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March 15, 2019

The Honorable Chase Ritenauer  
Mayor  
City of Lorain  
200 W. Erie Avenue-7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Lorain, OH 44052

Dear Mayor Ritenauer,

Congratulations! On March 8, 2019, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) Board of Directors approved funding for your Lorain Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Connectivity Project in the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) Implementation program.

NOACA will provide 100% of the eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$300,000, utilizing Toll Revenue Credits to meet Federal Matching requirements. Eligible project scope components are associated with: bicycle facilities on West 21<sup>st</sup> St and East 31<sup>st</sup> St. and curb extensions at priority locations on East 31<sup>st</sup> St. Please note that TLCI Implementation program funds are only allowable for construction related expenses. Preliminary engineering and design phase related costs are the responsibility of the project sponsor. NOACA staff will work with you to determine appropriate milestone dates for the project.

NOACA received a total of 32 applications for the 2019 program, requesting about \$5.5 million in funding. Since the TLCI program annual allocation is limited to \$2 million, this year's call for applications resulted in a highly competitive selection process.

Attached to this communication are the next steps to be undertaken to properly program your project for implementation. Please contact Jim Thompson, Programs Funding Manager, at 216-241-2414 extension 275, or [jthompson@mpo.noaca.org](mailto:jthompson@mpo.noaca.org), if you have any questions.

On behalf of NOACA, we are excited to advance your project and look forward to a collaborative and meaningful working relationship.

Respectfully,

Grace Gallucci  
Executive Director

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CC: Dale Vandersommen, City Engineer; Veronica A Newsome, Engineer; Leslie Farley, ODOT District 3; Matt Walter, ODOT District 3; Errol Sholtz, ODOT District 3

Attachment: TLCI Project Programming Next Steps