and

WHEREAS, the list of projects and funding limits recommended by the Planning and Programming are contained in Attachment 1; and

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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: Projects and funding amounts contained in Attachment 1 are approved.

Section 2: NOACA staff will work with sponsors to ensure that projects are delivered in accordance with the conditions set forth in the funding determination.

Section 2: The Executive Director is authorized to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to 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 12th day of June 2015.

Secretary: _____

Date Signed: _____