

TRANSPORTATION FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE (TLCI)

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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
STRENGTHEN regional
cohesion, **PRESERVE**
existing infrastructure,
and **BUILD** a
sustainable multimodal
transportation system to
SUPPORT economic
development and
ENHANCE quality of life
in Northeast Ohio.



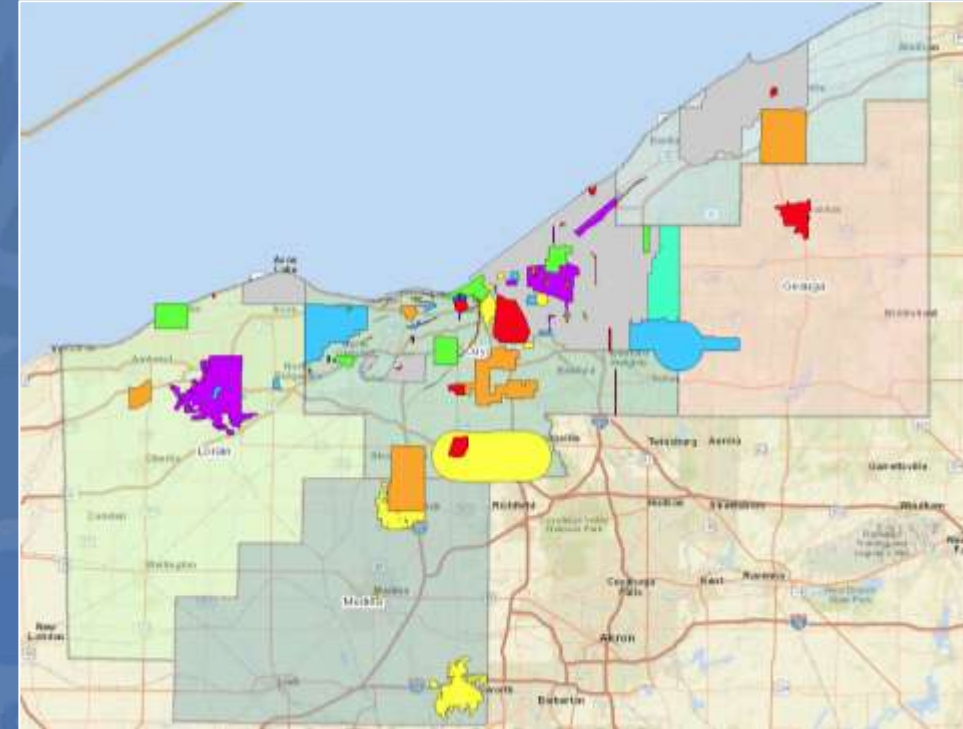
NOACA: INVESTING IN TRAILS, STARTING WITH TLCI



TLCI OVERVIEW

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



TLCI 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

A combined report for:
University Circle-Cleveland Heights Bicycle Network Study and
University Circle-Cleveland Heights Missing Links Study



September 2013



TRANSIT FOCUSED PROJECTS



GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
LITTLE ITALY REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
E. 120TH STREET STATION MASTER PLAN

PREPARED BY: PROJECT FOR PUBLIC SPACES, INC. • studioTECHNE Architects • Atlas Architectural Services •
Wade Trim, Ohio, Inc. • Jake Beckman Public Art Consultant • Benita K. Jones, Surveyors

PREPARED FOR:
GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (GCRTA)



LAND USE FOCUSED PROJECTS

GATEWAY DISTRICT Cleveland, Ohio

Re-Imagining the public realm

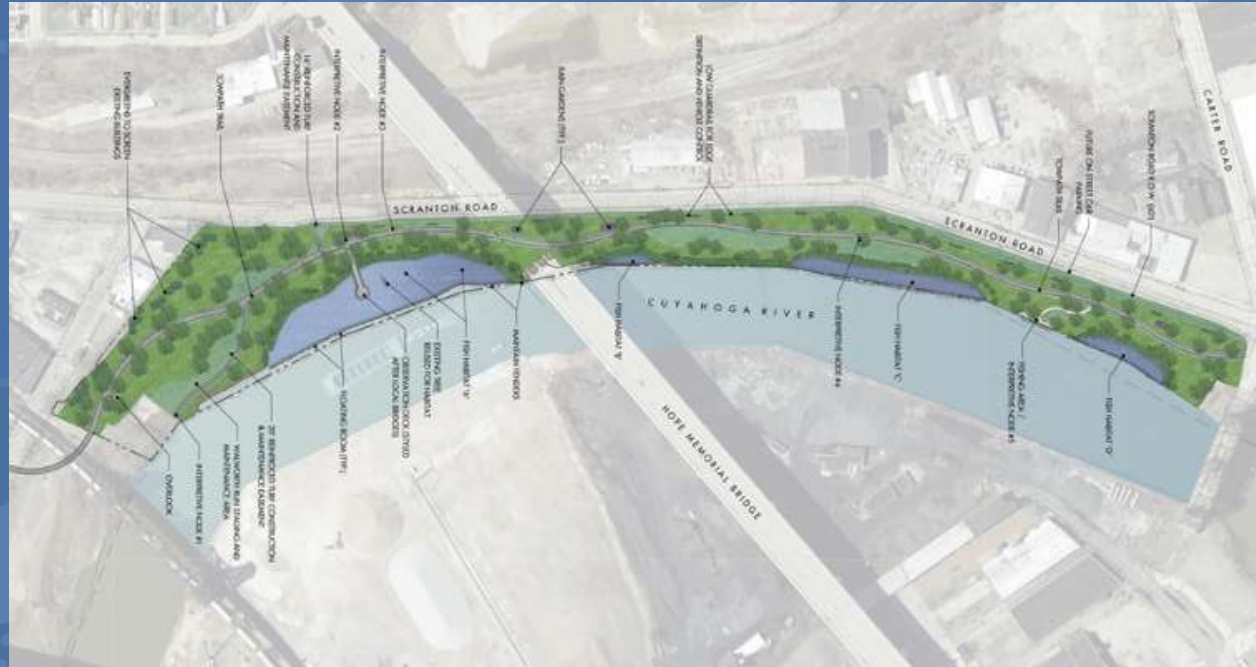


WATERWAY FOCUSED PROJECTS

The Canal Basin District Plan, Cleveland, Ohio - 2009 Final Report

The Canal Basin District Plan creates a new green infrastructure for the city of Cleveland, introducing a new level of walkability to the community as well as providing safe, non-motorized access to Lake Erie, Cleveland's neighborhoods and the city's unique amenities.

THE CANAL BASIN DISTRICT PLAN



IRISHTOWN BEND VISION PLAN

Irishtown Bend is a vast, underdeveloped hillside along the west bank of the Cuyahoga River, Cleveland



IRISHTOWN BEND VISION PLAN

NOACA TLCI planning study commissioned in 2016 to develop a vision for the site as a premier public greenway, cultural experience, and transportation connection



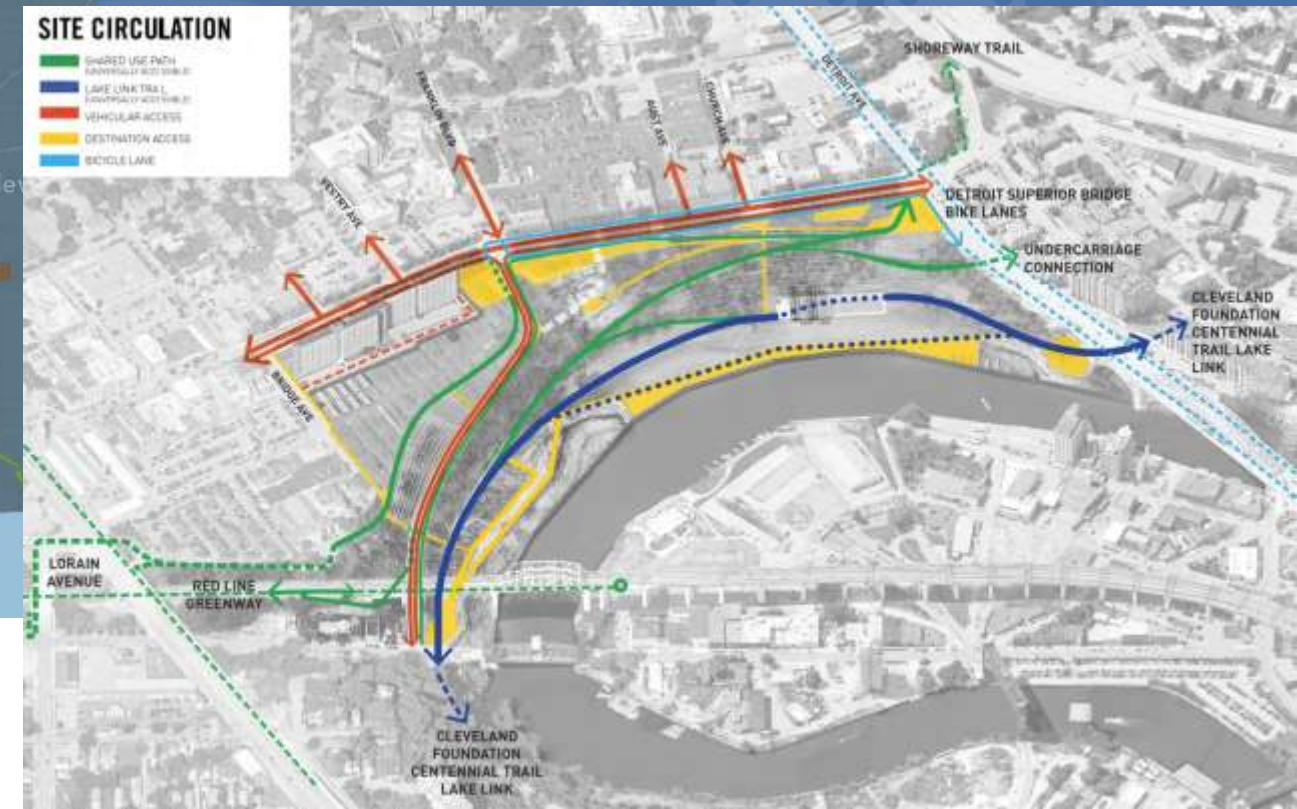
IRISHTOWN BEND VISION PLAN

Irishtown Bend: THE MISSING LINK



Missing link in the connection of Lake Erie and regional trail network – Lake Link Trail

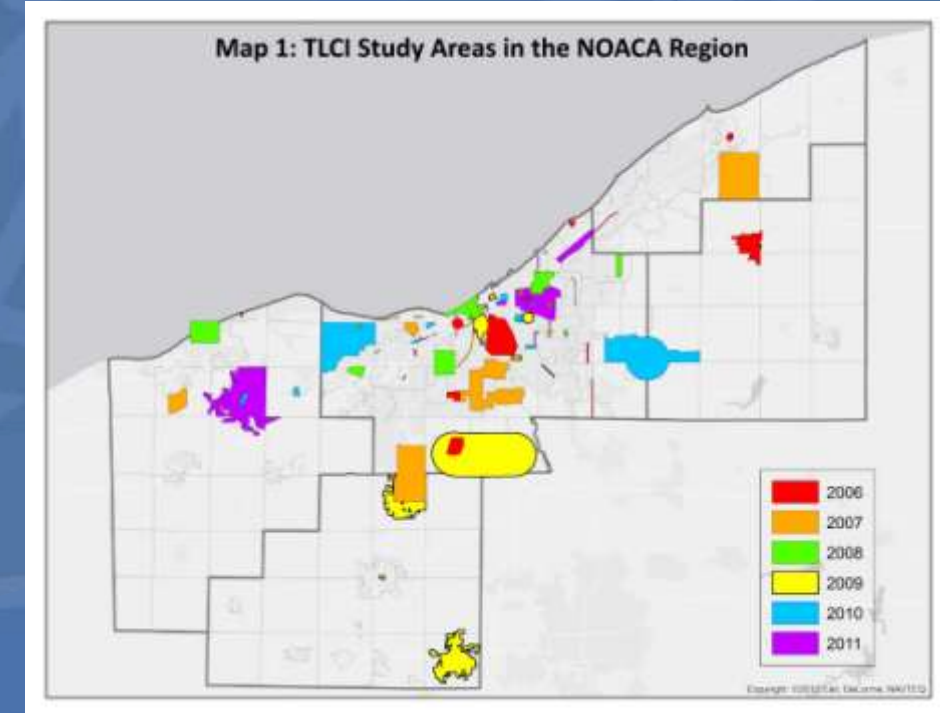
Hinges on planned Cuyahoga River Bank Stabilization to secure the hillside



TLCI PROGRAM EVALUATION

Table 1: TLCI: Dollars Invested 2006-2011

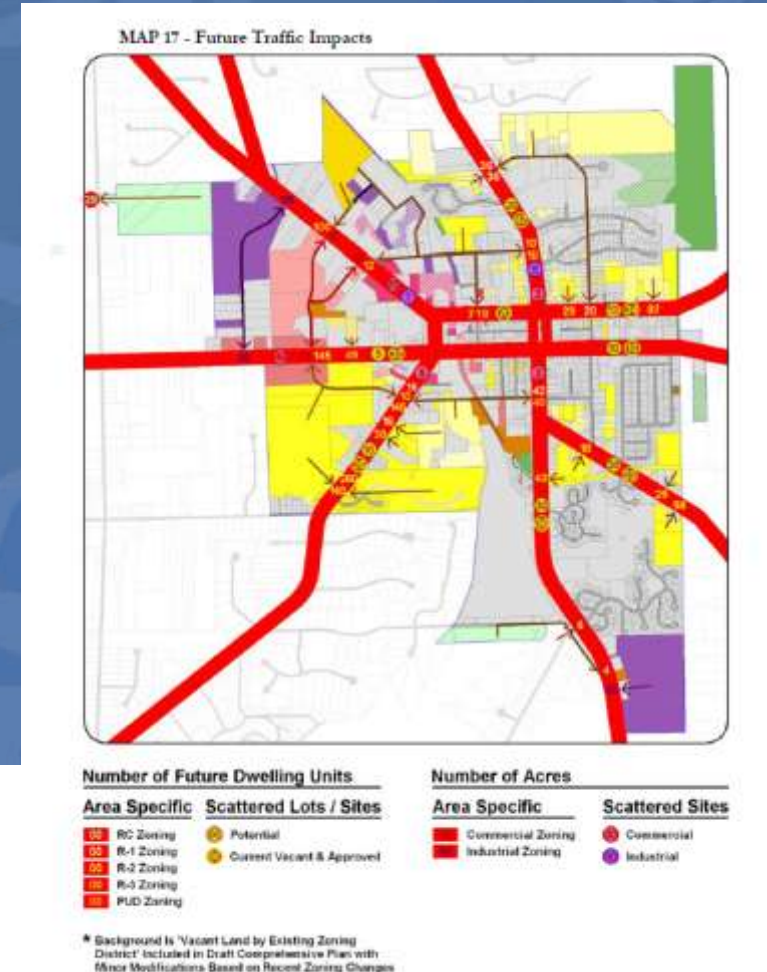
Year	NOACA Award (80%)	Local Match (20%)	Total Investment
2006	\$976,000	\$244,000	\$1,220,000
2007	\$997,000	\$249,250	\$1,246,250
2008	\$749,208	\$187,302	\$936,510
2009	\$820,000	\$205,000	\$1,025,000
2010	\$777,250	\$194,313	\$971,563
2011	\$785,000	\$196,250	\$981,250
Total 2006-2011:	\$5,104,458	\$1,276,115	\$6,380,573



From 2006-2011, NOACA awarded 84 planning grants

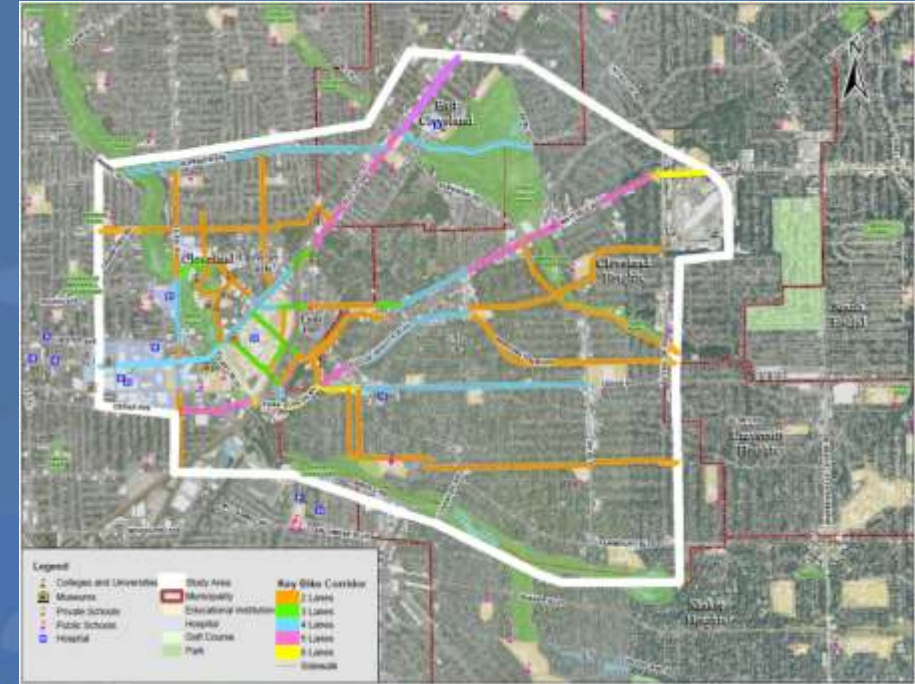
POLICIES, REGULATIONS, AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

- 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

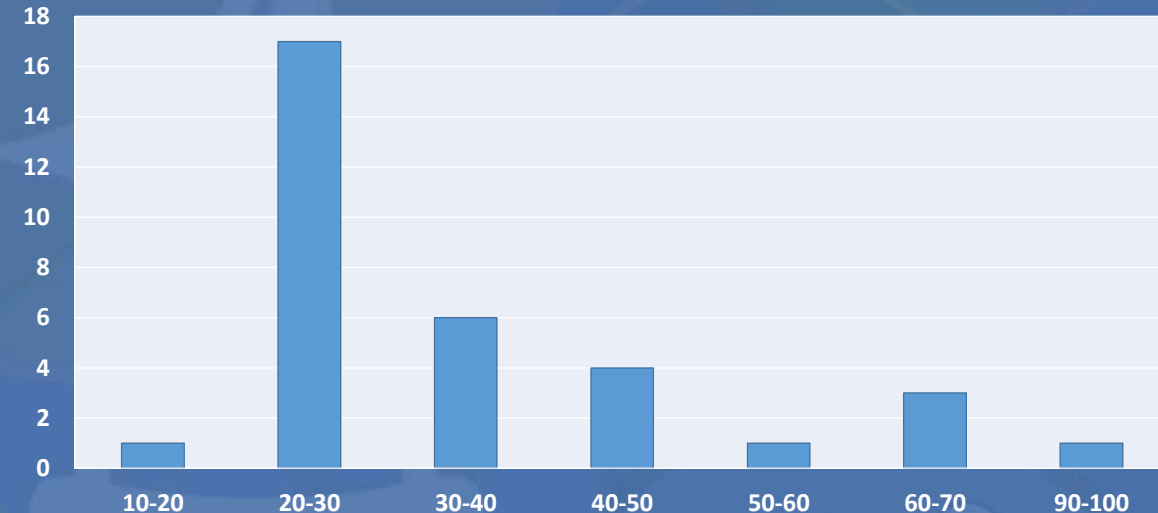
- 92% report that TLCI led to better working relationships
- 74% report TLCI led to new organizational partnerships
 - Combined planning & partnerships between municipalities, agencies, non-profits, private enterprise



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

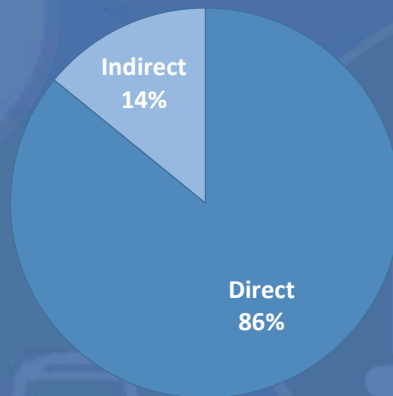
Average Attendance at TLCI Public Meetings



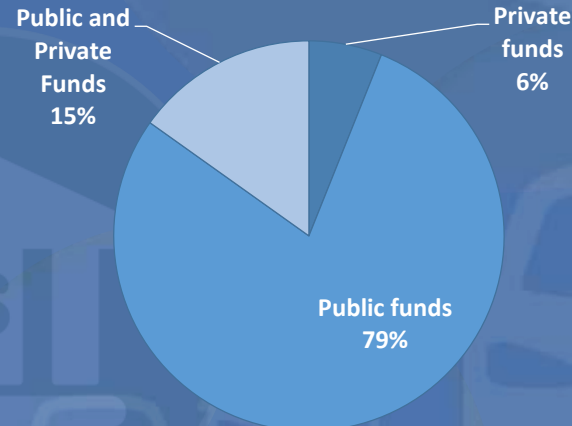
CATALYST FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

- \$176.1 million estimated investment
 - NOACA PPR/TIP: 31 transportation projects = \$112.9 million
 - Other projects added from TLCI Implementation Survey = \$63.2 million

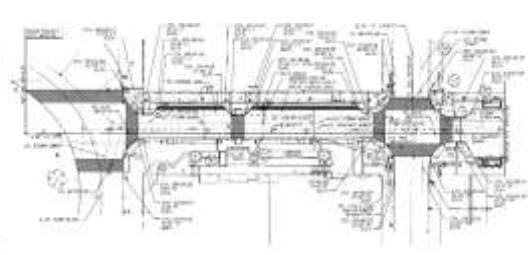
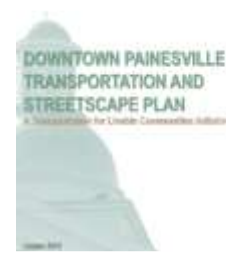
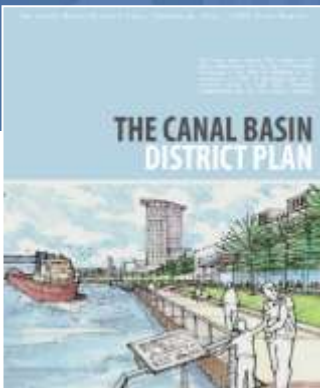
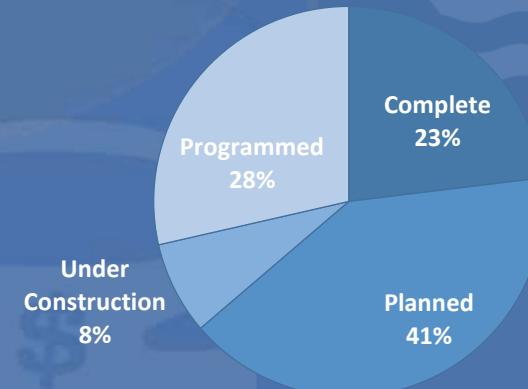
Relationship to TLCI Plan



Funding



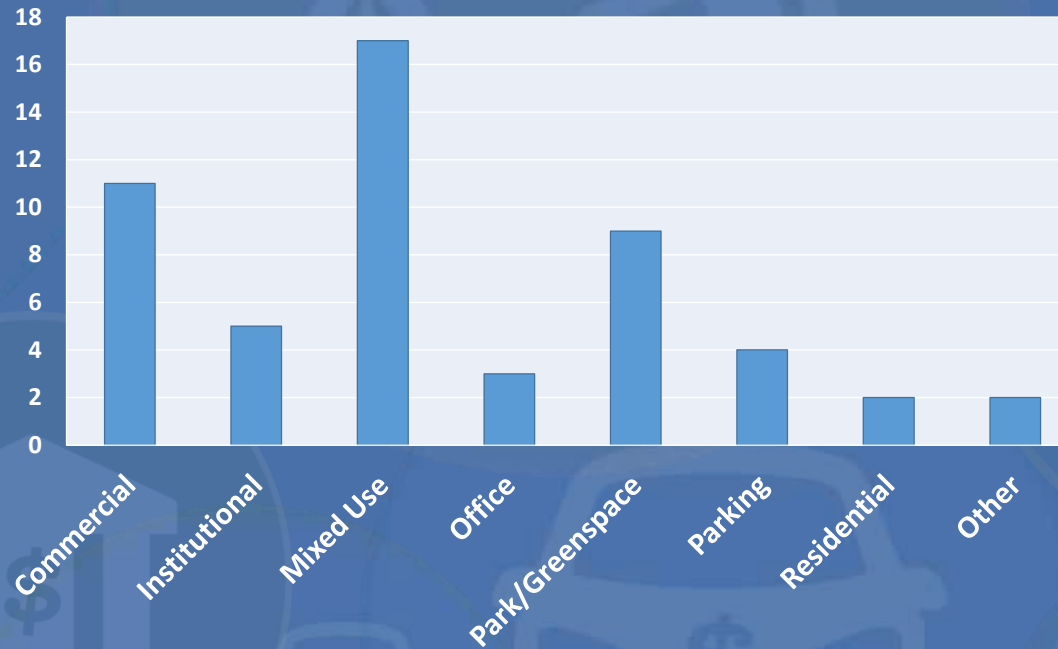
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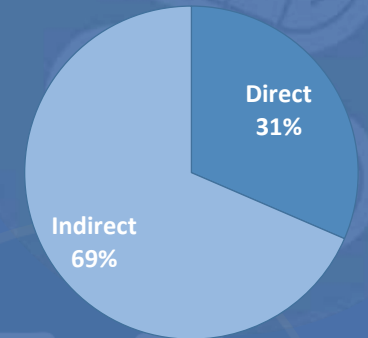
CATALYST FOR LAND USE PROJECTS

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

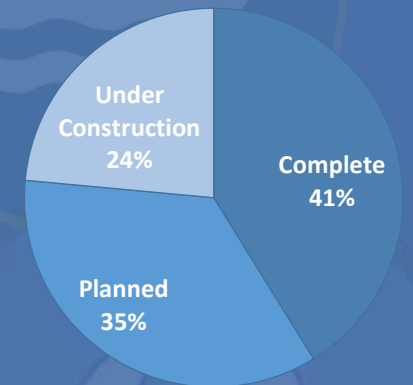
Land Use Type



Relationship to
TLCI Plan



Status



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



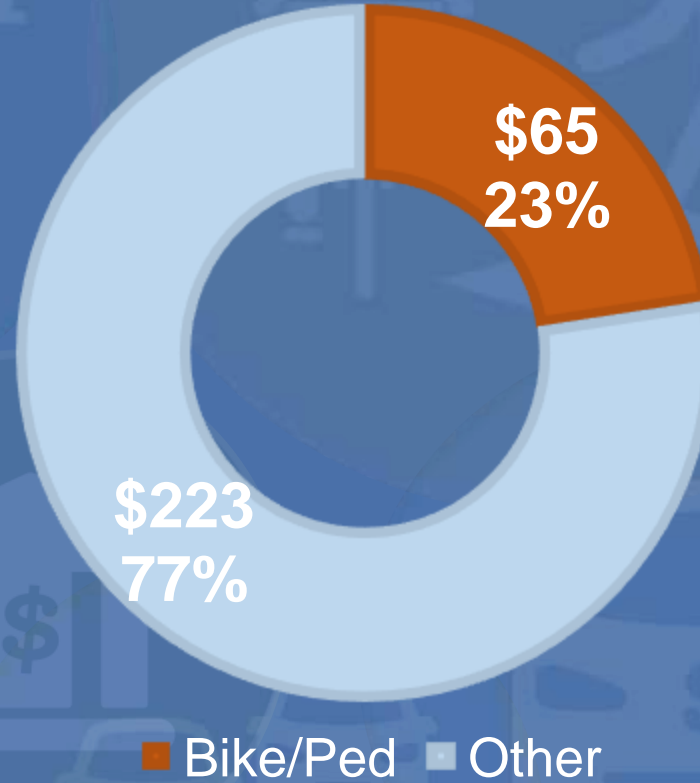
Towpath Trail: \$30 M



Red Line Greenway Trail: \$2 M



Cleveland Lorain Avenue Cycle Track: \$6 M



Cleveland Midway: \$8 M

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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