



NEWS RELEASE From Mayor Dean DePiero

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PARMA MAYOR ELECTED TO NOACA BOARD

(Cleveland) — Parma Mayor Dean DePiero has been elected to serve on the board of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency. NOACA has long been the metropolitan planning organization for Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina Counties.

“My election to the NOACA Board is a welcomed challenge to help in shaping the future of our region,” said Mayor DePiero. “It gives my community a voice in countless proposals and plans for northeast Ohio that are bound to have an impact on the residents of Parma.”

Mayor DePiero previously served on the NOACA Board from 2005 to 2006. The new board position was created to give Parma permanent representation and has no expiration date

The mayor’s election and that of five new representatives increases the NOACA Board membership from 38 to 44 members. The other elected officials represent Lakewood, Euclid, Cleveland Heights, Medina and the Cuyahoga County Port Authority.

Lake County Engineer James R. Gills was elected Governing Board President.

NOACA is certified to conduct transportation planning and transportation-related air quality planning in the Greater Cleveland area, as provided for by federal law.

The agency also carries out water quality planning for the region’s rivers, partners with dozens of public and private organizations to make the area’s air and water cleaner while providing an abundance of technical assistance to alleviate traffic congestion and enhance safety.

The NOACA website address is www.noaca.org.

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