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 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



**BUILD AMERICA BUREAU**

## Regional Infrastructure Accelerators Demonstration Program (RIA)

### NOFO #1 – Recipient Status Update

June 13, 2022

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# Summary

Purpose	Status update on RIAs				
Grant Amount	\$5 million total	Program	RIA	Performance Period	2/15/2022 – 2/15/2024
Selected RIAs	San Diego Association of Governments - \$1.47 million Pacific Northwest Economic Region - \$1.235 million Fresno Council of Governments - \$1 million Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning - \$1 million Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency - \$295,000				
Project(s) Status	All Cooperative Agreements executed as of 02/15/2022, All RIAs active				



# San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)

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## Awarded \$1.47 million

Federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and state designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency for the San Diego Region

Grant partners are:

1. The LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency
2. The Port of San Diego
3. The North County Transit District (NCTD)





# Accelerator Proposal - SANDAG

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***SANDAG will develop an initial evaluation and assessment for the future success of regional rail improvements in the San Diego region that can be expedited through Build America Bureau Financing Programs***

## **Project Scope:**

- Identifying innovative funding and implementation strategies for a pipeline of projects to include:
  - Critical shovel-ready improvements to the LOSSAN rail corridor that increase capacity, address resiliency and replace aging railway structures
  - Upgrades and increases to track capacity along the SPRINTER rail corridor
  - Realignment of key segments of the LOSSAN rail corridor

## **Project Tasks:**

- Study Management and Coordination
- Corridor Assessment
- Best Practices and Peer Review
- Investment Strategy
- Public Benefit Analysis
- Final Report



# Accelerator Project – LOSSAN Rail Corridor Realignment

*Realigning all LOSSAN corridor Rail Services into tunnel segments from Del Mar Buffs, Miramar Hill and the City of Carlsbad*

## RIA Supported Activities:

- Financial review
- Overall coordination
- Interested in TIFIA or RRIF

## Project Costs:

- Approximately \$6 billion

## Project Benefits:

- Enhance long-term efficiency, reliability, and cost in the movement of people and goods

Figure 5 – Potential Future Realignments of LOSSAN Rail Corridor in City of Del Mar





# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

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## Awarded \$1 million

Federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and state designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency for the northeastern Illinois counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will

Grant partners are:

1. CMAP MPO Policy Committee



Chicago Metropolitan  
Agency for Planning



# Accelerator Proposal - CMAP

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*The CMAP RIA provides a mechanism to support and accelerate the project selection and implementation process using innovative project delivery financing methods*

## **Project Scope:**

- The CMAP RIA will follow a two-phase approach:
  - **Phase 1** will stand up the organization through the adoption of CMAP RIA's Charter, Strategic Plan and Initial Pipeline of projects and establish a knowledge center to support long-term RIA in the region
  - **Phase 2** will work with regional project sponsors to evaluate alternative delivery and financing options for specific projects that will result in implementation, financial and procurement plans

## **Project Tasks:**

### **Phase 1**

- Serve as Convener
- Serve as Project Identifier, Aggregator and Gap Filler to Define the Initial Project Pipeline
- Serve as an Educator and Technical Resource to Establish Regional Knowledge Center

### **Phase 2**

- Develop Business Case
- Develop Implementation and Procurement Plan



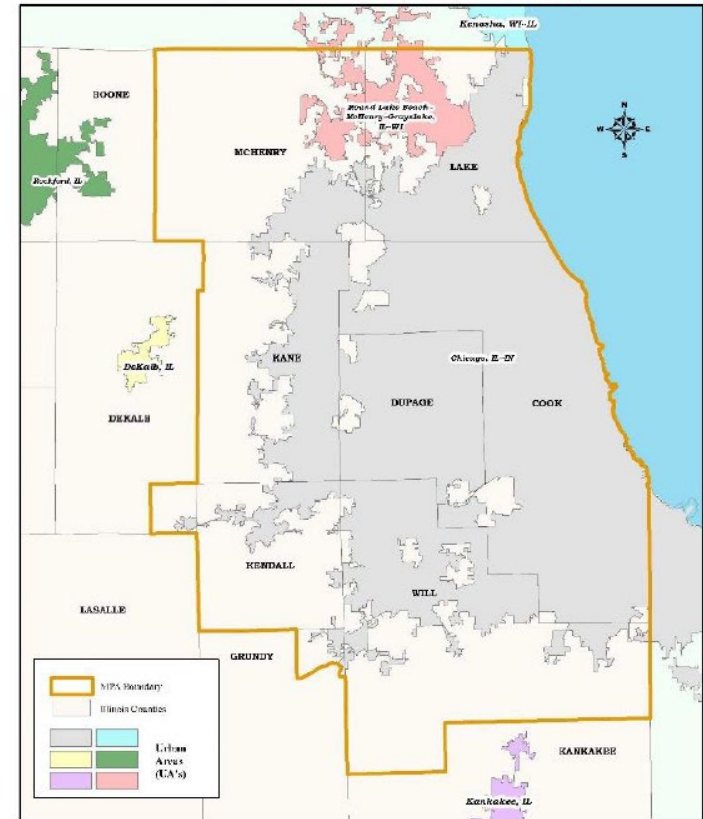
# Accelerator Project – Serve as Project Identifier, Aggregator, and Gap Filler to Define Initial Pipeline

*Work with CMAP RIA Partners to create initial pipeline of infrastructure projects to pursue Build America Bureau financing programs*

## RIA Supported Activities:

- Providing technical support to identify and evaluate potential to bundle small-scale projects to make them more attractive for innovative project delivery and financing.
- Pipeline will be developed based on national best practices including IDOT's existing P3 Screening Criteria and FHWA's P3 Toolkit

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning:  
Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary



Revised/updated 21 September 2014

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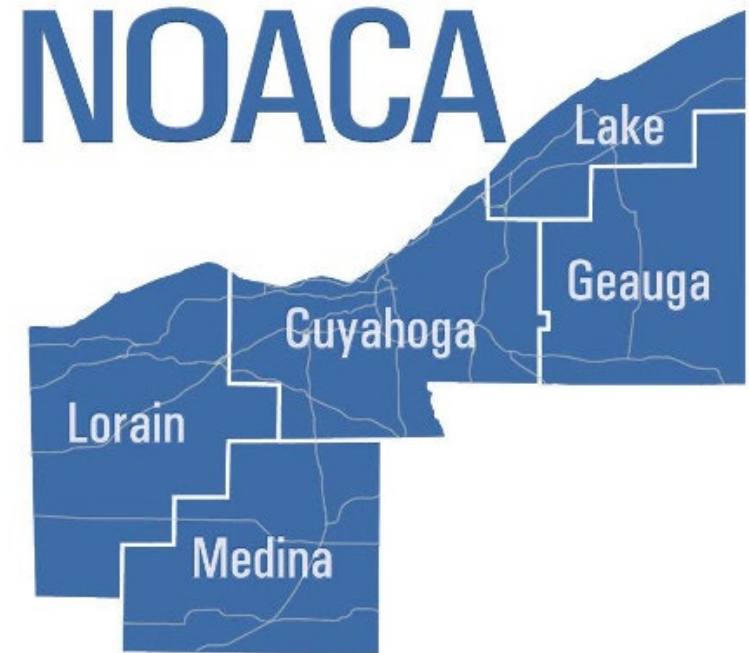
# Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA)

**Awarded \$295,000**

Federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and state designated water quality management agency for the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina in Ohio

Grant partners are:

1. 46-member Board of Directors, representing all five NOACA counties and the city of Cleveland





# Accelerator Proposal - NOACA

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*The NOACA RIA will create a governing body within NOACA's existing organizational structure to develop and advance projects in their region*

## **Project Scope:**

- NOACA will supplement staff in the areas of financial advising, legal counsel, project development and in the development of:
  - Individual financial plans for each eligible pipeline project
  - MPO Business Model to guide the potential implementation of RIAs at the MPO level

## **Project Tasks:**

- Establishing
  - Finance and Audit Committee
  - Planning and Programming Committee
  - External Stakeholder/Partner Committee



# Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER)

## Awarded \$1.235 million

The Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) is a statutory public/private non-profit created in 1991 by the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Washington, and the Canadian provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and the Yukon and Northwest Territories.



## Pacific Northwest Economic Region



# Accelerator Proposal - PNWER

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***A PNWER-managed, multi-state RIA will bridge gaps and allow the region to achieve greater cooperation and investment in necessary transportation infrastructure improvements***

## **Project Scope:**

- PNWER team and contractors will develop a set of tools that can be applied consistently to aspiring projects to help determine feasibility and appropriate actions
  - Projects will be screened through a matrix of specifications regarding eligibility requirements and necessary data needed to pursue RRIF, TIFIA and/or PABs
  - Projects identified for RIA assistance will receive hands on assistance to begin the process of pursuing funding and developing financing applications for projects
  - Develop a long-term sustainability model

## **Project Tasks:**

- Initial Outreach and RIA Organization
- Formalizing RIA and Initial Review of Projects
- Identifying and Funding Projects
- Moving Toward Sustainability



# Fresno Council of Governments – (Fresno COG)

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## Awarded \$1 million

Fresno COG serves as the primary transportation planning and programming body for 16 cities in California's Fresno area including Fresno, Fowler and San Joaquin

Grant partners are:

1. Kern Council of Governments
2. Kings County Association of Governments
3. Stanislaus Council of Governments
4. Tulare County Association of Governments





# Accelerator Proposal – Fresno COG

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*Fresno COG will use accelerator funds for the California Inland Port, a transformational project that will create fundamental change to logistics, air quality, road planning and economic competitiveness in California*

## **Project Scope:**

- Three main elements to the project:
  - A new port-to-market intermodal rail system
  - Development of a high-volume system for clean and autonomous trucks
  - Development of large-scale investment districts at new intermodal/truck mobility hubs

## **Project Tasks:**

- Prepare investment strategy to leverage private investor funds
- Intermodal facility design and preliminary engineering
- Utilities engineering and design
- Traffic analysis and roadway design



# Accelerator Project – Onsite Intermodal Infrastructure

*Trains will transport inbound cargo containers from the seaports to strategic inland hub locations for onward movement to distribution centers and direct recipients*

Projects will require a range of investments including:

- Land acquisition costs (50 acres)
- Engineering
- Construction of:
  - Rail bed/track improvements
  - Large concrete platform
  - Onsite utilities
  - Cargo handling equipment

