

NOACA 2025 Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) Sponsor Partnership Responsibilities

Sponsor Agency: City of Lorain

Project(s):

Project Name	NOACA Funding	Work Phase	SFY
Oakwood Connector-South Lorain Library Trail	\$277,139 (100% STBG)	Construction	2028

The sponsor shall work with NOACA as a partner in the development and implementation of the stated project(s). To ensure NOACA program objectives are being met, NOACA participation and approval is required for each activity listed below. If these conditions are not met, NOACA reserves the right to cancel this agreement and withdraw or reduce its funding commitment.

1. NOACA participation in the project kick off/scope meeting between the sponsor, its consultants, ODOT, and other stakeholders (as applicable).
2. NOACA participation in any formed project steering and stakeholder committee, inclusive of agenda setting and schedule of meetings (if applicable).
3. NOACA review and approval of the original, and any proposed modifications to, project scope of services, delivery milestone dates, and staged design plans.
4. NOACA participation in and approval of the project public engagement and involvement process and related materials.
5. NOACA participation in and approval of Media, press releases and other widespread external communications and events regarding the project.

NOACA will provide timely coordination and review in the issuance of any comments and approval of these items in its role as project partner.

After we receive your signed acknowledgement of Sponsor Partnership Responsibilities, NOACA will work with the appropriate state and federal agencies to program the project in the TIP for the stated funding amount and indicated year of implementation.


J. Bradley
Authorized Agency Representative

3|31|2025
Date

Grace Gallucci, Executive Director, NOACA

Date



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March 28, 2025

The Honorable Jack W. Bradley
Mayor, City of Lorain
200 W. Erie Avenue
Lorain, OH 44052

RE: NOACA 2025 Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) Funding Award and Agreement

Dear Mayor Bradley,

Congratulations! On March 14, 2025, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) Board of Directors approved funding for the Oakwood Connector-South Lorain Library Trail project through the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) Implementation program. We are pleased to inform you that your project was selected for funding because it represents an alignment with the TLCI program objectives and with NOACA and community priorities toward the implementation of the region's eNEO 2050 long range plan.

NOACA will provide 100% of the eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$277,139, utilizing Toll Revenue Credits to meet Federal Matching requirements. 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 16 applications for the 2025 program, requesting about \$7.75 million in funding. This year there was \$2.4 million in available TLCI program funds for projects, resulting in a highly competitive selection process.

Attached to this communication are the Sponsor Partnership Responsibilities form and TLCI Project Programming Next Steps document that are needed to program your project for implementation. Please contact Leah Telepak, Planner, at 216-241-2414 extension 302, or LTelepak@mpo.noaca.org if you have any questions.

On behalf of NOACA, we are excited to be a partner toward the successful implementation of your project.

Respectfully,

Grace Gallucci
Executive Director & CEO

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**Attachments: Sponsor Partnership Responsibilities
TLCI Project Programming Next Steps**

**CC: Veronica Newsome, Engineer, City of Lorain
Scott Ockunzzi, Planning Engineer, ODOT District 3**

NOACA 2025 TLCI Implementation Program Next Steps

Leah Telepak (LTelepak@mpo.noaca.org) will follow up via e-mail to awardee project staff with more detailed instructions. Please adhere to the schedule provided below to initiate project development in a timely manner:

1. Return the signed Sponsor Partnership Responsibility Form to NOACA via e-mail to the contact listed above
2. NOACA will email the following forms to TLCI Implementation awardee project staff:
 - a. Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) LPA Scope of Services forms
 - b. ODOT Conflict of Interest Form
3. Fill out the ODOT Scope of Services form (including draft milestone dates) and submit it to the appropriate ODOT District contact
4. ODOT will program the project in ELLIS in accordance with the draft scope, funding amounts, rates of participation, and milestone dates as indicated in the ODOT Scope of Services form
5. Fill out the ODOT Conflict of Interest Form and e-mail it to ODOT District staff once signed by all appropriate parties
6. ODOT will schedule a scoping meeting with awardee representatives and NOACA