ABOUT NOACA

- NOACA is the federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for Northeast Ohio
- Conducts multimodal transportation and environmental transportation planning in Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina counties
- Project programming & funds management
- 3C planning process
  Comprehensive, cooperative & continuous process = many project partners & stakeholders
STRATEGY FOR THE REGION

NOACA will STRNGTHEN regional cohesion, PRESERVE existing infrastructure, and BUILD a sustainable multimodal transportation system to SUPPORT economic development and ENHANCE quality of life in Northeast Ohio.
NOACA: INVESTING IN TRAILS, STARTING WITH TLCI
Authorized by Board in May 2004

- $1 million for individual planning projects budgeted in 2005; launched in 2006
- Since 2006, over 100 TLCI plans completed

Implementation added in 2015; additional $1.0 million

- TOTAL = $2.0 annual Program
TLCI OVERVIEW

Purpose of TLCI is to improve livability in Northeast Ohio’s communities through transportation investments

• Supports the vision of NOACA’s Regional Strategic Plan and long-range transportation plan
• Supports planning that leads to implementation
TLCTI OBJECTIVES

• Complement existing plans and proposed initiatives, encouraging collaboration between regional and community partners
• Encourage complete streets and context sensitive solutions, increasing user safety and supporting positive public health impacts
• Spur economic development through place-based transportation and land use recommendations
• Reinvest in underutilized or vacant/abandoned properties through development concepts supported by multimodal transportation systems
• Promote innovative public engagement and inclusive planning
• Address accessibility and environmental justice
PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT

- Each TLCI process has 2-3 public meetings and 2-3 stakeholder meetings
- TLCI increases stakeholder involvement in planning, compared to other planning initiatives
TLCI PLANNING PROJECTS

• In the beginning…must be planning only; examples of eligible activities include:
  • Transportation plans supporting redevelopment
  • Bicycle and pedestrian network/complete streets implementation plans
  • Transit-oriented development plans
  • Neighborhood traffic calming plans, including improvements for bicycle and pedestrian safety and accessibility
  • Transportation Demand Management studies
TLCI IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

Support low-cost infrastructure projects implemented through programmatic / incremental approach

Examples:
• Striping of bike lanes
• Bike parking
• Installation of crosswalk infrastructure
• Transit Waiting Environment
• Wayfinding/Signage
ROADWAY & STREETSCAPE FOCUSED PROJECTS

Facilitating Bicycle and Transit Travel in University Circle and Cleveland Heights

September 2013
TRANSIT FOCUSED PROJECTS
LAND USE FOCUSED PROJECTS

Gateway District
Cleveland, Ohio
Re-Imagining the public realm

enhancing connections that support an urban neighborhood district
November 2010
WATERWAY FOCUSED PROJECTS
Irishtown Bend is a vast, underdeveloped hillside along the west bank of the Cuyahoga River, Cleveland.
NOACA TLCI planning study commissioned in 2016 to develop a vision for the site as a premier public greenway, cultural experience, and transportation connection.
Missing link in the connection of Lake Erie and regional trail network – Lake Link Trail

Hinges on planned Cuyahoga River Bank Stabilization to secure the hillside
## TLCI PROGRAM EVALUATION

From 2006-2011, NOACA awarded 84 planning grants

### Table 1: TLCI: Dollars Invested 2006-2011

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POLICIES, REGULATIONS, AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

- 67% of TLCI plans adopted by councils, boards, or commissions
- 35% of projects reported on CIP
- 42% of TLCI plans incorporated into comprehensive plans
PROJECT COORDINATION AND PROGRAM PERFORMANCE

- 92% report that TLCI led to better working relationships
- 74% report TLCI led to new organizational partnerships
  - Combined planning & partnerships between municipalities, agencies, non-profits, private enterprise
PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT

- TLCI public meetings average 20-30 attendees
- 71% report the public remains involved in project implementation meetings after TLCIs are completed
- 65% report TLCI increased stakeholder involvement in planning, compared to other planning initiatives
CATALYST FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

- $176.1 million estimated investment
  - NOACA PPR/TIP: 31 transportation projects = $112.9 million
  - Other projects added from TLCI Implementation Survey = $63.2 million
CATALYST FOR LAND USE PROJECTS

- $472.5 million estimated investment
- 54 land use projects reported by sponsors
- Sponsors report TLCI helps attract business / private investment

![Pie chart showing relationship to TLCI Plan: Direct 31%, Indirect 69%]

![Bar chart showing land use type: Commercial, Institutional, Mixed Use, Office, Park/Greenspace, Parking, Residential, Other]

- Complete 41%
- Planned 35%
- Under Construction 24%

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CONCLUSIONS

NOACA has spent $10.8 million on TLCI, which has helped develop:

- $176.1+ million in transportation projects
- $472.5+ million in land use projects

TLCI has engaged thousands of citizens in planning that will promote NOACA’s long-range transportation goals.

TLCI coordinates stakeholders and promotes coordination between municipalities and agencies.
NOACA REGIONAL BIKE/PED INVESTMENTS

CURRENT PROJECTS

- Towpath Trail: $30 M
- Cleveland Midway: $8 M
- Cleveland Lorain Avenue Cycle Track: $6 M
- Red Line Greenway Trail: $2 M

$223 (77%) for Bike/Ped
$65 (23%) for Other
FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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