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LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER JOHN R. HAMERCHECK APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD FOR NOACA; JACKSON STREET INTERCHANGE ANNOUNCED IN PAINESVILLE

On January 21, Lake County Commissioner John Hamercheck was unanimously voted to serve as President of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA), which is the transportation and environmental planning agency representing Lake, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lorain and Medina Counties. NOACA is the conduit for federal transportation dollars to Lake County. In the recent past, a majority of the funding for the Vrooman Road bridge and Vrooman Road resurfacing project in Perry and Leroy Townships came through NOACA. Today, the Jackson Street Interchange was announced by NOACA as one of their major upcoming projects in the City of Painesville.

“Through his years of aggressively representing Lake County on NOACA, President Hamercheck has already brought back hundreds of millions of dollars to Lake County for our roads and bridges, and I am excited to share that at today’s meeting, we announced the Jackson Interchange at the intersection of Jackson Street and State Route 44 in Painesville as one of our upcoming major projects as well as over \$400,000 in approved funding for signal and intersection improvements in Wickliffe. We are here to fight for our local communities,” said Commissioner John Plecnik.

In addition to President Hamercheck, NOACA elected Medina County Commissioner William Hutson as First Vice President, Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish as Second Vice President, Geauga County Commissioner Timothy Lennon as Treasurer, Elyria Mayor Frank Whitfield as Assistant Treasurer, Medina County Engineer Andrew Conrad as Assistant Treasurer, Cleveland Mayor Justin Bibb as Secretary, Maple Heights Mayor Annette M. Blackwell as Assistant Secretary and Lake County Commissioner John Plecnik as Assistant Secretary.



"We have been so impressed with President Hamercheck's ambition and determination on NOACA over the years, and with this appointment as their President, NOACA clearly acknowledges and respects him as much as we do. I also want to congratulate my colleague John Plecnik on his appointment as Assistant Secretary. Lake County now has two strong advocates on the NOACA Executive Committee to ensure that our road projects are funded," stated Commissioner Ron Young.

NOACA, which is comprised of 5 counties, 61 cities, 45 villages, and 58 townships encompassing 2,000 square miles and 2.1 million people, along with its partners cooperatively develop and implement plans to ensure that travel throughout the region is safe, cost-effective, and environmentally sound.

Hamercheck's role as President of NOACA's 46-member Board is an extremely important one as he will help to oversee how federal transportation dollars are spent in Northeast Ohio, set policies that guide transportation development through the five counties, and approve NOACA's water and air quality policies.

"Collaboration and cooperation are extremely important components to economic growth in Lake County and Northeast Ohio. I am proud to work alongside my fellow board members over the next year to ensure we receive our fair share of federal funding needed to complete the nearly countless practical projects that will benefit our constituents," said Commissioner John Hamercheck.

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