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**NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY
CUYAHOGA COUNTY
JUNE 30, 2023**

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NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY
CUYAHOGA COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass Through Grantor</i> Program / Cluster Title	Federal AL Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION				
<i>Direct Award</i>				
Economic Development Support for Planning Organizations	11.302	N/A	\$ -	\$ 4,518
Total U.S. Economic Development Administration			-	<u>4,518</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION				
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Transportation</i>				
Highway Planning and Construction				
CMAQ - Rideshare Program	20.205	111106	-	272,918
CMAQ - Air Quality Program	20.205	111110	-	162,978
CMAQ - Signal Timing Corridor Program SFY 2022	20.205	111098	-	288,539
CMAQ - Signal Timing Corridor Program SFY 2023	20.205	111102	-	90
Consolidated Planning Grant SFY 2022	20.205	114262	-	1,168,415
Consolidated Planning Grant SFY 2023	20.205	116044	-	1,940,917
STP - Supplemental Planning Grant - SFY 2022	20.205	112022	-	369,043
STP - Transportation for Liveable Communities - Downtown	20.205	112015	-	58,500
STP - Transportation for Liveable Communities - Lakefront	20.205	112015	-	77,803
STP - Transportation for Liveable Communities - Euclid Corridor	20.205	112016	-	43,951
STP - Transportation for Liveable Communities	20.205	112017	-	198,829
Total Highway Planning and Construction			-	<u>4,581,983</u>
<i>Direct Award</i>				
Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act	20.223	N/A	-	6,401
Subtotal Federal Highway Administration			-	<u>4,588,384</u>
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION				
<i>Direct Award</i>				
Transit Services Program Cluster				
Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities	20.513	OH2020047	595,177	789,474
Total Transit Services Program Cluster			595,177	789,474
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			<u>595,177</u>	<u>5,377,858</u>
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY				
<i>Passed Through the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency</i>				
Water Quality Management Planning	66.454	604 (b)	-	51,657
Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements	66.818	N/A	-	18,607
Total U.S. Environmental Protection Agency			-	<u>70,264</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 595,177</u>	<u>\$ 5,452,640</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

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CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
2 CFR 200.510(b)(6)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2023. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of NOACA, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, or changes in net position of NOACA.

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE C – INDIRECT COST RATE

NOACA has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE D - SUBRECIPIENTS

NOACA passes certain federal awards received from the United States Department of Transportation to other governments or not-for-profit agencies (subrecipients). As Note B describes, NOACA reports expenditures of Federal awards to subrecipients on an accrual basis.

As a pass-through entity, NOACA has certain compliance responsibilities, such as monitoring its subrecipients to help assure they use these subawards as authorized by laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements, and that subrecipients achieve the award's performance goals.

NOTE E - MATCHING REQUIREMENTS

Certain Federal programs require NOACA to contribute non-Federal funds (matching funds) to support the Federally-funded programs. NOACA has met its matching requirements. The Schedule does not include the expenditure of non-Federal matching funds.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency
Cuyahoga County
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To the Board of Directors:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, Cuyahoga County, (NOACA) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise NOACA's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 29, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered NOACA's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of NOACA's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of NOACA's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of NOACA's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether NOACA's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of NOACA's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering NOACA's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



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December 29, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE AND ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

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To the Board of Directors:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency's, Cuyahoga County, (NOACA) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of NOACA's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. NOACA's major federal programs are identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying schedule of findings.

In our opinion, NOACA complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section of our report.

We are required to be independent of NOACA and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of NOACA's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

NOACA's Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to NOACA's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on NOACA's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about NOACA's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding NOACA's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of NOACA's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of NOACA's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of this testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, Cuyahoga County, (NOACA) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise NOACA's basic financial statements. We issued our unmodified report thereon dated December 29, 2023. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise NOACA's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records management used to prepare the basic financial statements. We subjected this schedule to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling this schedule directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

December 29, 2023

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**NORTHEAST OHIO AREA WIDE COORDINATING AGENCY
CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
2 CFR § 200.515
JUNE 30, 2023**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs:	Highway Planning and Construction – AL #20.205 Transit Services Program Cluster
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?	Yes

**2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

None

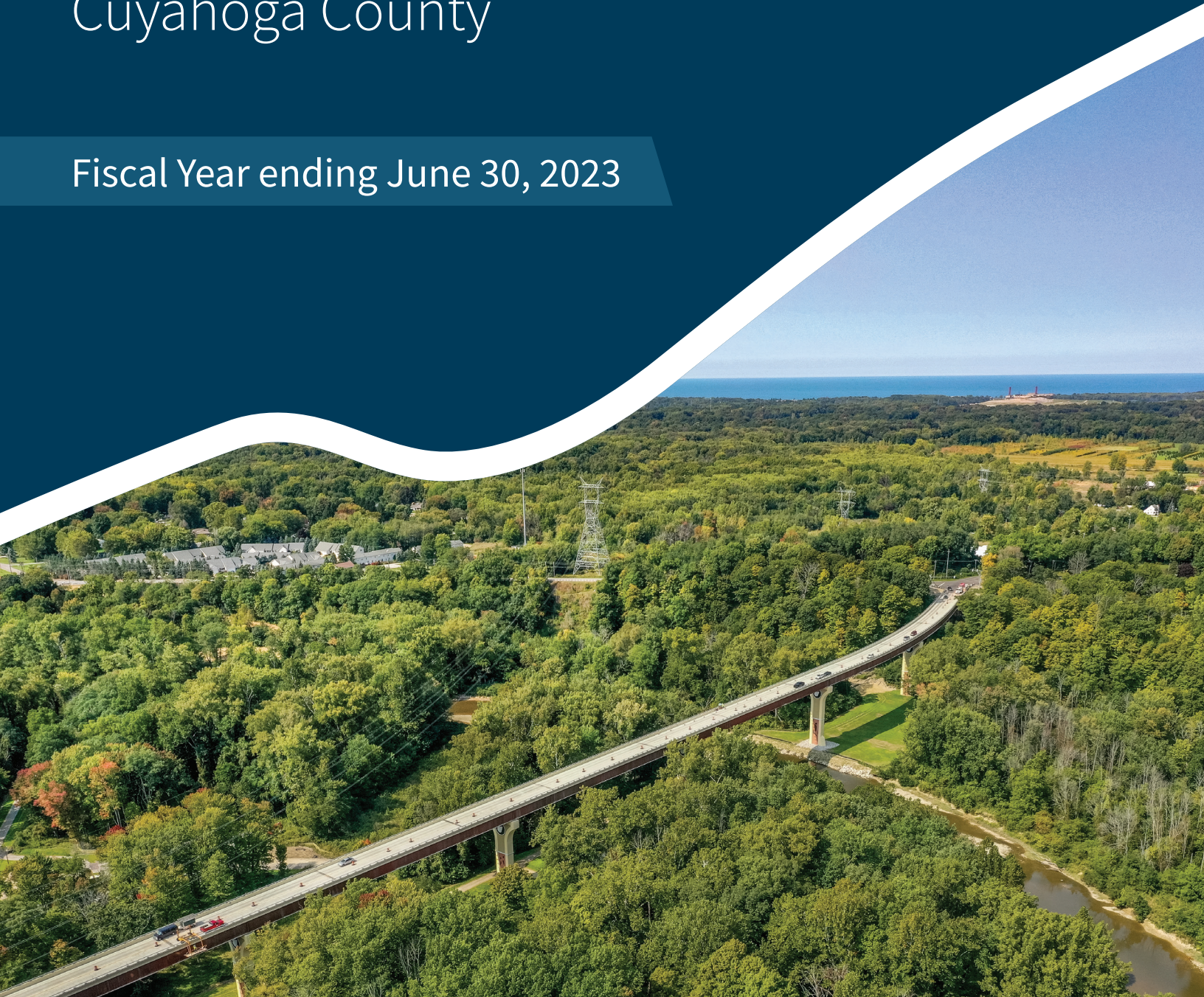
3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Cuyahoga County

Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023



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**ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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Billie Geyer *
Director of Finance

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

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Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

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For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

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December 29, 2023

To the Residents of Northeast Ohio and
The Honorable President of the Board and
Members of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency Board of Directors

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Ex Officio Members:

Ferzan M. Ahmed, P.E., Executive Director, Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission

David Emerman, District Chief, Northeast District Office, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Grace Gallucci, Executive Director & CEO

Public Reporting Responsibility

We are pleased to present the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (“NOACA”) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. This report has been prepared by the Office of the Comptroller according to generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental entities and includes basic financial statements that summarize NOACA’s 2023 activities.

Ohio law requires that public offices reporting pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) shall file their reports with the Auditor of the State and publish notice of the availability of the financial statements within 150 days of the close of each year. The General Purpose External Financial Statements from this report were filed to fulfill that requirement for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, and fairness of the report rests with management of NOACA. NOACA has established a system of internal controls that is designed to protect NOACA’s assets from loss, theft, or misuse and to ensure the reliability of the financial statements and note disclosures. The framework of NOACA’s internal controls is based on the concept of reasonable assurance, which recognizes that the cost of a control should not exceed the expected benefits derived from its implementation.

Ohio law requires independent audits to be performed on all financial operations of NOACA either by the Auditor of State of Ohio or an independent public accounting firm, if permitted by the Auditor of State. The Auditor of State rendered an opinion on NOACA’s financial statements as of June 30, 2023, and the Independent Auditor’s Report on the basic financial statements is located at the front of the financial section of this report.

The Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) immediately follows the independent auditor’s report and provides a narrative introduction, overview and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements. The MD&A is included to complement this letter of transmittal and should be read in conjunction with it.

Reporting Entity

The Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) is a comprehensive planning and transportation agency formed to coordinate and review federal and State funded planning activities and proposals in Northeast Ohio. NOACA was created under Ohio Revised Code Section, 307.15(B). Membership of NOACA includes the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina and the City of Cleveland. The Board of Directors is comprised of 48 public officials, from governments within the various jurisdictions.

Profile of NOACA

NOACA is a public organization serving the counties of and municipalities and townships within Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina (covering an area with approximately 2.1 million people). NOACA is the agency designated or recognized to perform the following functions:

- Serve as the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible for comprehensive, cooperative and continuous multi-modal transportation planning as defined in transportation law;
- Perform continuous water quality, air quality and other environmental planning functions, including serving as the State designated areawide water quality management planning agency and as the federally designated planning agency to address transportation-related air quality issues;
- Administer the area clearinghouse function, which includes providing local governments with the opportunity to review a wide variety of local or State applications for federal funds; and,
- Provide planning and support coordination to the region, as directed by the NOACA Board of Directors, for limited environmental management and transportation planning assistance to member communities and other public agencies and non-governmental organizations.

As the MPO, it is NOACA's role to develop a long range transportation plan and a consistent transportation improvement program (TIP), which prioritizes highway, bicycle/pedestrian and transit projects using federal and State transportation funds.

NOACA's Board of Directors is comprised of 48 local public officials, 46 of whom can vote. The Board convenes quarterly to provide a forum for members to present, discuss and develop solutions to local and areawide issues and make recommendations regarding implementation strategies. As the area clearinghouse for the region, the Board makes comments and recommendations on applications for State and federal grants, with the purpose of enhancing the region's social, physical, environmental and land use/transportation fabric.

NOACA's vision statement is:

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.

Local Economy

The NOACA region is coterminous with the Cleveland-Elyria Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), which covers approximately 2,000 square miles and has a population of approximately 2.1 million. The region is the 33rd largest metropolitan area in the country and is the third largest in Ohio, narrowly behind Cincinnati and Columbus MSA's. However, the region's gross domestic product per capita is second in the State behind Cincinnati.

The three largest employment sectors in the region are health care, manufacturing, and government, in that order. Manufacturing remains the leader by far in gross domestic product but advancements in automation and robotics have lessened the need for workers to produce the same output. This has led to losses in population and higher unemployment rates than the State and national averages (see the Statistical Section of this report).

2023 Accomplishments

Awards

NOACA was awarded the National Association of Regional Councils Achievement Award in the Major Metro category (regions with populations of 1 million) for the Towpath Trail Project.

Accomplishments

The Board of Directors approved the State Fiscal Years 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which lists the federally-funded transportation projects over the four-year period. The TIP is the means of implementing the long-range plan, is developed in coordinating with the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and contains both NOACA and ODOT funded projects.

NOACA funds supported 24 construction projects in the five county region, including resurfacing, rehabilitation, reconstruction, replacement and repairs of 19 different roadways, as well as some traffic signal upgrades and four widening projects.

NOACA has continued work on its Climate Action Plan with support from the Cleveland and Gund Foundations (\$50,000 each). The plan complements the long-range plan, eNEO2050, advancing NOACA's efforts toward the development, implementation and maintenance of a framework and plan for carbon pollution to:

- Reduce emissions pollution;
- Mitigate the effects of extreme weather
- Adapt to changes that may occur, particularly relative to infrastructure; and
- Build resiliency

The program supports member communities as they develop plans and policies consistent with the regional goals. Public engagement sessions have been held to solicit input and feedback to assist in the creation of the plan.

Consistent with the goal of reducing emissions, NOACA has awarded nearly \$4 million in contracts with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for the construction and installation of 73 charging ports – both Direct Current Fast Chargers (DCFC) and Level 2 Chargers at 40 publicly owned sites throughout the region. NOACA has applied for federal funding to complete a second phase of its EV Charging Station Plan, which entails 284 charging ports at 111 sites.

Another accomplishment during fiscal year 2023 was to develop the Regional Strategy for Coordinating Funding opportunities, which coordinates and streamlines a long-term regional approach to prioritizing and ranking projects from the long-range plan. Since much of the \$1.2 trillion of funding in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) is in the form of competitive grant opportunities, this strategy will better position our region to collaborate on priorities, thereby increasing the region's chances of success.

At the state level, NOACA officials testified at two Ohio Legislature hearings regarding the State Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Transportation Budget. In both cases, they advocated for public transportation, workforce mobility programs, and enhanced intercity passenger rail. They also opposed language that sought to dictate the placement of highway interchanges and language providing additional funding to limited communities at the expense of other areas. NOACA also opposed provisions that would have jeopardized the "Midway" bicycle project, and that language was removed.

NOACA staff revised and updated the "Water Quality Goals, Objectives and Strategies" and completed a final draft of the 2023 Water Quality Strategic Plan. The objectives were developed as specific outcomes that help further define goals through work completed through the agency's contracts with Ohio EPA and the Overall Work Program (OWP).

NOACA recently completed a regional greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory that quantifies emissions associated with water and wastewater infrastructure and explores water-related hazards to determine adaptation needs for protecting environmental justice communities.

A number of Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) projects were awarded during the fiscal year, including:

- East 140th Street Streetscape in Cleveland
- West Smith Road Rehabilitation in Medina
- Rocky River Beachcliff Boulevard and Lake Road Pedestrian Crossing Improvement Project
- Grafton Envision Main Street Project – Phase 2
- Bay Village Cahoon and Wolf Roads Intersection Configuration
- North Royalton Bennett Road Multi-Use Trail Extension

TLCI studies awarded during the year included Reimagine Euclid Corridor Multimodal Transportation Plan, Berea Multimodal Transportation improvements, and Bedford Historic District Connectivity Plan.

NOACA Staff prepared 91 payment reports for communities in the five-county region.

The Agency approved \$3.0 million in the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Section 5310 program funding, including \$323,632 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. This funding includes funding for the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority and Laketran as well as new vehicle purchases for local governments and non-profit agencies to provide transportation for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

During the year, NOACA and Vibrant NEO were awarded a Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund grant of \$1 million to support the clean-up and subsequent redevelopment of Brownfield sites through loans and sub-grants, depending on the ownership and reuse of the property. A Brownfields Steering Committee that includes members from each of the 12 counties (Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, and Wayne counties) was established to implement the program.

NOACA's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) was approved, which allows the region to establish a federally-designated Economic Development District (EDD) and to receive infrastructure and technical assistance grants.

NOACA awarded a contract to PFM Financial Advisors LLC to provide assistance with the Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (RIA) project that is being funded through a \$295,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), and Build America Bureau. The project is will bet a resource to project sponsors in the development of transportation projects seeking U.S. DOT credit assistance Programs.

The Regional Vanpool Program, which provides new transportation options for commuters with a 50 percent or more financial subsidy to approved vanpool groups and is funded with CMAQ grants, continues to expand. At the end of the fiscal year, there were 33 vanpool groups.

Policies

Each year, NOACA prepares an Overall Work Program and Budget, which outlines the work products planned for the year and the nature and amounts of funding that support those efforts. The Board of Directors approves the work plan and budget annually as well as any needed budget amendments. State statute does not require NOACA to adopt an annual budget; however, an internal budgeting process is followed. This internal process does not constitute a legally adopted budget as contemplated in the accounting standards.

As a part of the annual budget development process, provisional fringe and indirect rates are calculated. The fringe and indirect rates are charged to the projects and invoiced to the funding agencies for reimbursement, along with the appropriate direct costs. Once the books are closed for the fiscal year, final rates are calculated and adjustments are made to adjust for the surplus or deficiency.

The Budget Manager monitors the budget throughout the year and provides monthly budget to actual reports to project managers. She also meets with those individuals quarterly on the status of their projects and prepares an annual completion report that is reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors. Budget to actual reports for NOACA as a whole are provided to the Board of Directors and the Finance and Audit Committee at their quarterly meetings.

It is the informal policy of NOACA to maintain reserves equal to two months of payroll expenses and three months of other expenses as a means of:

- Facilitating cash flow, as almost all of NOACA's grants are on a reimbursement basis;
- Taking advantage of new opportunities;
- Ensuring that there is a safety net to protect NOACA from funding cutbacks or delays in reimbursements; and
- Providing funds for capital outlays such as building improvements and office equipment that are depreciated over a period of years.

Long Range Financial Plan

NOACA's day to day operations are primarily funded by federal planning assistance grants, with a local match provided by State grants and annual member dues. As the federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the region, NOACA's federal transportation funds are provided by federal authorizations, the most recent being the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). This legislation, which was signed into law on November 15, 2021, reauthorizes the FAST Act for five years, through 2026, and provides \$1.2 trillion in funding, half of which is for transportation programs and infrastructure. The law increases formula funding and, also, expands discretionary grant programs. NOACA has developed an IIJA Funding Strategy to ensure funding for the region's highest priorities.

NOACA's long range financial plan is to maximize these and other funding streams to address regional needs and to take advantage of emerging opportunities, such as the CEDS initiative and the EV Charging Station program. New programs are supported by additional grant opportunities and locally-derived revenues, primarily membership contributions, while maintaining a prudent level of reserves.

Initiatives

NOACA has a number of planning studies in process, including the North Coast Connector Project the Cuyahoga Riverfront Master Plan, and Euclid Beach Neighborhood Plan all of which are in the City of Cleveland, SR-611 Corridor Safety Plan for ODOT in the City of Avon and the Village of Sheffield, I-71 Boston Road Interchange in the City of Strongsville, and I-480/Granger Road Interchange Project in the City of Garfield Heights. Two regional TLCI projects, the Regional Lakefront Connectivity and Downtown Livability studies, are nearly complete.

The once-every-ten-years Household Travel Survey has been kicked off and is underway. This survey provides a detailed picture of the daily travel patterns of people in Northeast Ohio. In addition to analyzing travel trends for planning activities, the survey will be used to calibrate and validate the agency's travel forecasting model.

NOACA partnered with the City of Cleveland to apply for a \$1 million grant with a priority of developing a priority climate action plan (PCAP), a comprehensive climate action plan (CCAP), and status reports over the four-year grant period. The grant was awarded by the U.S. EPA in August.

The agency has submitted three applications through the Federal Railroad Administration's new Corridor Identification and Development Program to get financial and other support to improve passenger rail service in northeast Ohio. NOACA is working with the State of Ohio, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), and other metropolitan planning organizations in the region to advance Amtrak's "Connects Us" plan to improve existing passenger rail service in Ohio and to explore an expansion of rail services.

NOACA is also pursuing funding to complete a feasibility study to extend the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad from Rockside Road in Independence to downtown Cleveland, providing rail transportation to areas of the city that have not previously been served by rail transportation.

Awards and Acknowledgements

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to NOACA for its annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. The Certificate of Achievement is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government reports.

In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government unit must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized annual comprehensive financial report , whose contents conform to the program standards. The ACFR must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. This the second year that NOACA has prepared an ACFR and submitted it for this award. We believe our current annual comprehensive financial report continues to conform to the Certificate of Achievement program's requirements and we are submitting it to GFOA.

NOACA also received the Auditor of State Award with Distinction for the fiscal year 2022 financial statement audit. This award is earned by governments that have a "clean audit" and that prepare an Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

The timely preparation of this report could not have been accomplished without the cooperation and dedicated services of the staff of the Office of the Comptroller and the Auditor of State, the independent auditor. Sincere appreciation is also extended to the staff of the Local Government Services section of the Auditor of State's office for their assistance with helping to ensure that this report conforms with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and the requirements of the Government Finance Officers Association.

Appreciation is also extended to the NOACA officers and Board of Directors for their diligence and support in overseeing the financial operations of NOACA.

Respectfully submitted,



Grace Gallucci
Executive Director and CEO



Deborah Wordell
Director of Finance

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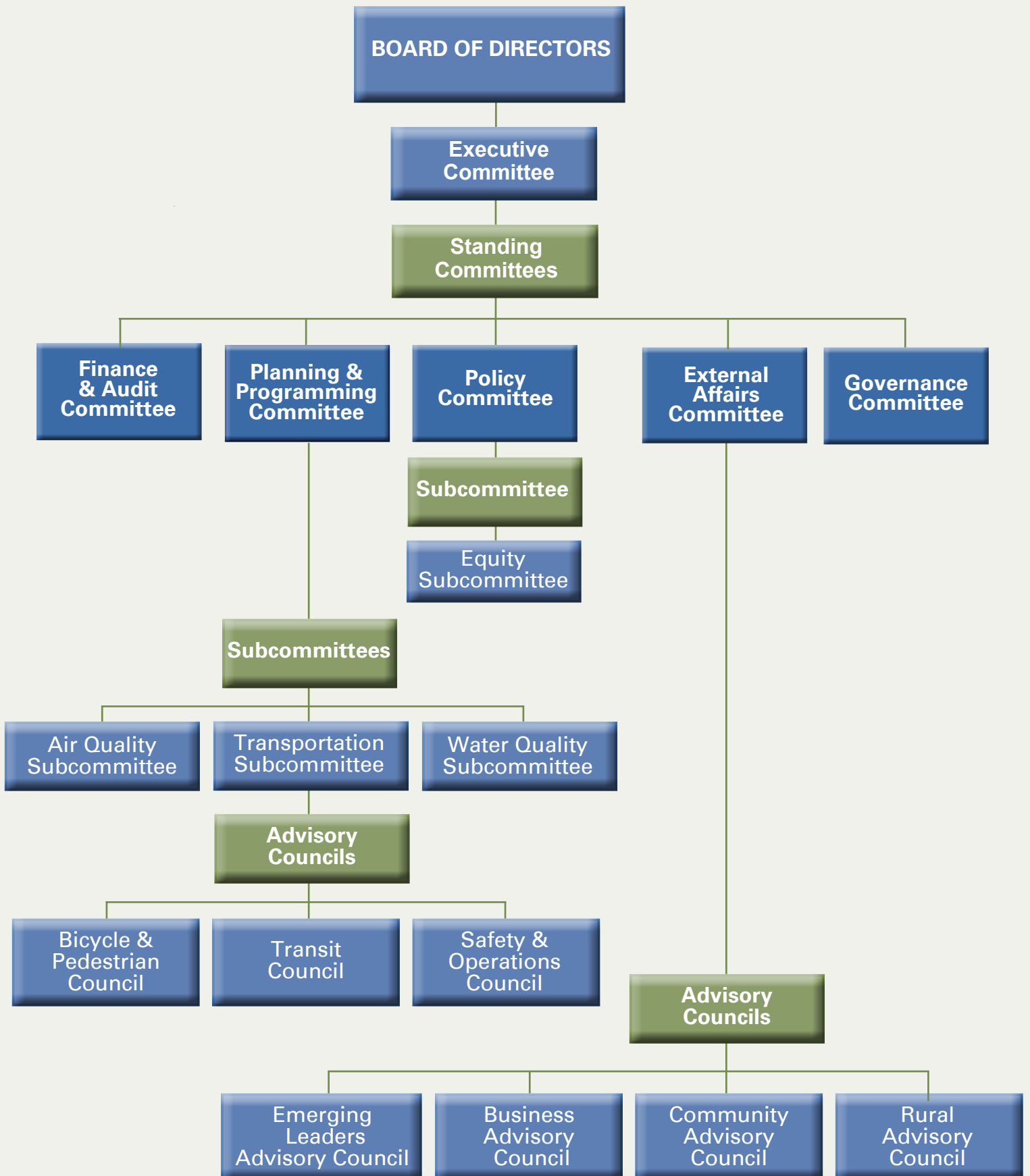
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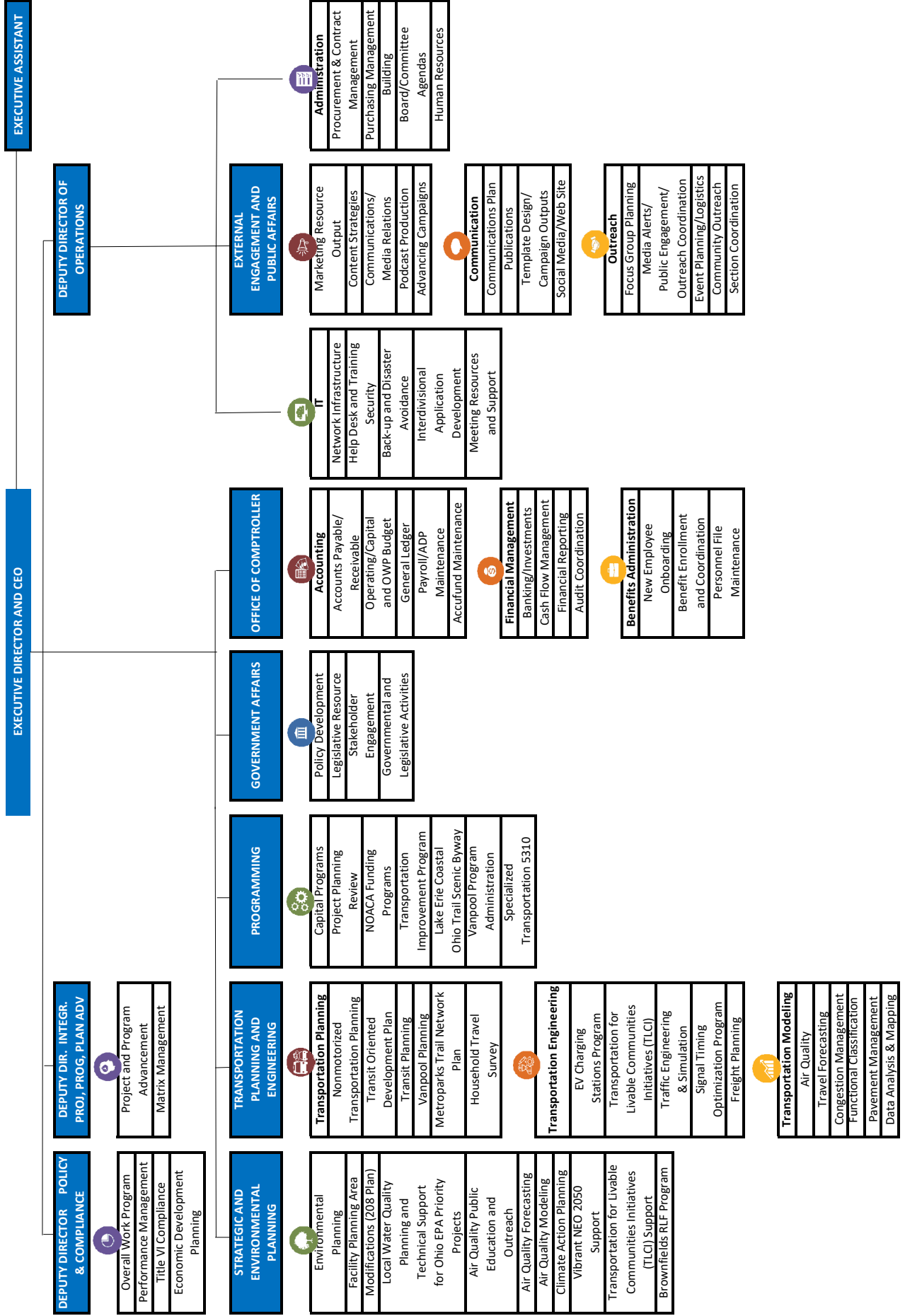
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Board of Directors:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, Cuyahoga County, Ohio (NOACA), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise NOACA's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, Cuyahoga County, Ohio as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of NOACA, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about NOACA's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of NOACA's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about NOACA's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the *management's discussion and analysis*, and schedules of net pension and other post-employment benefit liabilities and pension and other post-employment benefit contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise NOACA's basic financial statements. The Schedules of Fringe Benefit Cost Charges, Rate Base and Fringe Benefit Rate Computation and Indirect Cost Charges, Rate Base and Indirect Cost Rate Computation, and the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedules of Fringe Benefit Cost Charges, Rate Base and Fringe Benefit Rate Computation and Indirect Cost Charges, Rate Base and Indirect Cost Rate Computation and combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual financial report. The other information comprises the introductory and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we will also issue our report dated December 29, 2023, on our consideration of NOACA's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of NOACA's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering NOACA's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

December 29, 2023

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Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

*Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023
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The management's discussion and analysis of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency's (NOACA) financial performance provides an overall review of NOACA's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The intent of this management's discussion and analysis is to look at NOACA's financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review the transmittal letter, the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of NOACA's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2023 are as follows:

- The most significant changes in the Statement of Net Position are all pension related. Deferred Outflows of Resources for pension and Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) have increased by \$1.9 million since last year, Net Pension Liabilities have increased by \$4.1 million and Deferred Inflows of Resources for pension and OPEB have decreased by \$3.0 million.
- The large influx of grant funds has also resulted in unearned revenues of \$12.4 million at the end of the fiscal year which is in line with the prior fiscal year.
- Once again, the \$12.3 million in Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) grant funds account for most of the Current and Other Assets and are considered unearned revenues, which are included in Current Liabilities. These funds will remain invested in the NOACA's accounts until they are disbursed for the Irishtown Bend Bank Stabilization Project. The contract for that project was awarded in June by the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority. The interest earned on those funds have contributed to an increase in Current and Other Assets and account for an additional increase in the Restricted Net Position.
- The General Fund's fund balance at the close of the current year is \$2.1 million or 4.2 times the current year's expenditures compared to a fund balance of \$1.9 million in the prior fiscal year or 5.1 times during the prior fiscal year.

Using This Annual Financial Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are prepared and organized so the reader can understand the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency as a financial whole or as an entire operating entity. The statements provide a detailed look at the NOACA's specific financial activities.

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of NOACA as a whole, presenting both an aggregate view of NOACA's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short term as well as what dollars remain for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at NOACA's most significant funds with all other nonmajor funds presented in total in one column.

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

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Reporting the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains information about the funds used by NOACA to provide services to our citizens, the view of NOACA as a whole considers all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during fiscal year 2023?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities answer this question. These statements include all assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting method used by the private sector. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

These two statements report NOACA's net position and the changes in net position. The change in net position is important because it tells the reader whether, for NOACA as a whole, the financial position of NOACA has improved or diminished. However, in evaluating the overall position of NOACA, non-financial information such as changes in NOACA's revenue base and the condition of NOACA's capital assets also need to be evaluated.

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities are divided into the following categories:

- Assets
- Deferred Outflows of Resources
- Liabilities
- Deferred Inflows of Resources
- Net position (Assets plus Deferred Outflows of Resources minus Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources)
- Program Expenses and Revenues
- General Revenues
- Net Position Beginning of Year and Year's End

Reporting the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of NOACA's funds can be classified as governmental funds. Fund financial Statements provide detailed information about NOACA's major funds. NOACA has established funds that account for the multitude of services provided to the region. However, these fund financial statements focus on NOACA's most significant funds. In the case of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, the major funds are the general fund, the Ohio Consolidated Planning Grant (OCPG), the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 program grant and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act special revenue funds.

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Governmental Funds Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. All NOACA activities are reported in the governmental funds focusing on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year end available for spending in future periods. Our funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting which measures cash and all other financial assets that are expected to be readily converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of NOACA's general operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps one determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future on services provided to our region. Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of NOACA's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency as a Whole

Recall that the Statement of Net Position pictures NOACA as a whole. Table 1 provides a summary of NOACA's net position for 2023 compared to 2022.

Table 1
Net Position

	Governmental Activities		
	2023	2022	Change
Assets			
Current and Other Assets	\$15,242,511	\$14,644,687	\$597,824
Noncurrent Assets:			
Net OPEB Asset	0	661,825	(661,825)
Capital Assets, Net	1,291,875	1,343,925	(52,050)
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>16,534,386</u>	<u>16,650,437</u>	<u>(116,051)</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Pension	2,190,171	603,138	1,587,033
OPEB	357,741	40,461	317,280
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<u>\$2,547,912</u>	<u>\$643,599</u>	<u>\$1,904,313</u>

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Table 1 (continued)
Net Position

	Governmental Activities		
	2023	2022	Change
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities	\$12,826,210	\$12,752,965	(\$73,245)
Long-Term Liabilities			
Due Within One Year	169,168	146,516	(22,652)
Due in More Than One Year			
Net Pension Liability	6,037,099	1,936,362	(4,100,737)
Net OPEB Liability	120,373	0	(120,373)
Other Amounts	455,289	489,217	33,928
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>19,608,139</u>	<u>15,325,060</u>	<u>(4,283,079)</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Pension	281,973	2,659,137	2,377,164
OPEB	55,044	724,599	669,555
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>337,017</u>	<u>3,383,736</u>	<u>3,046,719</u>
Net Position			
Investment in Capital Assets	1,291,875	1,343,925	(52,050)
Restricted for Surface Transportation			
Block Grant Projects	326,041	12,740	313,301
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(2,480,774)	(2,771,425)	290,651
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>(\$862,858)</u>	<u>(\$1,414,760)</u>	<u>\$551,902</u>

The net pension liability (NPL) is one of the largest single liabilities reported by NOACA at June 30, 2023. GASB notes that pension and OPEB obligations (asset), whether funded or unfunded, are part of the “employment exchange” – that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension and other postemployment benefits. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee, and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange. However, NOACA is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of these liabilities. In Ohio, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension benefits with the employer. Both employer and employee contribution rates are capped by State statute. A change in these caps requires action of both Houses of the General Assembly and approval of the Governor. Benefit provisions are also determined by State statute. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

Most long-term liabilities have set repayment schedules or, in the case of compensated absences (i.e. sick and vacation leave), are satisfied through paid time-off or termination payments. There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability or the net OPEB liability. As explained above, changes in benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of these liabilities, but are outside the control of the local government. In the event that contributions, investment returns, and other changes are insufficient to keep up with required payments, State statute does not assign/identify the responsible party for the unfunded portion. Due to the unique

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nature of how the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability are satisfied, these liabilities are separately identified within the long-term liability section of the statement of net position.

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. By comparing assets and liabilities, one can see the overall position of NOACA is largely affected by the net pension liability. In the case of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets and deferred outflows of resources at fiscal year-end 2022, but the differential has improved substantially over the last few years due to changes in benefit payment policies, favorable investment returns and changes in assumptions made by the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS).

Current and other assets grew exponentially during the year due to CRRSAA grant funds. These funds have been designated by the Board of Directors to support the Irishtown Bend Bank Stabilization project and when appropriate will be remitted to the Cuyahoga County Port Authority, the local sponsor for the project. NOACA continues to find revenue sources and keep expenditures in check.

Table 2 shows the changes in net position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022.

Table 2
Change in Net Position

	Governmental Activities		
	2023	2022	Change
Revenues			
<i>Program Revenues</i>			
Charges for Services	\$113,021	\$103,337	\$9,684
Operating Grants and Contributions	5,989,494	5,173,797	815,697
Total Program Revenues	6,102,515	5,277,134	825,381
<i>General Revenues</i>			
Membership Contributions	944,747	944,747	0
Investment Earnings	352,216	16,505	335,711
Total General Revenues	1,296,963	961,252	335,711
Total Revenues	7,399,478	6,238,386	1,161,092
Program Expenses			
General Government	175,316	(422,040)	(597,356)
Transportation Planning	5,436,603	4,202,740	(1,233,863)
Air Quality Planning	756,889	371,099	(385,790)
Water Quality Planning	478,768	343,821	(134,947)
Total Program Expenses	6,847,576	4,495,620	(2,351,956)
Change in Net Position	551,902	1,742,766	(1,190,864)
Net Position Beginning of Year	(1,414,760)	(3,157,526)	1,742,766
Net Position End of Year	(\$862,858)	(\$1,414,760)	\$551,902

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The majority of NOACA's revenues are from operating grants. Grant revenues in fiscal year 2023 were higher than in fiscal year 2022 due to the resumption of some projects there were delayed due to the effects of COVID 19.

Analysis of Overall Financial Positions and Results of Operations

In Table 3 below, the total cost of services column contains all costs related to the programs and the net cost of services column shows how much of the total amount is not covered by program revenues. The net costs are program costs that must be covered by general revenues (primarily membership contributions).

Table 3
Governmental Activities

<u>Programs</u>	<u>Total Cost of Services 2023</u>	<u>Total Cost of Services 2022</u>	<u>Net Cost of Services 2023</u>	<u>Net Cost of Services 2022</u>
General Government	\$175,316	(\$422,040)	(\$39,170)	\$589,696
Transportation Planning	5,436,603	4,202,740	(355,881)	357,430
Air Quality Planning	756,889	371,099	2,101	51,552
Water Quality Planning	478,768	343,821	(352,111)	(217,164)
Total Expenses	<u>\$6,847,576</u>	<u>\$4,495,620</u>	<u>(\$745,061)</u>	<u>\$781,514</u>

The difference in the total cost and net cost of services represents charges for services and intergovernmental revenues. The dependence upon program revenues is apparent.

Governmental Activities

Several revenue sources fund our governmental activities with the operating grants being the largest contributor. General revenues from membership fees are also a major source of revenue.

The majority of NOACA's program expenses are for transportation planning, followed by Air Quality Planning and Water Quality Planning. These expenses increased over last year as activities began to recover from the effects of the pandemic, such as unusual traffic patterns and supply chain issues, and due to much lower negative pension and OPEB expenses.

NOACA's Funds

Information about NOACA's governmental funds begins with the balance sheet. These funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. NOACA's major funds are the general fund, the Ohio Consolidated Planning Grant (OCPG), Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 program grant and Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) special revenue funds. The general fund balance increased by \$211,278 from the prior year due to minimal spending on capital items, which get reimbursed over the life of the asset. The only other fund balance that changed was the CRRSAA fund which investment earnings/interest of \$313,301, all of which is restricted for the Irishtown Bend Bank Stabilization project.

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Capital Assets and Long-Term Obligations

Capital Assets

Capital purchases during the year included a new modelling server to replace one that had reached the end of its useful life, a replacement of the firewall, Climate Action Plan kiosks, sound system improvements for a meeting room, and speedbumps for the Street Supply program. At the end of the year, NOACA had \$1,291,875 invested in land, buildings and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation. For further information on NOACA's capital assets, refer to Note 6 of the basic financial statements.

Long-Term Obligations

As of June 30, 2023, NOACA had outstanding balances in compensated absences as well as net pension and OPEB liabilities. Compensated absences payable decreased by \$11,276 from the prior year due to staff retirements and terminations. The net pension/OPEB liabilities increase due to various factors affecting the pension retirement system. See Note 9 for additional information on NOACA's long-term obligations.

Current Financial Related Activities

NOACA's financial position is strong as evidenced by the ratio of the general fund's fund balance to current expenditures of 4.2. New initiatives are supported by additional grant opportunities as well as locally derived membership contributions while maintaining the fund balance threshold.

NOACA relies heavily on federal and state grants to fund its planning and coordinating activities. Transportation grants, particularly the Consolidated Planning Grant, are the largest source of operating funds for NOACA. The Highway Trust Fund, primarily motor fuel taxes, contributes to these programs in accordance with federal transportation program authorizations. On November 15, 2021, President Biden signed in to law the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) aka Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). This law reauthorizes the FAST Act for five years – through 2026 and provides \$1.2 trillion in funding, including \$284 million in new spending for surface transportation. The law increases formula funding and also expands discretionary grant programs.

Contacting NOACA's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our members, grantors, citizens and creditors with a general overview of NOACA's finances and demonstrates NOACA's accountability for all money it receives, spends, and invests. Please direct any questions about this report or financial information inquiries to the Finance Director, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, 1299 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

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Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2023

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$13,885,699
Intergovernmental Receivable	1,356,812
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	322,500
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	<u>969,375</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>16,534,386</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Pension	2,190,171
OPEB	<u>357,741</u>
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<u>2,547,912</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	334,064
Accrued Wages	99,950
Unearned Revenue	12,392,196
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year	169,168
Due In More Than One Year	
Net Pension Liability (See Note 7)	6,037,099
Net OPEB Liability (See Note 8)	120,373
Other Amounts	<u>455,289</u>
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>19,608,139</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Pension	281,973
OPEB	<u>55,044</u>
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>337,017</u>
Net Position	
Investment in Capital Assets	1,291,875
Restricted for Surface Transportation Block Grant Projects	326,041
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(2,480,774)</u>
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u><u>(\$862,858)</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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Statement of Activities

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities				
General Government	\$175,316	\$113,021	\$23,125	(\$39,170)
Transportation Planning	5,436,603	0	5,080,722	(355,881)
Air Quality Planning	756,889	0	758,990	2,101
Water Quality Planning	478,768	0	126,657	(352,111)
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<u>\$6,847,576</u>	<u>\$113,021</u>	<u>\$5,989,494</u>	<u>(745,061)</u>
		General Revenues		
		Membership Contributions		944,747
		Investment Earnings/Interest		352,216
		<i>Total General Revenues</i>		1,296,963
		Change in Net Position		551,902
		<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>		(1,414,760)
		<i>Net Position End of Year</i>		<u>(\$862,858)</u>

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*Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2023*

	<u>General</u>	<u>Ohio Consolidated Planning Grant</u>
Assets		
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$1,164,012	\$0
Intergovernmental Receivable	0	804,659
Interfund Receivable	<u>1,111,627</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u><u>\$2,275,639</u></u>	<u><u>\$804,659</u></u>
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$85,429	\$20,066
Accrued Wages	99,950	0
Interfund Payable	0	784,593
Unearned Revenue	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>185,379</u>	<u>804,659</u>
Fund Balance		
Restricted for Surface Transportation Block Grant Projects	0	0
Unassigned	<u>2,090,260</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>	<u>2,090,260</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</i>	<u><u>\$2,275,639</u></u>	<u><u>\$804,659</u></u>

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<u>Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative</u>	<u>Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities</u>	<u>Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
\$0	\$0	\$12,626,041	\$95,646	\$13,885,699
195,526	163,809	0	192,818	1,356,812
0	0	0	0	1,111,627
<u>\$195,526</u>	<u>\$163,809</u>	<u>\$12,626,041</u>	<u>\$288,464</u>	<u>\$16,354,138</u>
\$82,782	\$73,568	\$0	\$72,219	\$334,064
0	0	0	0	99,950
112,744	90,241	0	124,049	1,111,627
0	0	12,300,000	92,196	12,392,196
<u>195,526</u>	<u>163,809</u>	<u>12,300,000</u>	<u>288,464</u>	<u>13,937,837</u>
0	0	326,041	0	326,041
0	0	0	0	2,090,260
0	0	326,041	0	2,416,301
<u>\$195,526</u>	<u>\$163,809</u>	<u>\$12,626,041</u>	<u>\$288,464</u>	<u>\$16,354,138</u>

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*Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to
 Net Position of Governmental Activities
 June 30, 2023*

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$2,416,301
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	1,291,875
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The net OPEB asset and net pension liability are not due and payable in the current period; therefore, the asset, liability and related deferred inflows/outflows are not reported in governmental funds:

Deferred Outflows - Pension	2,190,171
Deferred Outflows - OPEB	357,741
Net Pension Liability	(6,037,099)
Net OPEB Liability	(120,373)
Deferred Inflows - Pension	(281,973)
Deferred Inflows - OPEB	<u>(55,044)</u>

Total	(3,946,577)
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Long-term liabilities, such as compensated absences, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	<u>(624,457)</u>
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<i>Net Position of Governmental Activities</i>	<u><u>(\$862,858)</u></u>
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Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	General	Ohio Consolidated Planning Grant	Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative
Revenues			
Charges for Services	\$113,021	\$0	\$0
Membership Contributions	551,562	388,667	0
Intergovernmental	0	3,497,998	748,126
Investment Earnings/Interest	38,915	0	0
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>703,498</u>	<u>3,886,665</u>	<u>748,126</u>
Expenditures			
Current:			
General Government	136,390	0	0
Transportation Planning	0	3,886,665	748,126
Air Quality Planning	0	0	0
Water Quality Planning	355,830	0	0
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>492,220</u>	<u>3,886,665</u>	<u>748,126</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	211,278	0	0
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<u>1,878,982</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$2,090,260</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>

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Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities	Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$113,021
0	0	4,518	944,747
789,474	0	953,896	5,989,494
0	313,301	0	352,216
789,474	313,301	958,414	7,399,478
0	0	27,643	164,033
789,474	0	45,124	5,469,389
0	0	758,990	758,990
0	0	126,657	482,487
789,474	0	958,414	6,874,899
0	313,301	0	524,579
0	12,740	0	1,891,722
\$0	\$326,041	\$0	\$2,416,301

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*Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
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Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$524,579
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlay in the current period:

Capital Outlay	60,971	
Depreciation	(113,021)	
	(52,050)	(52,050)

Contractually required contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds however, the statement of net position reports these amounts as deferred outflows:

Pension	430,289	
OPEB	1,416	
	431,705	431,705

Except for amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows, changes in the net pension/OPEB asset/liabilities are reported as pension/OPEB expense in the statement of activities:

Pension	(566,829)	
OPEB	203,221	
	(363,608)	(363,608)

Some expenses, such as compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.

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<i>Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities</i>	<u><u>\$551,902</u></u>
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Note 1 – Description of NOACA and Reporting Entity

The Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) is a comprehensive planning and transportation agency formed to coordinate and review federal and state funded planning activities and proposals in northeast Ohio. NOACA was created under Ohio Revised Code Section, 307.15(B). Membership of NOACA includes the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina, the City of Cleveland, other cities, villages, and townships within those counties, and the transit agencies and sewer districts within those counties. The Governing Board is comprised of representatives, who hold public office, from the various member counties. There are 46 voting representatives on the NOACA Board.

In evaluating how to define NOACA for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all agencies, departments and organizations making up the association and its potential component units consistent with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity" and Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) Statement No. 61, "The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus."

Component units are legally separate organizations for which NOACA is financially accountable. NOACA is financially accountable for an organization if NOACA appoints a voting majority of the organizations' governing board and (1) NOACA is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) NOACA is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; NOACA is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or NOACA is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on NOACA in that NOACA approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. NOACA has no component units.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to local governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial principles. The most significant of NOACA's accounting policies are described below.

Basis of Presentation

NOACA's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements, which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-wide Financial Statements The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about NOACA as a whole. These statements usually distinguish between those activities of NOACA that are governmental and those that are considered business-type. However, NOACA has only governmental activities; therefore no business-type activities are presented.

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The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of NOACA at year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of NOACA's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and are therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of NOACA, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental program is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of NOACA.

Fund Financial Statements During the year, NOACA segregates transactions related to certain NOACA functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of NOACA at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

Fund Accounting

NOACA uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. NOACA's funds are all classified as governmental.

Governmental Funds Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. The following are NOACA's major governmental funds:

General Fund The general fund accounts for and reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available to NOACA for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Ohio Consolidated Planning Grant Fund To account for and report Federal Highway Administration and Ohio Department of Transportation grant monies that are legally restricted to transportation planning activities and cannot be used for capital projects.

Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative Fund To account for and report restricted proceeds of federal grants that support planning for projects that improve multimodal transportation and community livability.

Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Fund To account for and report restricted monies from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding transportation options.

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Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act Fund To account for and report restricted proceeds of federal grants that were received through an allocation based on the demonstration of economic loss due to the pandemic. This fund is eligible for Surface Transportation Block Grant type projects.

The other governmental funds of NOACA account for other resources whose use is restricted, committed or assigned to a particular purpose.

Measurement Focus

Government-wide Financial Statements The government-wide financial statements are prepared using a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of NOACA are included on the statement of net position. The statement of activities presents increases (e.g. revenues) and decreases (e.g. expenses) in total net position.

Fund Financial Statements All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and deferred outflows of resources and current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include reconciliations with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred outflows/inflows of resources and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

Revenues - Exchange and Nonexchange Transactions Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. For NOACA, available means expected to be received within sixty days of year-end.

Nonexchange transactions, in which NOACA receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements and donations. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which NOACA must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to NOACA on a reimbursement basis. On the

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modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, federal and state grants and subsidies are considered to be both measurable and available at year-end.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources In addition to assets, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For NOACA, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the government-wide statement of net position for pension and OPEB. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension and OPEB are explained in Notes 7 and 8.

In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized until that time. For NOACA, deferred inflows of resources include pension and OPEB. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB are reported on the government-wide statement of net position. (See Notes 7 and 8)

Expenses/Expenditures On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds.

Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB asset/liability, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions/OPEB, and pension/OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension/OPEB plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension/OPEB plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension/OPEB systems report investments at fair value.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

To improve cash management, cash received by NOACA is deposited into one bank account. Monies for all funds are maintained in this account or temporarily used to purchase short-term investments. Individual fund integrity is maintained through NOACA's records. Interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents."

During fiscal year 2023, investments were limited to STAR Ohio and the Government Insured Deposit Program, formerly known as STAR Plus.

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STAR Ohio (the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio), is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*. NOACA measures their investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

For fiscal year 2023, there were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, 24 hours advance notice for deposits and withdrawals of \$100 million or more is appreciated. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to \$250 million per day.

Under existing Ohio statutes all investment earnings are assigned to the general fund unless statutorily required to be credited to a specific fund. Investment earnings/interest revenue credited to the general fund during 2023 amounted to \$38,915 which includes \$9,389 assigned from other NOACA funds.

Investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased and investments of the cash management pool are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents.

Capital Assets

All capital assets of NOACA are general capital assets. General capital assets are capital assets which are associated with and generally arise from governmental activities. They generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. General capital assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. NOACA was able to estimate the historical cost for the initial reporting of assets by backtrending (i.e., estimating the current replacement cost of the asset to be capitalized and using an appropriate price-level index to deflate the cost to the acquisition year or estimated acquisition year).

Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition values as of the date received. NOACA maintains a capitalization threshold of two thousand dollars with the exception of land as land was listed regardless of cost. NOACA does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not.

All capital assets are depreciated except for land. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

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<u>Description</u>	<u>Governmental Activities Estimated Lives</u>
Buildings and Improvements	20 Years
Furniture and Equipment	5-10 Years

Compensated Absences

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered. It is probable that NOACA will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. NOACA records a liability for all accumulated unused vacation time when earned for all employees.

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. The liability includes amounts accumulated by those employees who are currently eligible to receive termination benefits and those NOACA has identified as probable of receiving payment in the future. The amount is based on accumulated sick leave and employees' wage rates at year end, taking into consideration any limits specified in NOACA's termination policy. NOACA records a liability for accumulated unused sick leave for all employees payable in accordance with NOACA's termination policy.

Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources, are reported as obligations of the funds. However, compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current year. Net pension/OPEB liability should be recognized in the governmental funds to the extent that benefit payments are due and payable and the pension/OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is not sufficient for payment of those benefits.

Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which NOACA is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable: The nonspendable fund balance category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash.

Restricted: Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

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Committed: The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by formal action (ordinance or resolution, as both are equally binding) of the NOACA Board of Directors. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Directors removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (ordinance or resolution, as both are equally binding) it employed to previously commit those amounts. In contrast to fund balance that is restricted by enabling legislation, the committed fund balance classification may be redeployed for other purposes with appropriate due process. Constraints imposed on the use of committed amounts are imposed by the Board of Directors, separate from the authorization to raise the underlying revenue; therefore, compliance with these constraints is not considered to be legally enforceable. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned: Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by NOACA for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. These amounts are assigned by the Board of Directors. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by NOACA Board or a NOACA official delegated that authority by NOACA resolution or by State statute.

Unassigned: Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

NOACA applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

Net Position

Net position represents the difference between all other elements in a statement of financial position. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

NOACA applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

Interfund Balances

On the fund financial statements, outstanding interfund loans and unpaid amounts for interfund services are reported as "interfund receivables/payables". Interfund loans which do not represent available expendable resources are classified as nonspendable fund balance. Interfund balance amounts are eliminated in the statement of net position.

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Budgetary Process

NOACA is not subject to Ohio Revised Code budgetary requirements and therefore is not legally required to adopt an annual budget. However, for internal purposes, at the March or June Board meeting each year, management submits an estimate of operating expenses for the next fiscal year for Board approval. In addition, a fiscal year budget by project is submitted to the Ohio Department of Transportation as a basis for NOACA's overall work program. These documents do not constitute a legally adopted budget as contemplated in the accounting standards; therefore, no budgetary statements/schedules are presented in the accompanying financial statements.

Unearned Revenue

Unearned revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. NOACA recognizes unearned revenue for intergovernmental revenue from grants and donations received before the eligibility requirements are met.

Local Contributions

Member units of government are assessed membership contributions to generate local operating funds and provide the local matching requirements of federal and State grants. A local matching contribution is required for certain federal and State grants. The amount of each matching contribution depends on the federal or State contribution. Membership contributions are assessed in July for the current fiscal year and are accounted for at the time they are invoiced. The assessment is based on the relationship of population in each area as a percentage of the total population NOACA serves. These membership contributions are considered nonexchange transactions that are not specifically identified to a program.

Indirect Costs

To facilitate equitable distribution of common purpose costs benefiting more than one indirect cost objective, NOACA negotiated an agency-wide indirect cost allocation plan with its oversight federal agency, the Federal Highway Administration, through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). Rates are based on a percentage of direct wages and applicable fringe benefits to include sick time, holiday pay, vacation pay, personal days and employer portion of retirement, workers' compensation insurance, hospitalization and unemployment insurance. NOACA has adopted the provisional method of calculating the fringe benefit and indirect cost rate.

Rates are calculated based on the Overall Work Program and Budget. Once approved, the provisional rates are billed for the contract period. At the end of the fiscal year, an actual rate is calculated and the difference between the estimated and actual cost for the period covered by the rate is identified to the specific contracts. Any variance is either billed as an additional cost or refunded to the granting agency. No carry forward provision is permitted to adjust future rates for the variance.

Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

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Note 3 - Deposits and Investments

State statutes classify public deposits held by NOACA into two categories.

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demands on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the NOACA treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Interim deposits are those monies, which are not needed for immediate use, but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts including passbook accounts.

Protection of NOACA's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment.

NOACA's investment policy allows for short-term funds to be invested in the following instruments:

1. Negotiable Order of Withdrawal (NOW) accounts in federally-insured financial institutions and collateralized at 105 percent of the deposited amount;
2. No load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division B(1) or (2) of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 135.14 and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations;
3. Certificates of deposit in eligible institutions per ORC Section 135.08;
4. Repurchase agreements (not to exceed 30 days) per ORC Section 135.14(e);
5. STAR Ohio (local government investment pool);
6. Commercial paper, rated in the highest category by two nationally recognized rating agencies and with maturities not to exceed 270 days, with a maximum total of 40 percent of the portfolio and a 5 percent single issuer limitation;
7. Bankers' acceptances maturing in 270 days or less, provided that the total amount invested in bankers' acceptances meet the specifications set forth in ORC Section 135.143; and
8. Debt instruments, other than commercial paper, rated in the three highest categories by two nationally recognized standard rating services and issued by entities organized under the laws of the United States or a state, or issued by foreign nations diplomatically recognized by the United States government as described in ORC Section 135.143.

Long-term funds can be invested in the following instruments:

1. Direct obligations of the United States Treasury, its agencies, instrumentalities and Government Sponsored Enterprise (GSE's);

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2. Certificates of deposit in eligible institutions per ORC Section 135.08;
3. STAR Ohio (local investment pool);
4. Negotiable Order of Withdrawal (NOW) accounts in federally-insured financial institutions and collateral at 105 percent of the deposited amount;
5. Municipal debt bonds and other obligations of political subdivisions of Ohio, rated in the three highest rating classifications and a maximum of 20 percent of the portfolio;
6. Bonds, notes and other obligations of any state or political subdivision thereof rated in the three highest categories by at least one nationally recognized rating service and purchases through a registered broker or dealer, provided NOACA is not the sole purchaser of the bonds, notes or other obligations at original issuance; and
7. Certificates of deposit exempt from pledging requirements per ORC Section 135.144 (CDARS).

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of NOACA, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity.

Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the Comptroller or, if the securities are not represented by certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

Deposits

Custodial Credit Risk Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of bank failure, NOACA will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. At June 30, 2023, the carrying amount of NOACA's bank deposits was \$4,535,715, the entire amount of which was insured by the FDIC. In addition, Government Insured Deposit Program accounts, which are 100 percent FDIC-insured, totaled \$4,214,225.

NOACA has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with NOACA or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least one hundred five percent of the deposits being secured.

Investments

As of June 30, 2023, NOACA had STAR Ohio as an investment. STAR Ohio is being held with an amount of \$5,135,759, which is measured at net asset value per share. The average maturity is 38.5 days.

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Interest Rate Risk arises because potential purchases of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. NOACA's investment policy generally requires that operating funds be invested primarily in short-term investments maturing within 5 years from the date of purchase, unless the investment was matched to a specific expenditure. A specific investment purchase must be weighed in proportion to the remainder of the existing investment portfolio and the "prudent investor" rule to attempt to limit such risk.

Credit Risk Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. NOACA has no investment policy that addresses credit risk.

Concentration of Credit Risk NOACA may invest in any investment that is not specifically guaranteed by the federal government or considered a money market mutual fund up to fifty percent of total available investable cash at the end of each month during the fiscal year. NOACA will disclose investments in non-federal government securities or money market mutual funds if exceeding five percent by issuer of total cash and investments.

Note 4 - Receivables

Receivables at June 30, 2023 consisted of accounts, intergovernmental grants and interfund. All receivables are considered collectible in full and are expected to be received within one year.

A summary of principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

	<u>Amount</u>
Ohio Department of Transportation	\$804,659
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency	195,526
Other	192,818
Federal Transit Administration	<u>163,809</u>
Total	<u>\$1,356,812</u>

Note 5 - Risk Management

NOACA is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2023, NOACA contracted with Cincinnati Insurance Company of America for property insurance and liability coverage. Greenwich Insurance Company provides Public Officials Liability and Employment Practices Liability coverage with a \$1,000,000 aggregate limit. Hiscox Insurance Company, Inc. provides the Public Employee Dishonesty coverage with a \$1,000,000 limit per loss. Trisura Specialty Insurance Company provides the cyber liability coverage with \$1,000,000 per claim.

Settled claims have not exceeded coverage for the past five years. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year.

NOACA pays the Bureau of Worker's Compensation a premium based on a rate per \$100 of salaries. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs.

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Note 6 - Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, was as follows:

	Balance 6/30/22	Additions	Reductions	Balance 6/30/23
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Land	\$322,500	\$0	\$0	\$322,500
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Buildings and Improvements	4,371,284	0	0	4,371,284
Furniture and Equipment	1,354,112	60,971	0	1,415,083
Total capital assets being depreciated	5,725,396	60,971	0	5,786,367
Accumulated depreciation				
Buildings and Improvements	(3,548,390)	(60,402)	0	(3,608,792)
Furniture and Equipment	(1,155,581)	(52,619)	0	(1,208,200)
Total accumulated depreciation	(4,703,971)	(113,021) *	0	(4,816,992)
Total Capital assets being depreciated, net	1,021,425	(52,050)	0	969,375
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$1,343,925	(\$52,050)	\$0	\$1,291,875

* Depreciation expense was charged to general government.

Note 7 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

The Statewide retirement systems provide both pension benefits and other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

Net Pension Liability/Net OPEB Liability

The net pension liability and the net OPEB liability reported on the statement of net position represent liabilities to employees for pensions and OPEB, respectively. Pensions/OPEB are a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions/OPEB are provided to an employee—on a deferred-payment basis—as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period. The obligation to sacrifice resources for pensions is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

The net pension/OPEB liability (asset) represent NOACA’s proportionate share of each pension/OPEB plan’s collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension/OPEB plan’s fiduciary net position. The net pension/OPEB liability (asset) calculations are dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting these estimates annually.

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Ohio Revised Code limits NOACA's obligation for this liability to annually required payments. NOACA cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions are financed; however, NOACA does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation including pension and OPEB.

GASB 68/75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires funding to come from these employers. All pension contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes pension costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits. In addition, health care plan enrollees pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. State statute requires the retirement systems to amortize unfunded pension liabilities within 30 years. If the pension amortization period exceeds 30 years, each retirement system's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension/OPEB liability. Resulting adjustments to the net pension/OPEB liability (asset) would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The Ohio revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a *net pension/OPEB asset* or a long-term *net pension/OPEB liability* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required pension/OPEB contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in *benefits payable*. The remainder of this note includes the required pension disclosures. See Note 8 for the required OPEB disclosures.

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Plan Description - NOACA employees participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement system which administers three separate pension plans. The traditional pension plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan and the combined plan is a combination cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit/defined contribution pension plan. Effective January 1, 2022, new members may no longer select the Combined Plan, and current members may no longer make a plan change to this plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the traditional and combined plans. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about OPERS' fiduciary net position that may be obtained by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling 800-222-7377.

Senate Bill (SB) 343 was enacted into law with an effective date of January 7, 2013. In the legislation, members in the traditional and combined plans were categorized into three groups with varying provisions of the law applicable to each group. The following table provides age and service requirements for retirement and the retirement formula applied to final average salary (FAS) for the three member groups under the traditional and combined plans as per the reduced benefits adopted by SB 343 (see OPERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report referenced above for additional information, including OPERS requirements for reduced and unreduced benefits):

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Group A	Group B	Group C
Eligible to retire prior to January 7, 2013 or five years after January 7, 2013	20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire ten years after January 7, 2013	Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013
State and Local	State and Local	State and Local
Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 57 with 25 years of service credit or Age 62 with 5 years of service credit
Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 35
Combined Plan Formula: 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30	Combined Plan Formula: 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30	Combined Plan Formula: 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 35

Final average Salary (FAS) represents the average of the three highest years of earnings over a member's career for Groups A and B. Group C is based on the average of the five highest years of earnings over a member's career.

Members who retire before meeting the age and years of service credit requirement for unreduced benefits receive a percentage reduction in the benefit amount. The amount of a member's pension benefit vests upon receipt of the initial benefit payment.

When a traditional plan benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, the member is eligible for an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA). This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. Members retiring under the combined plan receive a cost-of-living adjustment on the defined benefit portion of their pension benefit. For those who retired prior to January 7, 2013, the cost of living adjustment is 3 percent. For those retiring on or after January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the adjustment is based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3 percent.

Defined contribution plan benefits are established in the plan documents, which may be amended by the Board. Member-directed plan and combined plan members who have met the retirement eligibility requirements may apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the combined plan consists of the member's contributions plus or minus the investment gains or losses resulting from the member's investment selections. Combined plan members wishing to receive benefits must meet the requirements for both the defined benefit and defined contribution plans. Member-directed participants must have attained the age of 55, have money on deposit in the defined contribution plan and have terminated public service to apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the member-directed plan consists of the members' contributions, vested employer contributions and investment gains or losses resulting from the members' investment selections. Employer contributions and associated investment earnings vest over a five-year period, at a rate of 20 percent each year. At retirement, members may select one of several distribution options for payment of the vested balance in their individual OPERS accounts. Options include the annuitization of the benefit (which includes joint and survivor options and will continue to be administered by OPERS), partial lump-sum payments (subject to limitations), a rollover of the vested account balance to another financial institution, receipt of entire account balance, net of taxes withheld, or a combination of these options. When members choose to annuitize their defined contribution benefit, the annuitized portion of the benefit is reclassified to a defined benefit.

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Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions as follows:

	<u>State and Local</u>
Fiscal Year 2023 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates	
Employer	14.0%
Employee *	10.0%
Fiscal Year 2023 Actual Contribution Rates	
Employer:	
Pension **	14.0%
Post-employment Health Care Benefits **	<u>0.0</u>
Total Employer	<u>14.0%</u>
Employee	<u>10.0%</u>

* Member contributions within the combined plan are not used to fund the defined benefit retirement fund allowance.

** These pension and employer health care rates are for the traditional and combined plans. The employer contribution rate for the member-directed plan is allocated 4% for health care with the remainder going to pension; however, effective July 1, 2022, a portion of the health care rate is funded with reserves.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll.

For fiscal year 2023, NOACA's contractually required contribution was \$430,289 for the traditional plan and \$4,649 for the member-directed plan. Of these amounts, \$16,645 is reported as a benefits payable for the traditional plan and \$295 for the member-directed plan. There is no employee participation in the combined plan.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions .

The net pension liability (asset) for OPERS was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability (asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. NOACA's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) was based on NOACA's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense of NOACA's defined benefit pension plans:

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	<u>OPERS</u>
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability/Asset:	
Current Measurement Date	0.02043700%
Prior Measurement Date	<u>0.02225600%</u>
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>-0.00181900%</u>
Proportionate Share of the:	
Net Pension Liability	\$6,037,099
Pension Expense	566,829

Fiscal year 2023 pension expense for the member-directed defined contribution plan was \$4,649. The aggregate pension expense for all pension plans was \$571,478 for 2023.

At June 30, 2023, NOACA reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to defined benefit pensions from the following sources:

	<u>OPERS</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$200,527
Changes of assumptions	63,778
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,720,763
NOACA contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>205,103</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$2,190,171</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Changes in proportion and differences between NOACA contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>\$281,973</u>

\$205,103 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from NOACA contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability or increase to the net pension asset in fiscal year 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	<u>OPERS</u>
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	
2024	\$13,675
2025	339,966
2026	506,505
2027	<u>842,949</u>
Total	<u>\$1,703,095</u>

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Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review or modification as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation. The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022, using the following key actuarial assumptions and methods applied to all periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 67:

	<u>OPERS Traditional Plan</u>
Wage Inflation	2.75 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	2.75 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA:	
Pre-January 7, 2013 Retirees	3.0 percent, simple
Post-January 7, 2013 Retirees	3.0 percent, simple through 2023, then 2.05 percent, simple
Investment Rate of Return	6.9 percent
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on 130 percent of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions and 170 percent of the Pub-2010 Safety Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for the Public Safety and Law Enforcement divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115 percent of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. For all of the previously described tables, the base year is 2010 and mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all of these tables.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five year period ended December 31, 2020.

During 2022, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio, and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Defined Benefit portfolio contains the investment assets for the Traditional Pension Plan, the defined benefit component of the Combined Plan and the annuitized accounts of the Member-Directed Plan. Within the Defined Benefit portfolio contributions into the plans are all recorded at the same time, and benefit payments all occur on the first of the month. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Defined Benefit portfolio was 12.1 percent for 2022.

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The allocation of investment assets with the Defined Benefit portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined benefit pension plans. The long-term expected rate of return on defined benefit investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected real rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation. Best estimates of geometric rates of return were provided by the Board's investment consultant. For each major class that is included in the Defined Benefit portfolio's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022, these best estimates are summarized below:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Geometric)
Fixed Income	22.00%	2.62%
Domestic Equities	22.00	4.60
Real Estate	13.00	3.27
Private Equity	15.00	7.53
International Equities	21.00	5.51
Risk Parity	2.00	4.37
Other investments	5.00	3.27
Total	100.00%	

Discount Rate The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for the current year was 6.9 percent for the traditional plan and the combined plan. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and those of the contributing employers are made at the contractually required rates, as actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefits payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments for the traditional pension plan, combined plan and member-directed plan was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of NOACA's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate The following table presents NOACA's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 6.9 percent, as well as what the NOACA's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (5.9 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (7.9 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (5.90%)	Discount Rate (6.90%)	1% Increase (7.90%)
NOACA's proportionate share of the net pension liability			
OPERS Traditional Plan	\$9,043,373	\$6,037,099	\$3,536,418

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Note 8 - Defined Benefit OPEB Plans

See Note 7 for a description of the net OPEB liability.

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Plan Description - The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers three separate pension plans: the traditional pension plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the member-directed plan, a defined contribution plan; and the combined plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care trust, which funds multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage and deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) to qualifying benefit recipients of both the traditional pension and the combined plans.

With one exception, OPERS-provided health care coverage is neither guaranteed nor statutorily required. Ohio law currently requires Medicare Part A equivalent coverage or Medicare Part A premium reimbursement for eligible retirees and their eligible dependents.

OPERS offers a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) allowance to benefit recipients meeting certain age and service credit requirements. The HRA is an account funded by OPERS that provides tax-free reimbursement for qualified medical expenses such as monthly post-tax insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays incurred by eligible benefit recipients and their dependents.

OPERS members enrolled in the Traditional Pension Plan or Combined Plan retiring with an effective date of January 1, 2022, or after must meet the following health care eligibility requirements to receive an HRA allowance:

Medicare Retirees Medicare-eligible with a minimum of 20 years of qualifying service credit

Non-Medicare Retirees Non-Medicare retirees qualify based on the following age-and-service criteria:

Group A 30 years of qualifying service credit at any age;

Group B 32 years of qualifying service credit at any age or 31 years of qualifying service credit and minimum age 52;

Group C 32 years of qualifying service credit and minimum age 55; or,

A retiree from groups A, B or C who qualifies for an unreduced pension, but a portion of their service credit is not health care qualifying service, can still qualify for health care at age 60 if they have at least 20 years of qualifying health care service credit.

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Retirees who don't meet the requirement for coverage as a non-Medicare participant can become eligible for coverage at age 65 if they have at least 20 years of qualifying service.

Members with a retirement date prior to January 1, 2022 who were eligible to participate in the OPERS health care program will continue to be eligible after January 1, 2022.

Eligible retirees may receive a monthly HRA allowance for reimbursement of health care coverage premiums and other qualified medical expenses. Monthly allowances, based on years of service and the age at which the retiree first enrolled in OPERS coverage, are provided to eligible retirees, and are deposited into their HRA account.

Retirees will have access to the OPERS Connector, which is a relationship with a vendor selected by OPERS to assist retirees participating in the health care program. The OPERS Connector may assist retirees in selecting and enrolling in the appropriate health care plan.

When members become Medicare-eligible, recipients enrolled in OPERS health care programs must enroll in Medicare Part A (hospitalization) and Medicare Part B (medical).

OPERS reimburses retirees who are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A (hospitalization) for their Part A premiums as well as any applicable surcharges (late-enrollment fees). Retirees within this group must enroll in Medicare Part A and select medical coverage, and may select prescription coverage, through the OPERS Connector. OPERS also will reimburse 50 percent of the Medicare Part A premium and any applicable surcharges for eligible spouses. Proof of enrollment in Medicare Part A and confirmation that the retiree is not receiving reimbursement or payment from another source must be submitted. The premium reimbursement is added to the monthly pension benefit.

The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require OPERS to provide health care to its eligible benefit recipients. Authority to establish and amend health care coverage is provided to the Board in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Disclosures for the health care plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling (614) 222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority allowing public employers to fund postemployment health care through their contributions to OPERS. When funding is approved by OPERS Board of Trustees, a portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside to fund OPERS health care plans. Beginning in 2018, OPERS no longer allocated a portion of its employer contributions to health care for the traditional plan.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. For fiscal year 2023, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.0 percent of earnable salary. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

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Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. For 2022, OPERS did not allocate any employer contribution to health care for members in the Traditional Pension Plan and beginning July 1, 2022, there was a two percent allocation to health care for the Combined Plan. The OPERS Board is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. The employer contribution as a percentage of covered payroll deposited into the RMA for participants in the member-directed plan for 2022 was 4.0 percent; however, effective July 1, 2022, a portion of the health care rate was funded with reserves.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll.

For fiscal year 2023, NOACA's contractually required contribution was \$1,416. Of this amount, \$90 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

The net OPEB liability and total OPEB liability for OPERS were determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2022, by incorporating the expected value of health care cost accruals, the actual health care payment, and interest accruals during the year. The NOACA's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the NOACA's share of contributions to the retirement plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and OPEB expense:

	<u>OPERS</u>
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability:	
Current Measurement Date	0.01909100%
Prior Measurement Date	<u>0.02113000%</u>
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>-0.0020390%</u>
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$120,373
OPEB Expense	(\$203,221)

At June 30, 2023, the NOACA reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

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	<u>OPERS</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Changes of assumptions	\$117,570
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	239,064
NOACA contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>1,107</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u><u>\$357,741</u></u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$30,025
Changes of assumptions	9,674
NOACA contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>15,345</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u><u>\$55,044</u></u>

\$1,107 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from NOACA contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in fiscal year 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

	<u>OPERS</u>
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	
2024	\$24,618
2025	86,936
2026	74,548
2027	<u>115,488</u>
Total	<u><u>\$301,590</u></u>

Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the values of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review or modification as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of health care costs for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of coverage provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of costs between OPERS and plan members. The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2022. The actuarial valuation used the following key actuarial assumptions and methods applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 74:

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Wage Inflation	2.75 percent
Projected Salary Increases,	2.75 to 10.75 percent
	including wage inflation
Single Discount Rate	5.22 percent
Prior Year Single Discount Rate	6.00 percent
Investment Rate of Return	6.00 percent
Municipal Bond Rate	4.05 percent
Prior Year Municipal Bond Rate	1.84 percent
Health Care Cost Trend Rate	5.5 percent, initial
	3.50 percent, ultimate in 2036
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on 130 percent of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions and 170 percent of the Pub-2010 Safety Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for the Public Safety and Law Enforcement divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115 percent of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. For all of the previously described tables, the base year is 2010 and mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all of these tables.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five year period ended December 31, 2020.

During 2022, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Health Care portfolio includes the assets for health care expenses for the Traditional Pension Plan, Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan eligible members. Within the Health Care portfolio, if any contributions are made into the plans, the contributions are assumed to be received continuously throughout the year based on the actual payroll payable at the time contributions are made. Health care-related payments are assumed to occur mid-year. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Health Care portfolio was 15.6 percent for 2022.

The allocation of investment assets within the Health Care portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of continuing to offer a sustainable health care program for current and future retirees. OPERS' primary goal is to achieve and maintain a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined pension plans. Health care is a discretionary benefit. The long-term expected rate of return on health care investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation. Best estimates of geometric rates of return were provided by the Board's investment consultant. For each major asset class that is included in the Health Care's portfolio's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022, these best estimates are summarized in the following table:

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<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Geometric)</u>
Fixed Income	34.00%	2.56%
Domestic Equities	26.00	4.60
Real Estate Investment Trust	7.00	4.70
International Equities	25.00	5.51
Risk Parity	2.00	4.37
Other investments	6.00	1.84
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

Discount Rate A single discount rate of 5.22 percent was used to measure the OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 2022; however, the single discount rate used at the beginning of the year was 6 percent. Projected benefit payments are required to be discounted to their actuarial present value using a single discount rate that reflects (1) a long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments (to the extent that the health care fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits), and (2) tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the contributions for use with the long-term expected rate are not met). This single discount rate was based on an expected rate of return on the health care investment portfolio of 6.00 percent and a municipal bond rate of 4.05 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rate. Based on these assumptions, the health care fiduciary net position and future contributions were sufficient to finance health care costs through 2054. As a result, the actuarial assumed long-term expected rate of return on health care investments was applied to projected costs through the year 2054, and the municipal bond rate was applied to all health care costs after that date.

Sensitivity of NOACA's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate The following table presents NOACA's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the single discount rate of 5.22 percent, as well as what the NOACA's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (4.22 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (6.22 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (4.22%)	Current Discount Rate (5.22%)	1% Increase (6.22%)
NOACA's proportionate share of the net OPEB Liability	\$409,693	\$120,373	(\$118,364)

Sensitivity of NOACA's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rate Changes in the health care cost trend rate may also have a significant impact on the net OPEB liability or asset. The following table presents the net OPEB liability or asset calculated using the assumed trend rates, and the expected net OPEB liability or asset if it were calculated using a health care cost trend rate that is 1.0 percent lower or 1.0 percent higher than the current rate.

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Retiree health care valuations use a health care cost-trend assumption that changes over several years built into the assumption. The near-term rates reflect increases in the current cost of health care; the trend starting in 2023 is 5.50 percent. If this trend continues for future years, the projection indicates that years from now virtually all expenditures will be for health care. A more reasonable alternative is the health plan cost trend will decrease to a level at, or near, wage inflation. On this basis, the actuaries project premium rate increases will continue to exceed wage inflation for approximately the next decade, but by less each year, until leveling off at an ultimate rate, assumed to be 3.50 percent in the most recent valuation.

	Current Health Care Cost Trend Rate		
	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Assumption</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
NOACA's proportionate share of the net OPEB Liability	\$112,828	\$120,373	\$128,864

Note 9 - Long-Term Obligations

A schedule of changes in long-term obligations of NOACA during fiscal year 2023 follows:

	<u>Principal Outstanding 6/30/2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Principal Outstanding 6/30/2023</u>	<u>Amounts Due In One Year</u>
<i>Governmental Activities</i>					
Net Pension Liability - OPERS	\$1,936,362	\$4,100,737	\$0	\$6,037,099	\$0
Net OPEB Liability - OPERS	0	120,373	0	120,373	0
Compensated Absences	635,733	114,731	(126,007)	624,457	169,168
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<u>\$2,572,095</u>	<u>\$4,335,841</u>	<u>(\$126,007)</u>	<u>\$6,781,929</u>	<u>\$169,168</u>

Compensated absences will be paid from the general fund. NOACA pays obligations related to employee compensation from the fund benefitting from their service. There are no repayment schedules for the net pension/OPEB liabilities. However, employer pension/OPEB contributions are made from the general fund. See Notes 7 and 8 for additional information related to the net pension/OPEB liabilities.

Note 10 – Other Employee Benefits

Compensated Absences

Employees of NOACA earn vacation leave, sick leave, and personal leave at various rates. Generally, employees accrue vacation leave at a rate of 3.7 hours every two weeks for the first two years of employment, up to a maximum rate of 7.7 hours every two weeks after 15 years of employment. Employees may accrue a maximum of three years vacation leave credit. Any amounts that exceed a three-year accrual must be used by the end of the pay period that includes December 31. At termination or upon other separation from NOACA, employees are paid at their final rate for 100 percent of unused vacation leave.

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Sick leave for all full-time employees is accumulated at a rate of 3.7 hours every two weeks. Sick leave is cumulative. At termination, retirement or death, employees may convert sick leave earned and unused at NOACA to cash at 25 percent up to a maximum of 960 hours.

All full-time employees receive three personal leave days per calendar year. The time must be used by the end of the year or it is lost. Unused personal leave is not paid at termination and is not cumulative. Therefore, these benefits are not accrued, but are recorded as an expense when employees use personal leave time.

Insurance

NOACA provides health, vision, and dental insurance to its full-time employees. Health insurance is provided through a joint, self-insurance Healthcare Benefits Program with Lorain County. Medical Mutual of Ohio is the third party administrator.

Note 11 – Interfund Balances

Interfund balances at June 30, 2023 consisted of the following:

<u>Interfund Payable</u>	<u>Interfund Receivable</u>
	<u>General</u>
Ohio Consolidated Planning Grant	\$784,593
Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative	112,744
FTA 5310 Grant	90,241
Other Governmental Funds	124,049
Total	<u>\$1,111,627</u>

Interfund receivables and payables at June 30, 2023 are due to the timing of the receipt of grant monies. The general fund and the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative special revenue fund provide money to operate the programs until grants are received and the advances can be repaid. These loans are expected to be repaid within one year.

Note 12 – State Infrastructure Bank Loans

NOACA serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Lake, Geauga, Cuyahoga, Lorain and Medina Counties. The federal government has designated MPOs to carry out the transportation planning process required for certain federal capital improvement grants in urban areas. The MPOs are required to prepare a twenty-year long range transportation plan and a four-year transportation improvement program (TIP). Federal dollars are allocated to ODOT, which are utilized based on the TIP.

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ODOT maintains the State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Loan program, authorized under Chapter 5531 of the Ohio Revised Code, for financing transportation projects throughout the state. The program is utilized as a mechanism for funding capital projects in advance of future federal allocation dollars, thus allowing an earlier completion date for the project. NOACA is party to these agreements; however, they are not a present obligation of NOACA and are not reflected on the financial statements. As of June 30, 2023, \$60,513,110 of these agreements have been executed with ODOT, with a balance outstanding of \$13,225,715 in amounts disbursed to the various capital projects.

Note 13 – Change in Accounting Principle

For fiscal year 2023, NOACA implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*, Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*, GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, and GASB Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022*.

GASB 91 clarifies the existing definition of a conduit debt obligation; establishing that a conduit debt obligation is not a liability of the issuer; establishing standards for accounting and financial reporting of additional commitments and voluntary commitments extended by issuers and arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations; and improving required note disclosures. NOACA did not have any debt that met the definition of conduit debt.

GASB Statement 94 improves financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public-public partnership arrangements (PPPs). This Statement also provides guidance for accounting and financial reporting for availability payment arrangements (APAs). NOACA did not have any arrangements that met the GASB 94 definition of a PPP or an APA.

GASB Statement 96 provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). NOACA did not have any long-term contracts that met the GASB 96 definition of a SBITA.

GASB Statement 99 addresses various issues including items related to leases, PPPs, and SBITAs. The requirements related to PPPs and SBITAs were incorporated with the corresponding GASB 94 and GASB 96 changes identified above.

Note 14 – COVID-19

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's state of emergency ended in June 2021 while the national state of emergency ended in April 2023. During fiscal year 2023, NOACA received COVID-19 funding. NOACA will continue to spend available COVID-19 funding consistent with the applicable program guidelines

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Required Supplementary Information

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Schedule of NOACA's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System - Traditional Plan
Last Nine Fiscal Years (1) *

	2015	2016	2017
NOACA's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.02328700%	0.02434100%	0.02519400%
NOACA's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$2,808,672	\$4,216,527	\$5,721,129
NOACA's Covered Payroll	\$2,855,008	\$3,029,475	\$3,256,825
NOACA's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered - Payroll	98.38%	139.18%	175.67%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	86.45%	81.08%	77.25%

(1) Although this schedule is intended to reflect information for ten years, information prior to 2015 is not available. An additional column will be added each year.

*Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of NOACA's measurement date which is the prior calendar year end.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
0.02459700%	0.02438100%	0.02384100%	0.02478900%	0.02225600%	0.02043700%
\$3,858,792	\$6,677,461	\$4,712,336	\$3,670,711	\$1,936,362	\$6,037,099
\$3,250,446	\$3,293,071	\$3,354,443	\$3,491,336	\$3,230,014	\$3,168,014
118.72%	202.77%	140.48%	105.14%	59.95%	190.56%
84.66%	74.70%	82.17%	86.88%	92.62%	75.74%

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Schedule of NOACA's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB (Asset) Liability
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System - OPEB Plan
Last Seven Fiscal Years (1)

	2017	2018	2019
NOACA's Proportion of the Net OPEB (Asset)/Liability	0.02356700%	0.02295000%	0.02270300%
NOACA's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB (Asset)/Liability	\$2,380,347	\$2,492,202	\$2,959,936
NOACA's Covered Payroll	\$3,256,825	\$3,250,446	\$3,293,071
NOACA's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB (Asset)/Liability as a Percentage of its Covered - Payroll	73.09%	76.67%	89.88%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	N/A	54.14%	46.33%

(1) Although this schedule is intended to reflect information for ten years, information prior to 2017 is not available. An additional column will be added each year.

*Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of NOACA's measurement date which is the prior calendar year end.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

2020	2021	2022	2023
0.02231900%	0.02355500%	0.02113000%	0.01909100%
\$3,082,834	(\$419,652)	(\$661,825)	\$120,373
\$3,371,943	\$3,562,416	\$3,294,954	\$3,175,264
91.43%	-11.78%	-20.09%	3.79%
47.80%	115.57%	128.23%	94.79%

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Schedule of NOACA's Contributions
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Net Pension Liability - Traditional Plan				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$411,860	\$410,531	\$451,889	\$468,547
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(411,860)	(410,531)	(451,889)	(468,547)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
NOACA Covered Payroll	\$3,028,086	\$3,002,711	\$3,283,801	\$3,532,545
Pension Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>10.00%</u>	<u>12.00%</u>	<u>12.00%</u>	<u>13.00%</u>
Net OPEB Liability				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$117,674	\$58,312	\$64,233	\$44,039
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(117,674)	(58,312)	(64,233)	(44,039)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
NOACA Covered Payroll (1)	\$3,028,086	\$3,002,711	\$3,283,801	\$3,532,545
OPEB Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>4.00%</u>	<u>2.00%</u>	<u>2.00%</u>	<u>1.00%</u>

(1) The OPEB Plan includes the members from the traditional plan and the member directed plan. The member directed pension plan is a defined contribution pension plan; therefore, the pension side is not included above.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
\$438,062	\$460,155	\$467,627	\$484,692	\$435,833	\$430,289
(438,062)	(460,155)	(467,627)	(484,692)	(435,833)	(430,289)
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$3,236,922	\$3,286,821	\$3,340,193	\$3,462,085	\$3,113,093	\$3,073,493
13.53%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%
\$15,107	\$0	\$2,100	\$3,058	\$984	\$1,416
(15,107)	0	(2,100)	(3,058)	(984)	(1,416)
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$3,236,922	\$3,286,821	\$3,392,693	\$3,538,525	\$3,137,673	\$2,969,260
0.47%	0.00%	0.06%	0.09%	0.03%	0.05%

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Changes in Assumptions – OPERS Pension – Traditional Plan

Amounts reported beginning in 2022 incorporate changes in assumptions used by OPERS in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation. These new assumptions compared with those used in prior years are presented below:

	2022	2019	2017 and 2018	2016 and prior
Wage Inflation	2.75 percent	3.25 percent	3.25 percent	3.75 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	2.75 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation	3.25 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation	3.25 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation	4.25 to 10.05 percent including wage inflation
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA:				
Pre-January 7, 2013 Retirees	3 percent, simple	3 percent, simple	3 percent, simple	3 percent, simple
Post-January 7, 2013 Retirees	see below	see below	see below	see below
Investment Rate of Return	6.9 percent	7.2 percent	7.5 percent	8 percent
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age

The assumptions related to COLA or Ad Hoc COLA for post-January 7, 2013 retirees are as follows:

COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	
Post-January 7, 2013 Retirees	
2023	3 percent, simple through 2023, then 2.05 percent, simple
2022	3 percent, simple through 2022, then 2.05 percent, simple
2021	.5 percent, simple through 2021, then 2.15 percent, simple
2020	1.4 percent, simple through 2020, then 2.15 percent, simple
2017 through 2019	3 percent, simple through 2018, then 2.15 percent, simple
2016 and prior	3 percent, simple through 2018, then 2.8 percent, simple

Amounts reported beginning in 2022 use mortality rates based on 130 percent of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions and 170 percent of the Pub-2010 Safety Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for the Public Safety and Law Enforcement divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115 percent of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. For all of the previously described tables, the base year is 2010 and mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all of these tables.

Amounts reported for 2017 through 2021 use mortality rates based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant mortality table. For males, Healthy Annuitant Mortality tables were used, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base of 2006 and then established the base year as 2015. For females, Healthy Annuitant Mortality tables were used, adjusted for mortality improvements back to the observation period base year of 2006 and then established the base year as 2010. The mortality rates used in evaluating disability allowances were based on the RP-2014 Disabled mortality tables, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation base year of 2006 and then established the base year as 2015 for males and 2010 for females. Mortality rates for a particular calendar year for both healthy and disabled retiree mortality tables are determined by applying the MP-2015 mortality improvement scale to the above described tables.

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Amounts reported for 2016 and prior use mortality rates based on the RP-2000 Mortality Table projected 20 years using Projection Scale AA. For males, 105 percent of the combined healthy male mortality rates were used. For females, 100 percent of the combined healthy female mortality rates were used. The mortality rates used in evaluating disability allowances were based on the RP-2000 mortality table with no projections. For males 120 percent of the disabled female mortality rates were used set forward two years. For females, 100 percent of the disabled female mortality rates were used.

Changes in Assumptions – OPERS OPEB

Investment Return Assumption:	
Beginning in Fiscal year 2019	6.00 percent
Fiscal year 2018	6.50 percent
Municipal Bond Rate:	
Fiscal year 2023	4.05 percent
Fiscal year 2022	1.84 percent
Fiscal year 2021	2.00 percent
Fiscal year 2020	2.75 percent
Fiscal year 2019	3.71 percent
Fiscal year 2018	3.31 percent
Single Discount Rate:	
Fiscal year 2023	5.22 percent
Fiscal year 2021	6.00 percent
Fiscal year 2020	3.16 percent
Fiscal year 2019	3.96 percent
Fiscal year 2018	3.85 percent
Health Care Cost Trend Rate:	
Fiscal year 2023	5.50 percent, initial 3.5 percent, ultimate in 2036
Fiscal year 2022	5.50 percent, initial 3.5 percent, ultimate in 2034
Fiscal year 2021	8.50 percent, initial 3.5 percent, ultimate in 2035
Fiscal year 2020	10.0 percent, initial 3.5 percent, ultimate in 2030
Fiscal year 2019	10.0 percent, initial 3.25 percent, ultimate in 2029
Fiscal year 2018	7.5 percent, initial 3.25 percent, ultimate in 2028

Changes in Benefit Terms – OPERS OPEB

On January 15, 2020, the Board approved several changes to the health care plan offered to Medicare and non-Medicare retirees in efforts to decrease costs and increase the solvency of the health care plan. These changes are effective January 1, 2022, and include changes to base allowances and eligibility for Medicare retirees, as well as replacing OPERS-sponsored medical plans for non-Medicare retirees with monthly allowances, similar to the program for Medicare retirees. These changes are reflected in fiscal year 2023.

Other Supplementary Information

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, Ohio
Other Supplementary Information
Schedule of Fringe Benefit Cost Charges, Rate Base
and Fringe Benefit Rate Computation
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Actual Rate FY 2023
Labor Base	<u>\$2,627,486</u>
<u>Fringe Benefit Category</u>	
Sick Leave	\$117,948
Bereavement	1,986
Holiday	142,803
Vacation	318,312
Personal Days	37,201
Jury/Longevity/Stipend/Parental Leave	27,676
OPERS	437,006
Workers' Compensation	1,864
Unemployment Compensations	2,883
Hospitalization	459,923
FSA Consultant	1,653
Transit Subsidy	(9,067)
Short-Term Disability Insurance	13,824
Professional Dues	4,100
Medicare	<u>46,348</u>
Total Fringe Benefit Costs	<u>\$1,604,460</u>
Fringe Benefit Rate Used by NOACA	61.06%

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, Ohio
Other Supplementary Information
Schedule of Indirect Cost Charges, Rate Base
and Indirect Cost Rate Computation
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Actual Rate FY 2023
Direct Labor (Salary)	
Air Quality	\$144,005
Water Quality (604(B) and local)	178,761
Transportation Programs	1,507,146
Rideshare Programs	29,206
Other Local Activities	5,682
Other Activities	5,314
Total Labor	1,870,114
Total Fringe Benefits	1,141,975
Total Labor/Fringe Benefits Base	\$3,012,089
<u>Indirect Cost Category</u>	
Salaries/Fringe Benefits	\$1,219,856
Office/Utilities/Maintenance/Security	181,993
Telephone	10,976
Travel/Training	28,688
Meeting/Parking	2,292
Supplies	22,580
Postage	784
Consultants	221,805
Hardware/Software	49,890
Membership Contributions	40,953
Furniture/Equipment	160
Audit Fees	16,851
Depreciation	96,516
Advertising	1,465
Accounting Services	2,794
Insurance	28,274
Legal Services	68,861
Equipment Leasing	2,136
Maintenance Repair (Equipment)	22,574
Miscellaneous	666
Total Indirect Costs	\$2,020,114
Indirect Cost Rate Used by NOACA	67.07%

Combining Statements

Fund Descriptions - Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds

To account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

Foundation and Other Grants Fund – To account for and report restricted funds provided by foundations and other non-governmental organizations that support various programs like the Climate Action Plan and the Walkability Institute.

Lake Erie Coastal Ohio Trail Fund – To account for and report restricted funds that support the management and promotion of the trail.

Ohio EPA Biennium Water Quality Fund – To account for and report restricted monies received from the State of Ohio to maintain and improve the Areawide Water Quality Management (208) Plan for Northeast Ohio.

Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Fund – To account for and report federal highway monies restricted to improve the efficiency and safety of traffic signal systems in regionally significant corridors, to increase public awareness of the causes and effects of air pollution and to promote less polluting methods of transportation.

Active Transportation Fund – To account for and report restricted monies used to promote active transportation, which includes walking, biking, wheelchair, small-wheeled transport and access to transit.

Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund – To account for and report restricted funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) that provide low-interest financing and grant funding for the cleanup and subsequent redevelopment of brownfield properties.

Federal EPA 604B Water Quality Planning Fund – To account for and report federal water quality restricted grants that support point and nonpoint source planning activities, water quality assessments and watershed planning efforts.

Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Fund – To account for and report restricted monies from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and Build America Bureau to act as a resource to project sponsors in the development of transportation projects seeking USDOT credit assistance programs.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Fund – To account for and report a grant from the United States Economic Development Administration (USEDA) restricted for the purpose of developing a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the region.

Rideshare Fund – To account for and report restricted federal monies used to promote and maintain software and user database to promote and facilitate car and van pools and other means of reducing single occupancy travel.

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*Combining Balance Sheet
Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
June 30, 2023*

	Foundation and Other Grants	Lake Erie Coastal Trail	Ohio EPA Biennium Water Quality Program
Assets			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$81,456	\$14,190	\$0
Intergovernmental Receivable	0	0	6,291
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$81,456</u>	<u>\$14,190</u>	<u>\$6,291</u>
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$3,450	\$0	\$0
Interfund Payable	0	0	6,291
Unearned Revenue	78,006	14,190	0
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	81,456	14,190	6,291
Fund Balances	0	0	0
<i>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$81,456</u>	<u>\$14,190</u>	<u>\$6,291</u>

Congestion Mitigation/ Air Quality	Active Transportation	Brownfield Revolving Loan	Federal EPA 604B Water Quality Planning	Regional Infrastructure Accelerator
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
94,915	5,306	3,907	18,921	5,240
<u>\$94,915</u>	<u>\$5,306</u>	<u>\$3,907</u>	<u>\$18,921</u>	<u>\$5,240</u>
\$24,855	\$529	\$0	\$0	\$4,750
70,060	4,777	3,907	18,921	490
0	0	0	0	0
94,915	5,306	3,907	18,921	5,240
0	0	0	0	0
<u>\$94,915</u>	<u>\$5,306</u>	<u>\$3,907</u>	<u>\$18,921</u>	<u>\$5,240</u>

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Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

Combining Balance Sheet

Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds (continued)

June 30, 2023

	Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy	Rideshare	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
Assets			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$0	\$0	\$95,646
Intergovernmental Receivable	0	58,238	192,818
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$58,238</u>	<u>\$288,464</u>
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$0	\$38,635	\$72,219
Interfund Payable	0	19,603	124,049
Unearned Revenue	0	0	92,196
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	0	58,238	288,464
Fund Balances	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$58,238</u>	<u>\$288,464</u>

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Foundation and Other Grants	Ohio EPA Biennium Water Quality Program	Congestion Mitigation/ Air Quality
Revenues			
Membership Contributions	0	\$0	\$0
Intergovernmental	34,463	75,000	451,608
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>34,463</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>451,608</u>
Expenditures			
Current:			
General Government	0	0	0
Transportation Planning	0	0	0
Air Quality Planning	34,463	0	451,608
Water Quality Planning	0	75,000	0
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>34,463</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>451,608</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	0	0	0
<i>Fund Balances Beginning of Year</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Fund Balances End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>

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Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds (continued)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Active Transportation	Brownfield Revolving Loan	Federal EPA 604B Water Quality Planning
Revenues			
Membership Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0
Intergovernmental	38,723	18,607	51,657
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>38,723</u>	<u>18,607</u>	<u>51,657</u>
Expenditures			
Current:			
General Government	0	18,607	0
Transportation Planning	38,723	0	0
Air Quality Planning	0	0	0
Water Quality Planning	0	0	51,657
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>38,723</u>	<u>18,607</u>	<u>51,657</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	0	0	0
<i>Fund Balances Beginning of Year</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Fund Balances End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>

Regional Infrastructure Accelerator	Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy	Rideshare	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
\$0	\$4,518	\$0	\$4,518
6,401	4,518	272,919	953,896
6,401	9,036	272,919	958,414
0	9,036	0	27,643
6,401	0	0	45,124
0	0	272,919	758,990
0	0	0	126,657
6,401	9,036	272,919	958,414
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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STATISTICAL SECTION

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Statistical Section

This part of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, Ohio's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures and required supplementary information says about NOACA's overall financial health.

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These schedules contain information to help the reader assess NOACA's most significant local revenue, local membership contributions.	
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These schedules offer economic and demographic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which NOACA's financial activities take place.	
<i>Operating Information</i>	S18 – S25
These schedules contain service and infrastructure data to help the reader understand how the information in NOACA's financial report relates to the services NOACA provides and the activities it performs.	

Sources: Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the annual financial reports for the relevant year.

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

Net Position By Component

Last Ten Fiscal Years

(Accrual Basis of Accounting)

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Governmental Activities					
Net Investment in					
Capital Assets	\$1,548,250	\$1,369,793	\$1,162,593	\$1,000,002	\$998,195
Restricted for:					
Surface Transportation					
Block Grant Projects	0	0	0	0	0
Unrestricted	<u>(1,802,523)</u>	<u>(1,601,329)</u>	<u>(1,861,688)</u>	<u>(5,162,278)</u>	<u>(6,085,775)</u>
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>					
<i>Net Position</i>	<u>(\$254,273)</u>	<u>(\$231,536)</u>	<u>(\$699,095)</u>	<u>(\$4,162,276)</u>	<u>(\$5,087,580)</u>

Note - In fiscal year 2015, NOACA implemented GASB 68 which affected Unrestricted Net Position for 2014.

Note - In fiscal year 2018, NOACA implemented GASB 75 which affected Unrestricted Net Position for 2017.

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
\$932,219	\$970,396	\$1,410,273	\$1,343,925	\$1,291,875
0	0	0	12,740	326,041
(7,034,351)	(7,470,633)	(4,567,799)	(2,771,425)	(2,480,774)
<u>(\$6,102,132)</u>	<u>(\$6,500,237)</u>	<u>(\$3,157,526)</u>	<u>(\$1,414,760)</u>	<u>(\$862,858)</u>

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

*Changes in Net Position
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Accrual Basis of Accounting)*

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Program Revenues				
Governmental Activities:				
Charges for Services:				
General Government	\$250,779	\$263,912	\$264,821	\$261,037
Operating Grants and Contributions:				
General Government	0	0	0	0
Transportation Planning	4,435,845	4,219,778	5,321,611	5,016,423
Air Quality Planning	0	89,595	179,767	550,828
Water Quality Planning	147,519	187,265	128,134	127,867
Sustainable Communities - NEOSCC	1,586,799	0	0	0
Subtotal - Operating Grants and Contributions	6,170,163	4,496,638	5,629,512	5,695,118
<i>Total Governmental Program Revenues</i>	6,420,942	4,760,550	5,894,333	5,956,155
Expenses				
Governmental Activities:				
General Government	647,928	567,619	882,631	1,086,125
Transportation Planning	4,923,092	4,608,513	5,920,969	5,978,767
Air Quality Planning	0	110,332	194,287	572,623
Water Quality Planning	147,519	184,460	136,293	142,851
Sustainable Communities - NEOSCC	1,586,799	0	0	0
<i>Total Governmental Activities Expenses</i>	7,305,338	5,470,924	7,134,180	7,780,366
Net Expense				
Governmental Activities	(884,396)	(710,374)	(1,239,847)	(1,824,211)
General Revenues				
Governmental Activities				
Membership Contributions	706,747	706,748	706,747	706,748
Investment Earnings/Interest	7,118	1,356	3,647	6,095
Miscellaneous	19,636	25,007	61,894	11,412
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	733,501	733,111	772,288	724,255
Change in Net Position				
Governmental Activities	(\$150,895)	\$22,737	(\$467,559)	(\$1,099,956)

(1) Expenses are first impacted by the implementation of GASB Statement No. 68 beginning in 2015.

(2) Expenses are first impacted by the implementation of GASB Statement No. 75 beginning in 2018.

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
\$270,007	\$183,832	\$82,639	\$88,074	\$103,337	\$113,021
0	0	0	0	64,319	23,125
4,913,619	6,221,161	5,996,012	5,475,382	4,560,170	5,080,722
281,225	689,701	538,821	285,579	422,651	758,990
125,667	125,267	127,172	126,657	126,657	126,657
0	0	0	0	0	0
5,320,511	7,036,129	6,662,005	5,887,618	5,173,797	5,989,494
5,590,518	7,219,961	6,744,644	5,975,692	5,277,134	6,102,515
1,444,861	964,616	425,254	(951,829)	(422,040)	175,316
5,381,392	7,383,282	6,685,325	4,081,451	4,202,740	5,436,603
281,225	704,728	560,499	207,518	371,099	756,889
125,667	145,526	432,738	242,823	343,821	478,768
0	0	0	0	0	0
7,233,145	9,198,152	8,103,816	3,579,963	4,495,620	6,847,576
(1,642,627)	(1,978,191)	(1,359,172)	2,395,729	781,514	(745,061)
706,747	944,747	944,747	944,747	944,747	944,747
10,576	18,892	16,320	2,235	16,505	352,216
0	0	0	0	0	0
717,323	963,639	961,067	946,982	961,252	1,296,963
(\$925,304)	(\$1,014,552)	(\$398,105)	\$3,342,711	\$1,742,766	\$551,902

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

Fund Balances, Governmental Funds

Last Ten Fiscal Years

(Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting)

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
General Fund				
Nonspendable	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Unassigned	<u>1,332,207</u>	<u>1,452,426</u>	<u>1,461,773</u>	<u>1,396,225</u>
Total General Fund	1,332,207	1,452,426	1,461,773	1,396,225
All Other Governmental Funds				
Restricted for Surface Transportation Block Grant Projects	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Governmental Funds	<u>\$1,332,207</u>	<u>\$1,452,426</u>	<u>\$1,461,773</u>	<u>\$1,396,225</u>

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
\$0	\$2,068	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1,120,064	1,443,207	1,624,642	1,618,571	1,878,982	2,090,260
1,120,064	1,445,275	1,624,642	1,618,571	1,878,982	2,090,260
0	0	0	0	12,740	326,041
<u>\$1,120,064</u>	<u>\$1,445,275</u>	<u>\$1,624,642</u>	<u>\$1,618,571</u>	<u>\$1,891,722</u>	<u>\$2,416,301</u>

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

Changes in Fund Balances, Governmental Funds

Last Ten Fiscal Years

(Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting)

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Revenues				
Charges for Services	\$250,779	\$263,912	\$264,821	\$261,037
Membership Contributions	706,747	706,748	706,747	706,748
Intergovernmental	6,168,086	4,496,638	5,609,512	5,714,843
Investment Earnings/Interest	7,118	1,356	3,647	6,095
Donations	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	21,713	25,007	61,894	11,412
Total Revenues	7,154,443	5,493,661	6,646,621	6,700,135
Expenditures				
Current:				
General Government	805,577	405,109	554,899	603,876
Transportation Planning	4,923,092	4,669,074	5,744,789	5,503,112
Air Quality Planning	0	111,994	189,452	550,828
Water Quality Planning	147,519	187,265	126,134	127,867
Sustainable Communities - NEOSCC	1,557,028	0	0	0
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	1,206,668	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	8,639,884	5,373,442	6,615,274	6,785,683
Net Change in Fund Balances	(\$1,485,441)	\$120,219	\$31,347	(\$85,548)
Debt Service as a Percentage of Noncapital Expenditures	14.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
\$270,007	\$183,832	\$82,639	\$88,074	\$103,337	\$113,021
706,747	944,747	944,747	944,747	944,747	944,747
5,320,511	7,036,129	6,662,005	5,593,153	5,175,570	5,989,494
10,576	18,892	16,320	2,235	14,732	352,216
0	0	0	294,465	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
6,307,841	8,183,600	7,705,711	6,922,674	6,238,386	7,399,478
795,718	391,595	185,709	552,572	206,695	164,033
5,381,392	6,651,826	6,482,612	5,718,403	4,917,970	5,469,389
281,225	689,701	451,654	285,579	422,651	758,990
125,667	125,267	406,369	372,191	417,919	482,487
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
6,584,002	7,858,389	7,526,344	6,928,745	5,965,235	6,874,899
(\$276,161)	\$325,211	\$179,367	(\$6,071)	\$273,151	\$524,579
0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency
Principal Revenue Payers - Local Membership Dues
Fiscal Years 2023 and 2014

County/Member	2014			2023		
	Amount	Per Capita Rate	Percentage of Total Revenue	Amount	Per Capita Rate	Percentage of Total Revenue
<u>Cuyahoga County</u>						
Cuyahoga County	\$165,637	0.13	23.4 %	\$153,835	0.12	16.3 %
Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District	52,134	0.04	7.4	32,386	0.04	3.4
Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority	52,134	0.04	7.4	32,386	0.04	3.4
Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority	0	0.00	0.0	32,386	0.04	3.4
City of Cleveland	51,345	0.13	7.3	169,076	0.43	17.9
Other Municipalities and Townships	114,292	0.13	16.2	153,835	0.17	16.3
Total Cuyahoga County	435,542	0.33	61.7	573,904	0.45	60.7
<u>Lorain County</u>						
Lorain County	41,624	0.14	5.9	57,102	0.19	6.0
Lorain County Engineers	13,720	0.05	1.9	19,498	0.06	2.1
City of Elyria	13,417	0.22	1.9	10,751	0.21	1.1
City of Lorain	19,073	0.26	2.7	13,315	0.21	1.4
Other Municipalities and Townships	14,696	0.09	2.1	38,607	0.20	4.1
Total Lorain County	102,530	0.33	14.5	139,273	0.45	14.7
<u>Lake County</u>						
Lake County	78,268	0.33	11.1	21,108	0.27	2.2
Lake County Engineers	0	0.00	0.0	42,217	0.09	4.5
Laketran	0	0.00	0.0	42,217	0.09	4.5
Total Lake County	78,268	0.33	11.1	105,542	0.45	11.2
<u>Medina County</u>						
Medina County Commissioners	58,633	0.33	8.3	82,742	0.45	8.8
<u>Geauga County</u>						
Geauga County Commissioners	15,886	0.16	2.2	21,643	0.23	2.3
Geauga County Engineers	9,532	0.10	1.3	12,986	0.14	1.4
Geauga County Water Resources	6,355	0.07	0.9	8,657	0.09	0.9
Total Geauga County	31,773	0.33	4.4	43,286	0.45	4.6
Total Membership Dues	\$706,746	0.33	100.0 %	\$944,747	0.45	100.0 %

Source: NOACA Financial Records

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Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency
Membership Contributions Collections
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Total Membership Contributions Collected (1)	Cuyahoga County		Lorain County	
		Dues Collected	Percentage	Dues Collected	Percentage
2023	\$944,747	\$573,904	60.75%	\$139,273	14.74%
2022	944,747	582,205	61.62	137,059	14.51
2021	944,747	582,205	61.62	137,059	14.51
2020	944,747	582,205	61.62	137,059	14.51
2019	944,747	582,210	61.62	137,060	14.51
2018	706,747	435,541	61.62	102,532	14.51
2017	706,748	435,542	61.62	102,532	14.51
2016	706,748	435,542	61.62	102,532	14.51
2015	706,748	435,542	61.62	102,532	14.51
2014	706,748	435,542	61.62	102,532	14.51

(1) Cash basis from NOACA records.

Lake County		Medina County		Geauga County	
<u>Dues Collected</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Dues Collected</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Dues Collected</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
\$105,542	11.17%	\$82,742	8.76%	\$43,286	4.58%
104,621	11.07	78,378	8.30	42,484	4.50
104,621	11.07	78,378	8.30	42,484	4.50
104,621	11.07	78,378	8.30	42,484	4.50
104,626	11.07	78,378	8.30	42,473	4.50
78,268	11.07	58,633	8.30	31,773	4.50
78,268	11.07	58,633	8.30	31,773	4.50
78,268	11.07	58,633	8.30	31,773	4.50
78,268	11.07	58,633	8.30	31,773	4.50
78,268	11.07	58,633	8.30	31,773	4.50

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

Per Capita Billing Rate

Last Ten Fiscal Years

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Per Capita Rate</u>
2023	\$0.45
2022	0.45
2021	0.45
2020	0.45
2019	0.45
2018	0.34
2017	0.34
2016	0.34
2015	0.34
2014	0.34

Membership dues are apportioned by population figures established by the decennial census conducted by the United States Bureau of Census and may be increased or decreased by the Board of Directors each year.

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Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

*Principal Employers
Fiscal Years 2023 and 2014*

Fiscal Year 2023			
<u>Employer</u>	<u>Nature of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Regional Employment</u>
Cleveland Clinic	Healthcare	50,846	4.78 %
University Hospitals	Healthcare	24,462	2.30
Group Management Services Inc.	Staffing Agency	23,899	2.25
Minute Men Companies	Staffing Agency	21,680	2.04
United States Office of Personnel Management	Federal Government	16,110	1.51
Walmart	Grocery/Retail	12,700	1.20
Progressive Corporation	Insurance Company	12,291	1.16
Amazon	Retail	10,510	0.99
Giant Eagle	Grocery/Retail	9,684	0.91
Accurate Staffing Inc.	Staffing Agency	9,221	0.87
Total		191,403	18.01 %
Total Labor Force within the Region (1)		1,062,531	

Fiscal Year 2014			
<u>Employer</u>	<u>Nature of Activity</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Regional Employment</u>
Cleveland Clinic	Healthcare	33,000	3.19 %
University Hospitals	Healthcare	15,123	1.46
United States Office of Personnel Management	Federal Government	14,839	1.43
Giant Eagle	Grocery/Retail	10,398	1.00
Progressive Corporation	Insurance Company	8,766	0.85
State of Ohio	State Government	7,768	0.75
Cuyahoga County	County Government	7,709	0.74
United States Postal Service	Federal Government	7,565	0.73
Group Management Services Inc.	Staffing Agency	7,403	0.71
City of Cleveland	Local Government	7,061	0.68
Total		119,632	11.54 %
Total Labor Force within the Region (1)		1,036,200	

(1) Bureau of Labor Statistics, Total Labor Force in Cleveland-Elyria MSA

Source: Cuyahoga County 2022 ACFR

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency
Demographic and Economic Statistics
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Year	Population (1)	Total Personal Income	Per Capita Income (2)	Population Density (3)	Unemployment Rate (4)		
					Region	State of Ohio	United States
2023	2,063,132	\$114,402,732,532	\$55,451	1,023.4	3.1%	4.0%	3.6%
2022	2,075,662	115,097,533,562	55,451	1,029.6	5.9	5.1	5.3
2021	2,088,251	115,795,606,201	55,451	1,035.8	9.6	8.1	8.1
2020	2,087,150	115,734,554,650	55,451	1,035.3	4.1	4.2	3.7
2019	2,086,049	112,164,768,681	53,769	1,034.7	4.7	4.5	3.9
2018	2,084,948	107,602,081,332	51,609	1,034.2	5.6	5.0	4.4
2017	2,083,847	103,765,161,365	49,795	1,033.7	5.4	5.0	4.9
2016	2,082,746	101,156,890,474	48,569	1,033.1	5.0	5.0	5.3
2015	2,081,644	97,679,063,056	46,924	1,032.6	6.0	5.8	6.2
2014	2,080,543	92,983,627,756	44,692	1,032.0	6.8	7.5	7.4

Sources:

- (1) 2021-2023, Census 2020. 2013-2020 estimates from NOACA.
- (2) Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) Personal Income Data
- (3) Calculated using the GIS generated square mileage of the NOACA region (approximately 2,016 square miles)
- (4) Ohio Labor Market Information (LMI) Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency
Full-Time Equivalent NOACA Employees by Division
Last Seven Fiscal Years (1)

Division	2017	2018	2019	2020
Executive	3.0	2.0	2.0	3.0
Administrative Services	5.5	5.5	5.5	6.5
Planning	20.0	19.0	19.0	0.0
Transportation Planning and Engineering	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.0
External Engagement and Public Affairs	6.0	5.0	4.0	5.0
Programming	5.0	6.0	6.0	5.0
Accounting	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Strategic and Long Range Planning	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0
Strategic and Environmental Planning	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.0
Totals:	<u>41.5</u>	<u>39.5</u>	<u>41.5</u>	<u>41.5</u>

Method: Using 1.0 for each full-time employee and 0.50 for each part-time employee at June 30.

Source: NOACA, ADP Payroll Records

- (1) Information prior to 2017 is not available.
- (2) During fiscal year 2020, the Planning Division was divided into Transportation Planning and Engineering and Strategic and Environmental Planning.

<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
4.0	3.0	5.5
6.5	5.5	6.5
0.0	0.0	0.0
8.0	9.0	4.0
3.0	4.0	5.0
5.0	4.0	4.0
2.0	2.0	2.5
0.0	0.0	0.0
<u>10.0</u>	<u>9.0</u>	<u>6.0</u>
<u>38.5</u>	<u>36.5</u>	<u>33.5</u>

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

Capital Assets Statistics

Last Seven Fiscal Years (1)

Asset Description	2017	2018	2019	2020
Land				
Total Acres	0.444	0.444	0.444	0.444
Buildings	1	1	1	1
Bicycle and Pedestrian Counters	2	2	18	18
Servers	8	8	8	8

Source: NOACA Financial Records

(1) Information prior to fiscal year 2017 is not available.

2021	2022	2023
0.444	0.444	0.444
1	1	1
18	18	18
8	8	8

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

Operating Indicators by Division

Last Seven Fiscal Years (1)

Division	2017	2018	2019
Executive			
Resolutions Passed (2)	52	42	61
Number of Board and Committee Meetings (2)	41	41	41
Administrative Services			
Purchase Orders Approved	575	546	790
Board Procurements (More than \$50,000) (2)	5	6	4
IT Help Desk Requests	241	430	531
Network Maintenance Hours	145	130	155
Transportation Planning and Engineering			
Long Range Transportation Plan	1	0	0
Signal Timing Optimization Project			
Number of Intersections	25	30	30
TLCI Planning Studies	6	6	7
Pavement Maintenance Reports	90	0	90
Traffic Count Locations (3)	0	251	233
Provide Model Outputs	100	100	100
Number of GIS Application Projects	5	5	8
GIS Data in Library	42.24 GB	42.36 GB	44.36 GB
GIS Layers/Services Shared and/or Maintained	30	32	37
Street Supply Projects	0	5	14
Manual Bike and Pedestrian Count Locations	134	103	116
Permanent Bike and Pedestrian Count Locations	2	2	2
Bike Maps Distributed	20,000	47,974	40,388
Technical Assistance Projects Completed	3	2	2
Safety Collaboration Participation	5	5	7
Community Safety Reports	0	0	0
Safe Routes to School Travel Plan Assistance	0	0	4
Safe Routes to School Mapping Assistance	0	3	5
Safe Routes to School Funding Support Letters	0	5	8
External Engagement and Governmental Affairs			
Media Articles with NOACA Mentions	N/A	N/A	0
Media Calls	N/A	N/A	16
Social media Impressions	N/A	N/A	0
Web Visitors - NOACA	N/A	N/A	0
Web Visitors - Hyperloop	N/A	N/A	0
Web Visitors - eNEO2050	N/A	N/A	0
External Newsletters Released	N/A	N/A	6
Podcasts	N/A	N/A	0
Podcast Downloads	N/A	N/A	0
Lunch and Learns	N/A	N/A	0
Outreach Campaigns	N/A	N/A	2
Collateral Materials and Assets Produced	N/A	N/A	29
Annual Meeting Registrants	N/A	N/A	267
Videos Produced	N/A	N/A	0
Legislative Events and Forums	N/A	N/A	2
Programming			
Percentage On-Time Project Implementation	92%	80%	93%
Percentage Program Balance	39%	48%	56%
Percentage Estimate Accuracy	-11%	-11%	-12%
Percentage Funds Encumbered	94%	94%	87%
Dollars Encumbered (in millions)	47.60	62.60	63.90
Miles of Roadway Improvements	25	32	17

2020	2021	2022	2023
52	50	43	50
41	41	45	N/A
687	322	516	511
7	4	4	8
488	355	403	428
126	126	124	125
0	1	0	0
0	30	60	60
3	9	5	6
0	90	0	90
227	N/A	256	250
100	100	150	250
10	11	2	1
46.00 GB	49.80 GB	50.00 GB	50.00 GB
37	40	40	20
1	5	6	8
62	87	80	125
16	16	16	14
26,191	1,380	1,800	200
0	2	1	2
8	9	0	0
0	0	76	0
4	3	0	1
3	0	0	1
8	5	0	0
55	67	109	113
27	38	61	73
802,013	978,221	1,028,188	N/A
12,089	15,320	16,147	198,967
32,441	44,895	38,676	138,579
12,890	54,086	87,021	27,823
9	9	4	0
7	2	2	3
331	203	178	750
3	5	2	4
7	4	6	7
37	52	54	72
435	336	445	328
0	3	2	2
2	4	2	2
79%	88%	85%	87%
15%	6%	31%	16%
0%	-15%	-3%	1%
96%	96%	97%	74%
69.70	61.30	35.50	55.30
27	27	37	18

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Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

Operating Indicators by Division (continued)

Last Seven Fiscal Years (1)

Division	2017	2018	2019
Office of the Comptroller			
Payroll Checks	1,102	1,052	1,037
Accounts Payable Checks	855	805	815
Invoices Processed	1,027	1,117	1,359
EFT Transactions	60	81	91
Strategic and Environmental Planning			
Mobility Coalition Meetings	8	8	8
Mobility Newsletters Sent	4	4	4
Freight Reports Completed and Updated	1	2	2
5310 Applications Reviewed and Scored	32	27	31
TLCI Applications Reviewed and Scored (4)	25	26	26
Consistency Reviews (Water Quality)	50	63	48
Permit to Install Reviews (Water Quality)	161	175	139
Assistance Requests (Water Quality)	265	275	311
Facilities Planning Area Modification Requests Approved	5	6	7
Project Applications Reviewed (Air and Water Quality)	8	14	19
Commuter Choice Awards Applications Scored	24	29	37
Stakeholder Meetings (Air and Water Quality)	23	24	21

Source: NOACA Financial Records

- (1) Information prior to 2017 is not available.
- (2) This information is only available on a calendar year basis.
- (3) Due to a significant change in traffic patterns, this information is not available for FY 2021.
- (4) The full fiscal year 2022 information is not available at this time.

2020	2021	2022	2023
1,072	1,077	924	891
817	509	668	733
1,239	862	1,096	611
70	115	113	123
1	2	2	0
2	2	2	1
2	2	2	2
29	20	17	23
19	16	N/A	13
71	81	47	N/A
119	164	170	163
282	272	224	191
3	9	9	3
16	28	18	12
23	23	25	N/A
22	18	28	13

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