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LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SECURE \$15,742,083.00

As a member county of the NOACA region, Lake County is now receiving unprecedented regional funding.

PAINESVILLE, OH, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 – The Lake County Commissioners announced that at the September 11, 2020 meeting of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) Board of Directors meeting, unanimous approval was achieved for two resolutions that result in a \$15,742,083.00 investment in Lake County's infrastructure, stated Commissioner President John Hamercheck, who also serves as the Second Vice President of NOACA.

As part of the first NOACA resolution passed, Lake County will directly and regionally be receiving \$10,309,419.00 of the \$45,880,943.00 resolution total. Projects include:

- City of Mentor: Resurfacing of Hopkins Road from Mentor Ave (US-20) north to SR-2 (Market Street).
- Lake County Engineer: Rehabilitation of Madison Avenue from Steele Avenue to SR-84 (South Ridge Road) in Painesville, Painesville Twp., and Perry Twp.
- Lake County Engineer: Reconstruction and relocation of Vrooman Road from IR-90 to SR-84 (this includes funding for the bridge over the Grand River) in Leroy Twp. and Perry Twp.

As part of the second NOACA resolution passed, Lake County will be receiving \$5,432,664.00 of the \$41,969,751.00 resolution. Projects include:

- City of Willoughby: Funding for the SOM Center Road Multi-Purpose Trail. This project involves the construction of a multi-purpose trail along SR-84 (Ridge Road), from Willoughby west corporate limit to Halle Drive; then along the south side of Halle Drive, from SR-84 to SR-91 (SOM Center Road); and then along the east side of SR-91 from Halle Drive to US-20 (Mentor Ave) in the City of Willoughby.
- Laketransit: Vehicle replacement project. The project involves the purchase of 12 light transit vehicles (LTVs) or cutaway replacements and 8 replacement vans to operate Dial-A-Ride service. Laketransit will also replace one model year 2010 diesel powered transit bus with one new diesel powered transit bus.

According to Commissioner Ron Young, "Commissioner Hamercheck's leadership and persistence has brought a different way of doing business to NOACA that is returning unprecedented value back to Lake County."

Commissioner Jerry Cirino added, "Commissioner Hamercheck's successful blending of business acumen and governmental experience have resulted in many deals being closed that are directly benefiting Lake County."

Commissioner Hamercheck concluded, "With NOACA having recently celebrated its 50th year of service, I am proud to have been a leading part of the change of philosophy at NOACA that is now benefitting Lake County like never before. This same philosophy has also elevated the NOACA region, both in the State of Ohio and nationally, resulting in increased regional funding as well."

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