

# **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2011  
10:30 A.M.**

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EXHIBITS**

# **EXHIBIT 1-B**

**AUGUST MEETING MINUTES**



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**MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**AUGUST 11, 2011**

**10:30 A.M. – OKI BOARD ROOM**

- Call to Order

President Humphrey called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. with the following members in attendance:

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. Ed Humphrey, Clermont County Board of Commissioners, President  
Judge Gary Moore, Boone County Fiscal Court  
Judge Steve Pendery, Campbell County Fiscal Court, Past President  
Mr. Tom Orschell, alternate for Mr. Hughes, Dearborn County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Todd Portune, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners  
Judge Steve Arlinghaus, Kenton County Fiscal Court  
Mr. Michael Moore, alternate for Ms. Qualls, City of Cincinnati  
Ms. Sherry Carran, Covington, Kentucky  
Mr. Robert Brown, Hamilton, Ohio  
Mr. Kenneth Bogard, Oxford, Ohio  
Mr. Russ Jackson, Anderson Township  
Mr. Adam Goetzman, alternate for Mr. Linnenberg, Green Township  
Mr. Robert McGee, Union Township  
Ms. Catherine Stoker, West Chester Township  
Ms. Christine Matacic, Butler County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks  
Mr. Karl Schultz, Clermont County Township Association  
Mr. David Okum, Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission  
Mr. Keith Corman, Resident Member  
Mr. Larry Maxey, Resident Member  
Mr. Kenneth F. Reed, Resident Member

*Edwin H. Humphrey*  
President

*Mark R. Policinski*  
Executive Director

Executive Committee Members (continued)

Mr. Ted B. Hubbard, alternate for Mr. Brayshaw, Hamilton County Engineer  
Mr. Jim Ude, Indiana Department of Transportation  
Mr. Mike Bezold, alternate for Mr. Hans, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet  
Mr. Joe Vogel, alternate for Mr. Mary, Ohio Department of Transportation  
Ms. Terry Garcia Crews, Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority  
Mr. Andrew Aiello, alternate for Ms. Miller, Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Mr. Christopher Reinersman, Independence, Kentucky  
Mr. Rick Brasington, Madeira, Ohio  
Ms. Christine Thompson, representing Mr. Lovitt, Sharonville, Ohio  
Mr. Greg Breetz, Boone County Planning Commission  
Mr. Dwayne Boso, Clermont County Planning Commission  
Mr. Mark McCormack, Dearborn County Planning Commission  
Mr. Keith Logsdon, representing Mr. Gordon, Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission  
Mr. Charles Graves, Cincinnati (City) Planning Commission  
Mr. Timothy Bachman, Fairfield (City) Planning Commission  
Mr. Martin Kohler, Middletown (City) Planning Commission  
Mr. Ralph Grieme, Jr., Resident Member  
Ms. Kellie Wise, representing Greg Hartmann, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Samuel McKinley, Resident Member  
Ms. Gena Bell, representing Mr. Monzel, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Thomas Voss, DHL  
Mr. Neil Tunison, Warren County Engineer

**GUESTS**

Mr. John Russell, Newtown  
Mr. Roger Kerlin, Northern Kentucky  
Mr. Gordon Perry, Blue Ash  
Mr. Jeff Wallace, Parsons Brinckerhoff  
Mr. Andy Fluegemann, ODOT-District 8  
Ms. Kelly Booker Scocco, RW Armstrong

**LEGAL COUNSEL**

Mr. Edward Diller, Taft, Stettinius & Hollister

## STAFF

Mr. Mark R. Policinski	Mr. Robert W. Koehler	Ms. Marilyn F. Osborne
Ms. Karen Whitaker	Ms. Purcy Nance	Ms. Robyn Bancroft
Mr. Mark Paine	Mr. Brian Cunningham	Mr. David Shuey
Mr. Andy Reser	Mr. Travis Miller	Ms. Mary Luebbers
Mr. Andrew Rohne	Ms. Florence Parker	Mr. John Heilman
Ms. Loren Koehler	Ms. Jane Wittke	Ms. Margo Lindahl

- Announcements

President Humphrey reminded everyone to sign in for attendance purposes. He also reminded everyone that this is an Executive Committee Meeting and that Executive Committee members or alternates can vote, Board members cannot vote.

### ITEM #1: ADMINISTRATIVE

#### A. President's Report

- In light of the recent Debt Ceiling activity in Washington D.C., President Humphrey provided a visual display of the volume of money involved.
- President Humphrey congratulated Board member Tony Simms-Howell who was recently inducted into the Ohio Civil Rights Hall of Fame.
- Election of Alternate to the OKI Executive Committee

President Humphrey stated that Steve Stevens, with the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, has requested that Blair Schroeder serve as his alternate on the OKI Executive Committee for 2011.

Mr. Reed moved to elect Mr. Schroeder as Mr. Steven's alternate for 2011. Judge Moore seconded the motion; motion carried.

- President Humphrey acknowledged Joshua A. Smith, who is the new Board member representing the city of Hamilton Planning Commission.

#### B. Approval of June 9, 2011 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

President Humphrey called for corrections and/or additions to the June 9, 2011 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting.

There being none, Ms. Maticic moved that the June 9, 2011 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting be approved as mailed. Mr. Bogard seconded the motion; motion carried.

### C. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Policinski reported that he recently attended the NARC convention. He stated that President Humphrey conducted a session on homeland security. He explained that President Humphrey co-chairs the national homeland security committee for NARC. He said there was a groundswell to get Judge Moore to become an officer.

Mr. Policinski reported that OKI had a very successful annual luncheon with approximately 350 people in attendance. He explained that staff donates their time for the work on the meeting so those hours are not charged to local funding. Mr. Policinski commented that Congresswoman Schmidt did an excellent job. He thanked staff for a great event.

Mr. Policinski stated that OKI has been talking about the need for streamlining of the federal process. He explained that he and Mr. Koehler recently attended a meeting at ODOT, along with representatives from the TIDs, regarding streamlining. He explained that ODOT has a plan of how to accomplish this and it is anticipated their plan will be available for review in autumn. He explained that their plan will follow the NEPA process, but will get rid of redundant steps and include concurrent reviews. He stressed that time is money and cutting out time from the process is critical.

Mr. Policinski provided an update regarding RIIZs. He explained that OKI has been pushing RIIZs for four years and this week language is being taken to the legislative council of the Ways and Means Committee. This takes the concept and puts it into legislative language. Now those on the Hill have something on paper to take to the Ways and Means Committee and Transportation Committee in order to get co-sponsors for the Bill.

Mr. Policinski announced that the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce won the 2011 Going International Award for its world class international trade program that assists area business in connecting with the global market place. The award was given by the American Chamber of Commerce Executives.

Mr. Policinski explained that staff has been working the past several weeks on the second round of HUD sustainability grant funding. He explained that last year OKI's application received a high rating but did not receive the grant. He stated that this is a fantastic opportunity that would allow OKI to update and expand the SRPP. The total grant available is \$4 million. The grant requires a 20% match, but he explained that the local match includes in-kind services. Mr. Policinski explained that if OKI tried to complete the update without the grant, the SRPP would take approximately 7-10 years to complete due to the cost. He stated that this grant offers OKI an opportunity to do the updating and have a very loosely applied federal match which means that the impact on OKI's local contributions would be significantly less.

Mr. Policinski pointed out that in his reading of the NOFA, there could be an issue with how business is conducted in the region. He stated that the guiding principle of OKI's philosophy regarding land use is that the most local jurisdiction is the best jurisdiction to make decisions about what happens in their backyard. Mr. Policinski explained that OKI works with local jurisdictions so they make the most appropriate decisions when it comes to land use. He pointed out that land use measures have been applied to the OKI prioritization process. He stated that in the six years that this policy has been in place there has not been a problem with the local jurisdictions working with OKI to meet this criteria and no objection has been raised.

Mr. Policinski stated that as he reads the HUD grant, there could be a conflict with OKI's guiding principle of the "most local jurisdiction" making land use decision. In other words, maybe by accepting the federal dollars OKI would be agreeing to federal regulations or performance measures that would place federal control over local decision.

Mr. Policinski proposed that OKI 1) submit the strongest grant possible that would protect OKI's principals; 2) if OKI is awarded the grant, we would write a contract with the Feds that would protect OKI's guiding principle; 3) if in the writing of the contract it becomes clear that OKI's guiding principles cannot be protected, it is his recommendation to the Board that the application be withdrawn.

Mr. Policinski stated that this issue is one that can be divisive, and has been with other MPOs. However, the OKI Board has not had this issue. He stated that it is the cohesion the Board has on all issues that allows OKI to be as successful as it has been. So, when something threatens that, Mr. Policinski stated that he felt it was prudent to bring this issue to the Board. There was general agreement that the Executive Director should proceed as described.

#### D. Legislative Update

Mr. Cunningham, staff, reported on the legislative affairs update. He said that most of the recent activity in Washington, D.C. involved action on the Debt Ceiling. He said that in spite of the Debt Ceiling activity there was some movement in the transportation arena. Mr. Cunningham said that House Transportation and Infrastructure Chair John Mica provided a few details involving the bill he will introduce when Congress returns after Labor Day. He said the Mica bill is a six-year, \$230 billion bill and would average about \$35 billion a year, but could also leverage about \$70 billion a year with private sector loans. Mr. Cunningham said the House version of the bill would consolidate 70 programs identified as duplicative.

Mr. Cunningham said that Senator Boxer, chairperson of the Environment and Public Works Committee, is expected to move a 2-year, \$109 billion bill after Labor Day. He said the Senate bill also consolidates nearly 87 programs to less than 30. He said the activities for which dedicated funding has been removed would be consolidated into the very broad core programs, leaving states with the flexibility to fund these activities as they see fit.

Mr. Cunningham said the Senate bill has a funding problem, because the anticipated spending levels for it \$54.5 billion a year would drive the Highway Trust Fund into a negative cash position in the second year of the bill and be \$12 billion short. Mr. Cunningham said that just before the Senate recessed last month, Finance Committee Chair Max Baucus announced he has found the \$12 billion needed to make the proposed Senate transportation bill possible.

Mr. Cunningham said there has not been a great deal of specifics released about any of these proposals. He said that there probably will not be much detail on the proposals until they are formally introduced sometime next month which is also when the current extension is set to expire on September 30.

Mr. Cunningham said that Congress was able to resolve a dispute of FAA funding and reached a deal that ended the FAA shutdown allowing 4,000 FAA employees and 70,000 airport construction workers to return to their jobs. He said this current resolution runs through September. Mr. Cunningham said that in the long term, Congress must still find a compromise between a four-year House bill that funds the FAA at a level about \$2 billion less than a two-year Senate bill.

#### E. Finance Officer's Report

Ms. Nance, staff stated that distributed around the table is the Finance Officer's Report dated August 11, 2011. She stated this report is on the financial statements for the period ended May 31, 2011 and includes current cash information.

Ms. Nance stated that on page 2 is the current information. She stated that as of August 1 OKI had \$115,460 in the PNC checking account, \$3,760 in the HSA/FSA checking account, and \$659,915 in the PNC savings account. She stated that there has been no recent activity on OKI's line of credit and there is no outstanding balance at report date.

Ms. Nance stated that on page 3 is the Balance sheet as of May 31. She stated that Cash and Investments are up approximately 32% from this time last year. She stated that Receivables are down 26% from this time last year due to timing of invoice payments. She stated that as of May 31 there were \$624,000 in receivables, all associated with April and May invoices and nothing outstanding from March and earlier. She further stated that payables are up about 617% or \$179,000 from this time last year due to activities associated with the Regional Freight Study and the New Freedom pass through projects combined with timing of routine invoices.

Ms. Nance stated that on page 4 is the Revenue information. She stated that as of May 31, OKI is 92% of the way through the budgeted year. She stated that overall revenues are at approximately 80% which is slightly behind budget.

Ms. Nance noted the following items: Federal revenues are behind budget due to timing of New Freedom pass through projects and Contributed Services are ahead of budget due to the over-match received by the Clean Air and Rideshare Programs. She stated that this match is non-cash. A line has been added to the report to show fiscal year to date over-match received. She stated that this amount is deducted so the total line represents project budget progress.

Ms. Nance stated that on page 5 is the Expense information. She stated that overall expenses are at approximately 80% which is slightly behind budget.

Ms. Nance noted the following items: Category 3, Travel is behind budget due to the Fiscal Impact Analysis Model and Water projects having fewer meetings outside of the office than budgeted. Professional Development is behind budget due to several budgeted trips not being taken and savings experienced on trips that were taken. Under category 4, Professional Services is behind budget due to the efficiencies experienced with the FIAM software maintenance provider. Pass Through Contracts is behind budget due to the timing of Eastern Corridor and New Freedom pass through funded projects. Under category 6, Contributed Services are ahead of budget due to the over-match received by the Clean Air and Rideshare Programs. These amounts are deducted so the total line represents project budget progress.

Ms. Nance stated that on page 6 is the General Fund Balance information. She stated that the General Fund Balance has had a net decrease of approximately \$55,000 year to date. She stated that the two components of this decrease are timing differences and year to date activities. She stated that the timing differences include: \$56,000 increase due to timing of county funding payments and \$67,000 decrease due to application of negotiated fringe and indirect rates. She stated that the remaining \$44,000 decrease is associated with year-to-date operations and timing of active projects. She stated that after these changes OKI's current fund balance is \$1,166,000. Of this amount \$234,000 is committed to active projects.

There being no discussion, Mr. Reed moved that the Executive Committee accept and file the Finance Officer's Report dated August 11, 2011. Judge Arlinghaus seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #2: PRESENTATION OF THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE OKI REGIONAL FREIGHT PLAN

Ms. Bancroft, staff, thanked OKI staff members and the Freight Working Group Co-Chairs, Christine Maticic and Tom Voss, for their work on the freight plan. She also thanked the Executive Committee members for their input, many of which took part in face-to-face meetings and provided comments.

Ms. Bancroft explained that this plan will form the foundation for future OKI freight planning efforts for the next two decades. She reviewed the timeline of the year-long process.

Ms. Bancroft reported that more than 323 million tons of freight flow into, out of and through the region annually. The plan evaluated three significant supply chain dynamics of this decade: expansion of the Panama Canal, Norfolk Southern's Heartland Corridor, and CSX's National Gateway program. Due to changes in the global supply chain, brought on in part by these major transportation developments, overall freight volumes in the OKI region are forecasted to increase over 50% to 487 million tons in 2040. Ms. Bancroft stated that in a region with significant highway and railroad congestion, this growth in freight volume will strain transportation capacity. The biggest concern for OKI is to maintain or improve freight mobility so that businesses and communities can continue to benefit from an efficient transportation system.

Ms. Bancroft reviewed the strengths and challenges for roadway, rail, river and air freight:

- Roadway: Regional businesses are able to serve about 60% of the North American market within one day's truck drive. However, our roadways can expect a doubling of truck miles traveled within the next 24 years.
- Rail: Together the region's three railroad companies currently handle almost 100 trains per day. However CSX, NS and RailAmerica share three main lines through the Mill Creek Valley which are currently near capacity and regional railroad traffic is forecasted to increase 38% by 2040.
- River: Although barge growth is forecast at only 5.5% over the next 30 years and just 10% of the region's freight moves by barge, its low cost is essential to shipping bulk commodities. Our riverfront is the one area where there is excess capacity.
- Runway: Air freight will have the highest 30 year growth of any mode. There are only four air cargo hubs operating in the Midwest, including DHL at CVG.

Ms. Bancroft explained that based on review of the deficiencies of the OKI freight transportation system and the unique opportunities of the region, staff developed an inventory of 58 draft recommendations which will support freight growth and aid regional economic development while addressing public safety. She explained that from this

inventory, 12 top regional freight priority recommendations were identified that have the most immediate need and best address the five goals of the plan.

Ms. Bancroft reviewed the plan's five strategic goals:

1. Mobility and Intermodal Connectivity
2. Economic Vitality
3. Environment and Public Health
4. Safety and Security
5. System Preservation and Condition

Ms. Bancroft highlighted the 12 top regional freight priority recommendations:

- ARTIMIS Message Signs
- Brent Spence Bridge
- I-75 Mill Creek Expressway and Thru the Valley
- I-471 Reconstruction
- East Sharon Road Study
- Grand Avenue Improvement, Taylor Mill
- Hamilton-Mason Road Mouse Hole
- Regional Public/Private Freight Rail Partnership
- Hopple Street Passing Track and Crossovers
- Reading Road Grade Separation, Sharonville
- Activate the "Port" in the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority
- CVG Air Cargo Park

Ms. Bancroft summarized that there are 58 recommended projects, some are low cost and can be built or administered rather quickly, others are quite expensive and will take several years to construct. However, she pointed out that the OKI Regional Freight Plan is more than a list of projects, it provides a blueprint for improving freight mobility, including the formation of critical public-private partnerships to address rail and river transportation challenges. She explained that staff has also identified actions to implement freight plan recommendations and keep current on future freight trends in order to adjust strategies and address unforeseen changes in global supply chains. Ms. Bancroft stressed that ultimately, the success of the freight plan will depend on the partnerships and collaboration of the public and private sectors to address the transportation challenges of the next 30 years.

Ms. Maticic, Freight Working Group Co-Chair, thanked staff and the Freight Working Group partners. She explained that five or six years ago they sat down with private industry representatives and had open conversations. She stated that she is pleased to see the outcome of this study. Ms. Maticic explained that many communities were visited, including meetings with Mayor Lovitt, and she thanked him for his input regarding the issues in the city of Sharonville. She thanked those providing their honest comments at the

public open house and providing feedback regarding the recommendations. Ms. Maticic explained that the Freight Working Group Co-Chair Tom Voss was able to pull in a lot of people from his industry. She stated that this is not the end of the road, just the beginning. She stated that she is very pleased and proud that OKI took the lead to become the hub for economic development. Ms. Maticic stated that the Brent Spence Bridge replacement is a vital project and without it goods and services won't be able to flow through the region. She stated that the freight plan is a blueprint to move forward.

Ms. Maticic moved that the Executive Committee approve Resolution OKI 2011-21 concerning the adoption of the OKI Regional Freight Plan. Mr. Portune seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #3: OKI 2040 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE – PRESENTATION #1  
(2040 IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK!)

Mr. Koehler, staff, stated that today marks OKI's kick-off for the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. He explained that the Plan not only sets the course for how the region will address its mobility needs but also enables specific transportation projects in our communities to qualify for federal funds. He explained that the current Plan has been amended six times, however this is a complete update. Mr. Koehler explained that over the upcoming months staff will be presenting updates to keep the Board engaged in the process.

Mr. Koehler explained that the long range plan is updated every four years and includes a 20 year planning horizon. He explained that the Plan must adhere to fiscal and air quality conformity and must be multi-modal. The Plan seeks to provide safe and efficient movement of people and goods.

Mr. Koehler reviewed the development process and provided an update on progress since 2008. He reported that since the Plan was adopted in 2008 several studies have been completed (OKI Regional Freight Plan, I-471, Transit on Board Survey, GPS Based Household Survey, Fiscal Impact Model and ARRA) and the Plan currently reflects the high priority projects from those studies. Mr. Koehler added that there have been a few TIP updates also. He reported that over 200 projects have been either completed or are underway, valued at more than \$70 million. Mr. Koehler stated that \$20 million over the last three fiscal years has been devoted to transit.

Ms. Bancroft, staff, reviewed the process and goals of the Plan. She explained that the purpose of the Plan Update is to create a 2040 Regional Transportation Plan that meets federal/legal requirements, addresses the existing and future transportation needs of the entire region, and balances these needs with the ability to fund them. Ms. Bancroft reviewed the goals and objects of the current Plan:

- Support economic vitality
- Increase safety
- Increase accessibility and mobility options
- Protect and enhance the environment
- Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system
- Promote efficient system management and operation
- Emphasize the preservation of the existing system

Ms. Bancroft explained that the Plan Update will incorporate two new goals:

- In response to SAFETEA-LU a new goal is being incorporated to encompass the issue of regional security
- With the completion of the OKI Regional Freight Plan, a new goal of strengthening the freight connection is being incorporated

Ms. Bancroft explained that a variety of techniques will be used to inform and engage the public, including monthly presentations, posting information on the OKI website, press releases, two rounds of public open houses, and asking Board members to help spread the word.

Ms. Bancroft announced that the first round of Public Open Houses will be held in September. A copy of the flyer was distributed around the table. The Final Plan will be presented for adoption in June 2012.

Ms. Luebbers, staff, reviewed the region's existing and future demographic conditions. She explained that the OKI transportation planning process is heavily dependent on the travel demand model and one of the major inputs into the model is the socioeconomic database which provides a demographic profile of each zone.

Ms. Luebbers discussed how that database is developed using the primary variables of population, households and employment. She explained that the base year is 2005 and the horizon year is 2040. Ms. Luebbers pointed out that 2005 was retained as the base year mainly because census data for 2010 and population projections derived from 2010 census data were not available at the time the socioeconomic database needed to be developed.

Ms. Luebbers stated that according to the projections provided by the state data centers, the region's population is anticipated to grow by 22%, from the current 1.9 million to almost 2.4 million by 2040. All of the counties, except Hamilton and Campbell counties, are projected to gain population during that 35 year time period. Ms. Luebbers stated that the first suburbs within Hamilton County are expected to experience loss of population and households and the outlying counties will likely see gains. She explained that employment in the OKI region will grow from 2005 to 2040, with a regional gain of almost 225,000. Every county, including Hamilton, is projected to gain employment.

This item was presented for information only.

ITEM #4: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING, PRODUCING AND SHARING OF GEOSPATIAL DATA

Mr. Shuey, staff, explained that this resolution is a revision to Resolution 2009-06. He stated that in April 2009, the Board of Directors approved the original resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency, acting on behalf of emergency management agencies across a twelve county region known as Southwest Ohio Southeast Indiana Northern Kentucky or SOSINK.

Mr. Shuey explained that the purpose of the MOU was to jointly develop GIS data and applications that would support both transportation planning and homeland security initiatives throughout the OKI region. He explained that the three year MOU called for Hamilton County EMA to provide \$50,000 of Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funds for the first phase of this effort. Mr. Shuey explained that this new resolution will extend the MOU through June 2013 and to accept an additional \$100,000 of funding over the next two fiscal years. The original resolution required approval prior to OKI accepting any additional funding. The additional funding will support ongoing data development, application development and training for end users.

Mr. Shuey reported that during the current calendar year, the ROGREMS team has given over 35 presentations to first responders across the SOSINK region and has issued credentials to 290 end users. In June, a presentation was made at the National UASI conference on the ROGREMS program and partnership. He explained that they have assembled more than 40 operational layers and are currently working with Duke Energy to add their power outages to the map.

President Humphrey stated that he sits on the SOSINK committee and at their last meeting they heard a presentation which was very impressive. He encouraged others who are interested in the program to schedule a presentation.

Mr. Reed moved that the Executive Committee approve Resolution OKI 2011-22 concerning the Authorization to enter a MOU with the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency for the purpose of collecting, producing and sharing of geospatial data. Mr. Bogard seconded the motion; motion carried.

As Chair of the Emergency Management Association, Commissioner Portune thanked the Executive Committee for their approval of this resolution.

ITEM #5: INTERMODAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Paine, Staff, stated that the ICC met on Tuesday, August 9. He reported that the committee heard the presentation on the final draft of the OKI Regional Freight Plan and presentation #1 of the Regional Transportation Plan update.

Mr. Paine stated that the ICC reviewed and recommends approval of Resolution 2011-23 which is Amendment #2 to the FY 2012-2015 TIP.

Mr. Paine displayed a slide showing the encumbrances for the past fiscal year for various MPOs in the State of Ohio. He reported that almost \$45 million in federal funding was encumbered by OKI during the fiscal year, which was the highest in the state. He thanked all of the funding partners for their assistance during the year.

A. Amendment #2 of the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Paine, Staff, stated that the amendment reflected in the proposed resolution lists seven highway projects in Ohio, one highway project in Indiana and three transit projects for TANK that are recommended for addition or revision in the current TIP.

Judge Pendery moved that the Executive Committee approve Resolution OKI 2011-23 concerning Amendment #2 of the Fiscal Years 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program. Judge Moore seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #6: CONSENT AGENDA

President Humphrey stated that each month a written report of committee activities is mailed to the Board of Directors. He stated that this mailing includes the June and July Consent Agenda Items.

- A. Regional Planning
  - Regional Land Use Commission
  - Regional Greenspace Office
- B. Transportation
  - Regional Freight Planning
  - Environmental Justice Advisory Committee
- C. Environmental
  - Water Quality Program

Mr. Reed moved that the Executive Committee approve the consent agenda as mailed. Ms. Maticic seconded the motion; motion carried.

D. Committee announcements and/or updates.

There were no committee announcements and/or updates.

ITEM #7: OTHER BUSINESS

President Humphrey announced that the next meeting of the OKI Executive Committee is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Thursday, September 8, 2011.

ITEM #8: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Reed moved that the Executive Committee meeting be adjourned. Mr. McGee seconded the motion; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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**EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, PRESIDENT**

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**MARK R. POLICINSKI, SECRETARY**

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## OKI Board of Directors

01/13/2011 01/14/2011 02/10/2011 03/10/2011 04/14/2011 05/12/2011 06/09/2011 08/11/2011

Michael F. Juengling Butler Co. Plann. Comm.	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E			
Eric H. Kearney Ohio State House	Y		E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E			
Peter J. Klear, AICP C Campbell County Fiscal Court	Y		Y						Y				
Kris Knocheimann Kenton County Fiscal Court			E						E				
Martin Kohler City of Middletown	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y
David Linnenberg Green Township	Y		Y	Y	E	Y	Y	E	E	R			
Virgil Lovitt, II City of Sharonville	Y			Y			Y	E	E	R			
Patrick J. Manger, P.E., P.S. Clermont County Engineer													
Mike Martin City of Villa Hills			Y										
Steve Mary, PE District 8	R		E	R			R	R	R	R			
Christine L. Matacic Liberty Township Board of Trus	Y		E	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Larry Maxey	Y		Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y			
Mark McCormack Dearborn County Plan Commissio	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	E	Y			
Robert K. McGee Union Township	E		E	R	Y	Y	Y	R	R	Y			
Sam McKinley Sierra Club	Y							E	E	Y			
Kathy McNear City of Springdale	E		E	Y			E	Y	Y	E			







# **EXHIBIT 4-A**

## **ICC REPORT**



**RESOLUTION**

**OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**CONCERNING AMENDMENT #3 OF THE  
FISCAL YEARS 2012 – 2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the Governors of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and in cooperation with locally elected officials in the OKI region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Intermodal Coordinating Committee (ICC), as the technical advisory committee to OKI, has reviewed and recommended the projects listed in the resolution and recommend that they be added/amended into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

**WHEREAS**, all federally funded transit and highway projects in the Ohio Counties of Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren, the Kentucky Counties of Boone, Campbell and Kenton and the Indiana County of Dearborn must be included in the TIP prior to the expenditure of federal funds and be listed with year of expenditure dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendments are consistent with the *OKI 2030 Regional Transportation Plan* adopted on June 12, 2008 and the OKI Regional ITS Architecture adopted on March 13, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, these amendments are consistent with OKI's previous air quality conformity analysis of June 12, 2008 and approved by the Federal Highway Administration on September 26, 2008 and it has been determined through interagency consultation that a new conformity finding is not needed; and

**WHEREAS**, for amendments involving exempt projects, as listed in 40 CFR Part 93.126, are exempt from transportation conformity requirements and public review is not required as per the OKI Participation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the environmental justice impacts of these amendments have been considered with "Executive Order 12898 Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations"; and

**WHEREAS**, this amendment will result in a TIP that remains fiscally constrained;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of the Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments, at its regular meeting on September 8, 2011 hereby amends the Fiscal Years 2012 – 2015 Transportation Improvement Program as listed below:

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EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, PRESIDENT

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# **EXHIBIT 4-B**

## **ICC REPORT**

**ITEM #4-B SELECTION OF PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED WITH JOB ACCESS REVERSE COMMUTE (SECTION 5316) AND NEW FREEDOM (SECTION 5317) FEDERAL FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE CINCINNATI URBANIZED AREA**

- DESCRIPTION:** The attached exhibit, in resolution form, identifies projects to be funded with Section 5316 and Section 5317 federal funds allocated to the Cincinnati urbanized area.
- BACKGROUND:** OKI was named the designated recipient for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) – Section 5316 and New Freedom – Section 5317 Federal funds as defined by 49 U.S.C. for the Cincinnati urbanized area by the Governors of Ohio and Kentucky. The designated recipient is responsible for soliciting and competitively selecting qualified projects to be funded from the allocation of these federal funds. In addition, the designated recipient must certify that the selected projects are derived from a locally developed Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan.
- OKI solicited applications for Section 5316 and Section 5317 federal funds, set a deadline to receive completed applications, completed staff reviews and recommendations, ensured projects were derived from a locally developed Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan and presented the project applications to the JARC/New Freedom Oversight Team. The JARC/New Freedom Oversight Team recommends approval of the project list to the ICC. The ICC reviewed the recommendations from the JARC/New Freedom Oversight Team and recommends approval by the Executive Committee of the projects listed in the resolution and amendment of the fiscal year 2012 – 2015 TIP to include these projects.
- AUTHORITY:** 49 U.S.C. 5316 and 49 U.S.C. 5317.
- FUNDING:** Funding for the JARC and New Freedom program is authorized under the provisions set forth in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act, a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), enacted on August 10, 2005, as codified at 49 U.S.C. 5316 and 49 U.S.C. 5317.
- ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Adoption of Resolution OKI 2011-25.
- EXHIBIT:** Resolution (OKI 2011-25) selection of projects to be funded with Job Access Reverse Commute (Section 5316) and New Freedom (Section 5317) federal funds allocated to the Cincinnati urbanized area.

**RESOLUTION**

**OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
OHIO-KENTUCKY INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**CONCERNING  
SELECTION OF PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED WITH  
JOB ACCESS REVERSE COMMUTE (SECTION 5316) AND  
NEW FREEDOM (SECTION 5317) FEDERAL FUNDS ALLOCATED  
TO THE CINCINNATI URBANIZED AREA.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the Governors of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and in cooperation with locally elected officials in the OKI region; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal surface transportation bill, Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) established two transportation grant programs--Job Access Reverse Commute – JARC- (Section 5316) and New Freedom (Section 5317)--to be administered by the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and

**WHEREAS**, OKI was named the Designated Recipient for Section 5316 and Section 5317 federal funds in the Cincinnati urbanized area by the Governors of Ohio and Kentucky; and

**WHEREAS**, the Designated Recipient has the responsibility to solicit and competitively select projects for funding from the allocation of Section 5316 and Section 5317 federal funds to the Cincinnati urbanized area which may be used for capital, operating and planning activities, and certify that such projects are derived from a locally developed Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, OKI solicited project applications, set a deadline to receive completed applications, completed staff reviews and recommendations, ensured projects were based on the locally developed Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan, presented these recommendations to the JARC/New Freedom Oversight Team on August 2, 2011, the ICC on September 6, 2011 and the ICC recommended the following funding amounts from fiscal year 2010 and 2011 Section 5316 and Section 5317 federal funds allocated to the Cincinnati urbanized area;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of the Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments, at its regular meeting on September 8, 2011 approves the following funding amounts for Section 5316 and 5317 applications from qualified recipients in the Cincinnati urbanized area and amends the OKI Fiscal Year 2012 – 2015 Transportation Improvement Program to add these projects:

Section 5316 (JARC) Projects:

Funds available: \$1,483,356 (fiscal year 2010--\$742,236; fiscal year 2011--\$741,120)

<u>Project</u>	<u>Federal Share</u>	<u>Local Match</u>
OKI (Administration)	\$148,335	\$0
Butler County RTA-Job Shuttle*	\$620,000	\$620,000
Everybody Rides Metro**	\$580,682	\$580,682
SORTA**	\$134,339	\$134,339

\*FY 2010 allocation, \*\*FY 2011 allocation, OKI administration combination of FY 2010 & 2011 funds (\$122,236 FY 2010 allocation; \$26,099 FY 2011 allocation)

Section 5317 (New Freedom) Projects:

Funds available: \$986,666 (fiscal year 2010--\$492,062; fiscal year 2011--\$494,604)

<u>Project</u>	<u>Federal Share</u>	<u>Local Match</u>
OKI (Administration)	\$98,666	\$0
Butler County RTA-Medical Shuttle*	\$287,099	\$287,099
Clovernook Center**	\$47,097	\$47,097
Senior Services of Northern Kentucky**	\$268,050	\$268,050
Towne Taxi**	\$112,945	\$112,945
Wesley Community Services*	\$172,809	\$172,809

\*FY 2010 allocation, \*\*FY 2011 allocation, OKI administration combination of FY 2010 & 2011 funds (\$32,154 FY 2010 allocation; \$66,512 FY 2011 allocation)

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EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, PRESIDENT

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# **EXHIBIT 4-C**

## **ICC REPORT-**

**DUE TO SIZE OF DOCUMENT IT IS A PDF ATTACHMENT**

**ITEM #4-C : FY 2011 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING YEAR END  
PERFORMANCE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

- DESCRIPTION:** The enclosed FY 2011 Transportation Planning Performance and Expenditure Report lists staff activity and expenditures during the past year on work elements in the OKI FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
- BACKGROUND:** Every year, OKI is required to submit a progress report covering each work element funded by the Federal Highway Administration or the Federal Transit Administration, as described in the agency's UPWP for that year. At the end of the fiscal year, a final report must be presented to the OKI Executive Committee for their acceptance. This process insures that the OKI Executive Committee is aware of the progress made, funds expended, and products delivered by OKI.
- ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Adoption of Resolution OKI 2011-26.
- EXHIBITS:** Resolution (OKI 2011-26 ) Concerning Acceptance of the FY 2011 Transportation Planning Year End Performance and Expenditure Report.
- Copy of the FY 2011 Transportation Planning Year End Performance and Expenditure Report

**RESOLUTION**  
**OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE**  
**OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**CONCERNING ACCEPTANCE OF THE**  
**FY 2011 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**  
**YEAR END PERFORMANCE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, the State of Ohio, the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the State of Indiana provide transportation planning funding to OKI; and

**WHEREAS**, a program of transportation planning work elements using this funding is contained in the OKI FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY 2011 Transportation Planning Year End Performance and Expenditure Report describes the progress made, the funds expended, and the products delivered for each of these work elements;

**RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments, at its public meeting held on September 8, 2011 accepts the FY 2011 Transportation Planning Year End Performance and Expenditure Report.

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EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, PRESIDENT

# **EXHIBIT 4-D**

## **ICC REPORT**

**ITEM #4-D: OKI 2011 TRAC RANKINGS**

**DESCRIPTION:** Resolution OKI 2011-27 includes a prioritized list of all projects submitted from the OKI region for consideration by Ohio's Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC).

**BACKGROUND:** For Ohio's "major new" category of transportation investments (over \$12 million in cost), the TRAC reviews and selects projects for funding. As part of this process, the TRAC requests that each Ohio MPO rank all submitted projects arising from the MPO's planning area.

Staff has applied the OKI Project Prioritization Process to the thirteen applications received. Prior to presentation to the Executive Committee, the proposed rankings are presented to the Intermodal Coordinating Committee. The Intermodal Coordinating Committee considers the issue, and makes a recommendation to the Executive Committee.

The following projects are being ranked:

<b>ODOT SR-32 Corridor from Glen Este to Old 74</b>
<b>ODOT I-275 Interchange at SR-32 Phase 2</b>
<b>ODOT I-275 Interchange at SR-32 Phase 3</b>
<b>ODOT Brent Spence Bridge Approaches</b>
<b>ODOT I-75 MCE Western Hills Viaduct to SR-562</b>
<b>ODOT I-75 MCE Phase 8 from SR-562 to SR-126</b>
<b>ODOT I-75 TTV Phase 2 Shepherd Lane to SR-126</b>
<b>ODOT I-75 TTV Phase 3-8</b>
<b>ODOT SR-32 Corridor Red Bank Road</b>
<b>ODOT SR-32 Relocated and Multi-modal River Crossing</b>
<b>ODOT Oasis Rail Transit</b>
<b>WARREN I-71 Fields Ertel/Mason Montgomery Road</b>
<b>CINCINNATI I-71 Uptown Interchange</b>

**FUNDING:** The items proposed are competing for funding through the TRAC process. The TRAC will announce a Draft list of funded projects on 12/15/11 and a Final list in March 2012.

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Adoption of Resolution OKI 2011-27

**EXHIBIT:** Resolution (OKI 2011-27) Concerning the Ranking of Year 2011 Ohio TRAC Projects.

**RESOLUTION****OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS****CONCERNING THE RANKING OF THE  
TRAC PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR THE OKI REGION**

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC), under its Policies and Procedures for Selecting Major New Capacity Projects, has invited the Metropolitan Planning Organizations such as OKI to rank the project applications arising from the MPO's planning area; and

**WHEREAS**, the TRAC Process has established two tiers of project status: Tier I representing projects recommended for construction funding within the upcoming four-year construction period and Tier II representing projects recommended for additional environmental, design, or right-of-way development activities necessary before the projects would be available for construction; and

**WHEREAS**, there were thirteen project applications submitted and accepted by TRAC from the OKI region during the 2011 funding cycle; and

**WHEREAS**, the project applications were evaluated using the OKI Prioritization Process using a rating scale up to 100 points;

**NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments, at its regular meeting held on September 8, 2011 hereby approves the following rankings of the project applications shown with their corresponding point totals:

Sponsor / Project Description		Score
ODOT	Brent Spence Bridge Approaches	58
ODOT	I-75 TTV Phase 3-8 from Paddock Rd to SR-126	52
WCE	I-71 Fields Ertel / Mason Montgomery Rd NB off Ramp	51
CINTI	I-71 Uptown Interchange	51
ODOT	Eastern Corridor Oasis Rail Transit	51
ODOT	I-75 MCE from Western Hills Viaduct to SR-562	50
ODOT	I-75 MCE Phase 8 from SR-562 to SR-126	50
ODOT	I-75 TTV Phase 2 from Shepherd Lane to SR-126	48
ODOT	SR-32 Relocated and Multi-modal River Crossing	47
ODOT	SR-32 Corridor from Glen Este to Old 74	44
ODOT	SR-32 Red Bank Road Corridor	42
ODOT	I-275 Interchange at SR-32 Phase 2	38
ODOT	I-275 Interchange at SR-32 Phase 3	37

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**EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, PRESIDENT**

# **EXHIBIT 5**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **REPORTING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST**



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**DATE: AUGUST 31, 2011**  
**TO: OKI BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**FROM: EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, PRESIDENT**  
**RE: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Each month a written report of committee activities is mailed to the Board of Directors. At the meeting, action requested will be a motion to approve the committee reports.

Questions and/or concerns regarding committee reports may be directed to staff by calling (513) 621-6300 (staff extension is noted next to name in the report), or by e-mail at [plan@oki.org](mailto:plan@oki.org).

Listed below are consent agenda items to be presented at September 8, 2011 Executive Committees meeting.

A. Regional Planning

1. Regional Land Use Commission

Chair: Ken Reed

Staff: Emi Randall (ext. 239) [erandall@oki.org](mailto:erandall@oki.org)

Jane Wittke (ext. 125) [jwittke@oki.org](mailto:jwittke@oki.org)

Travis Miller (ext. 110) [tmiller@oki.org](mailto:tmiller@oki.org)

The Land Use Commission Steering Committee convened August 11 to review the 2011 HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Grant program opportunity and advise staff on the development of a proposal to renew the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

Staff prepared materials and distributed information regarding the 2011 Sustainable Communities Regional grant opportunity to various regional stakeholders requesting input and identifying potential opportunities for in-kind contributed services appropriate for the proposed activities. Activities included convening topical area working group round-tables throughout the month, an advisory committee meeting on the subject August 23 and the Regional Planning Forum August 26.

Staff hosted a group of interested planners August 11 to view the sixth and final HUD webinar in the Summer Smarts Sustainability Series entitled *Fair Housing and Equity Assessment*.

*Edwin H. Humphrey*  
President

*Mark R. Policinski*  
Executive Director

Staff continued research efforts and identified current data sources available to update the statistics and trends relied upon by SRPP Housing Element Strategic Regional Issues and prepared data for analyzing these SRIs.

Staff provided technical assistance and support to the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission staff on their HUD application for the 2011 Sustainable Communities Challenge grant program.

Staff continued to provide technical assistance for Plan Cincinnati, the City of Cincinnati comprehensive plan update process and attended the August 10 steering committee meeting.

Staff continued research efforts related to a green infrastructure strategy development as a potential inclusion to the Strategic Regional Policy Plan and a component of the 2011 Sustainable Communities grant program proposal being prepared.

Staff prepared material for display at the upcoming 2040 Long Range Plan public open houses.

Staff continued work on developing a survey of specialized transportation service and needs and on updating and expanding the list of agencies to be surveyed.

2. Regional Greenspace Office

Staff: Margo Lindahl, (ext. 126) [mlindahl@oki.org](mailto:mlindahl@oki.org)

Staff continued updating environmental information for inclusion in the 2012 metropolitan transportation plan, upcoming public meetings, and future consultations. Data issues were resolved that enabled the classification, tabular data, and mapping of Regionally Significant Streams to be finalized. Data on Endangered, Threatened, and Rare Species was updated for Ohio. Review was requested of maps and descriptions of Prime and Important Farmland and Ohio and Kentucky Agricultural Districts from county conservation agencies, and maps were finalized. A map was developed for comparing the Developed Area on the consultations map with the 2000 Census Urbanized Area used for reviewing impacts to prime farmland.

For upcoming public meetings on the transportation plan, staff prepared materials needed for a display of Environmental Resources. The consultations map was formatted for public review and a map was prepared that combines data on prime farmland and agricultural districts. Narrative was developed that summarizes the outcomes of the environmental consultations with local agencies; some of the hand-outs with environmental data and a consultations summary were finalized.

Staff drafted a presentation on environmental resources and the environmental consultations for next month.

Staff contributed to developing the proposal for the environmental element of the HUD Sustainability Communities Planning Grant that involves preparing a regional greenspace plan and to developing an advisory committee list. Staff attended the August 11 meeting of OKI's Land Use Commission Steering Committee.

Work progressed on preparations to make the consultations report available on OKI website.

## B. Transportation

### 1. Regional Freight Planning

Staff: Robyn Bancroft (ext. 211) [rbancroft@oki.org](mailto:rbancroft@oki.org)

OKI Regional Freight Plan: Staff presented the final draft of the OKI Regional Freight Plan for adoption at the August meetings. The document, presentation and other materials are available at [oki.org](http://oki.org). Staff is working with consultants to finalize all project tasks.

Moving forward on two of the 58 plan recommendations, staff is working with District 8 to update the region's intermodal facilities and connectors list and to recommend designation of additional freight transportation facilities.

ORDC (Norfolk Southern) CMAQ Double Stack Clearance Project: Construction at Millikin and Armco bridges continues. Completion is targeted for mid-September 2011.

Other items: Staff met with representatives from Neyer Properties who recently purchased a portion of the former Conrail Site. Staff participated in the FWH Workshop: Engaging the Private Sector in Freight Planning. Staff attended the August 25 Northern Kentucky Emergency Planning Committee (NKEPC) meeting to present their recently completed Hazardous Materials Commodity Flow Study for Northern Kentucky.

### 2. Environmental Justice Activities

Staff: Florence Parker (ext. 103) [fparker@oki.org](mailto:fparker@oki.org)

Staff facilitated inquiries from a vendor requesting information about the differences between WBE and DBE certifications and how best to secure these certifications.

Staff emailed OKI's Environmental Justice Advisory Committee members to ask them to help spread the word about the upcoming Open Houses to update the OKI 2040

Regional Transportation Plan and provided a copy of the flyer with the dates, times and locations for use by the committee members for publicity purposes.

Staff forwarded an email to OKI's DBE Certified Vendor Bid List from the African American Chamber informing vendors that the Office of Procurement Services in the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS) will present a workshop on ways for vendors to market their products and services to state and federal agencies.

Staff forwarded an email to OKI's DBE Certified Vendor Bid List from the African American Chamber announcing the date that the next Prime Contractor and Sub-Contractor Partnering Meeting will be held to review the next bid package for the Horseshoe Casino project.

### C. Environmental

#### 1. Water Quality Program

Staff: Jane Wittke (ext.126) [jwittke@oki.org](mailto:jwittke@oki.org)

Bruce Koehler (ext.112) [bkoehler@oki.org](mailto:bkoehler@oki.org)

#### General Water Quality Activities

In August OKI staff continued to respond to requests for determinations about whether wastewater facility projects would be in conformity with OKI's Regional Water Quality Management Plan prepared under Section 208 of the Clean Water Act. Conformity with OKI's "208" Plan is a condition before state agencies can issue permits for projects to proceed, and staff addressed five conformity review requests about projects in Hamilton County.

After submitting an extensive and updated "208" Plan for Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren Counties to Ohio EPA in July, OKI staff began work on an executive summary of the plan in August. The intent of the executive summary is to provide highlights for readers who may not have the time to peruse the full document and appendices. In August staff also revisited explanatory material associated with the GIS version of the Stream Database for Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren Counties to ensure that it was clear and user-friendly.

On August 2, OKI staff compiled information and answered questions to help the Butler Soil & Water Conservation District plan a conservation tour for the staff and board members of conservation districts in the OKI region this autumn.

On August 3, staff participated in a Rivers Unlimited meeting to plan a Great Miami River cleanup, learn about the non-profit organization's water quality

activities, report on the Great Miami Water Quality Monitoring Project and share maps developed by OKI's ongoing study of the Taylor Creek watershed.

On August 4, staff participated in a technical design workshop organized by the Hamilton County Planning & Development Department and the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati to help plan engineering and design solutions to water pollution in the Lick Run watershed. The watershed drains South Fairmount and parts of Westwood, East Price Hill and West Price before flowing into the lower Mill Creek at the end of Queen City Avenue.

On August 11, staff attended the Lick Run Community Design Workshop #1 to take part in a technical and community planning process for reducing combined sewer overflows in a lower Mill Creek subwatershed that drains South Fairmount.

For an Ohio EPA-funded study of the water quality impacts of onsite wastewater treatment systems in the Taylor Creek watershed, staff sampled, photographed and described nine stream segments in western Hamilton County on August 13 and 27. Staff submitted the samples to volunteer monitoring programs at the Little Miami River Lab in Loveland and the Great Miami River Water Quality Monitoring Project Lab near New Haven.

On several occasions in August, staff conferred with the officers of Friends of the Great Miami (FOGM) to help administer a river and stream sampling program, plan a presentation to the Hamilton County Environmental Action Commission and set the agenda for a FOGM meeting on August 25. Staff participated in the meeting to plan FOGM's upcoming educational, river cleanup and riverside tree planting activities.

On August 29, staff monitored a Federal Highway Administration webcast on the Geographic Information System Screening Tool (GISST) and Regional Ecological Assessment Protocol (REAP) to learn about environmental resource and stressor criteria developed by the U.S. EPA.

On August 31, a member of OKI's water quality staff conferred with Hamilton County General Health District, the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati and OKI's Geographic Information System (GIS) Division to exchange data and plan GIS products for OKI's study of the Taylor Creek watershed.

During August, staff coordinated with Friends of the Great Miami, the University of Cincinnati, Oxbow Inc., Rivers Unlimited, the Hamilton Flotilla of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Mill Creek Watershed Council of Communities to plan water quality displays at Great Miami River Days in Hamilton on September 10 and 11, Lunch and Learn at Twin Creek Preserve in Sharonville on September 16, and the Global Race for Water in Fairfield on September 17.

Throughout August, staff shared environmental information or guidance with Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District, Amberley Village, Buckeye United Fly Fishers, the City of Reading, Duke Energy, Butler County Storm Water District, City of Sharonville, Hamilton-to-New Baltimore Groundwater Consortium, two environmental consulting firms and a citizen interested in river wildlife.

In-house, the water quality staff worked with OKI's Geographic Information System (GIS) Division to help map centralized sewer service areas based on parcel bounds, topography, building patterns and sewer line data that OKI recently acquired to update water quality management plans. Water quality staff also collected information and conferred with GIS staff about different options for mapping impervious surface in the Ohio portion of the region, contingent on resources available. The water quality and GIS staffs also are collaborating on data gathering the Taylor Creek watershed study that Ohio EPA has assigned to OKI.

During August, water quality staff also collected data and conferred with state and federal agencies in order to scope efforts to evaluate drinking water, storm water and wastewater infrastructure needs associated with the HUD Sustainable Communities grant.

#### Mill Creek Watershed Council of Communities

On August 12, OKI staff participated in an informational driving tour of the Mill Creek watershed from a Queensgate viaduct near the Ohio River to Mill Creek floodplain restoration projects that OKI sponsored in West Chester Township. Staff organized the event to educate Jen Eismeier, the Watershed Council's new executive director, and her administrative assistant. Four Council board members participated and helped staff take photos for website posting.

On August 16 and 30, staff participated in conference call meetings on the Twin Creek Preserve Project to review and plan environmental restoration at the confluence of the Mill Creek and East Fork Mill Creek in Sharonville. The \$2.1 million federally funded project will improve stream water quality, reduce flooding and enhance natural habitat by re-connecting channelized streams to their floodplain and creating about 8 acres of wetland above an aquifer.

On August 18, the OKI staff member who chairs the Mill Creek Watershed Council of Communities met with the non-profit organization's vice chair, treasurer and executive director to plan and authorize Council administration, especially financial functions.

During August, staff also shared documents and guidance to help Mill Creek Restoration Project plan a September 10 cleanup along the lower Mill Creek through the Northside and South Cummins ville neighborhoods.

### Groundwater Committee

In August staff completed preparations for the next meeting of the committee on September 14. The meeting will include a discussion of local groundwater management efforts and will feature a presentation on Superfund sites in southwest Ohio and their implications for groundwater. The Superfund sites to be covered include Chem-Dyne; Pristine; the Skinner landfill, and ARMCO-Hamilton, and four site coordinators from Ohio EPA Southwest District will be giving the presentation.

Next Meeting: September 14, 2011

