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OKI Receives National Regional Councils Highest Honor

(Cincinnati) Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) Executive Director Mark Policinski announced today that OKI's Dixie Fix study received the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) highest recognition for overall achievement. OKI also received NARC special recognition awards for its work on the Uptown Study and its benefit-cost analysis.

"OKI's award winning performance is truly a tribute to its outstanding staff and their ability to improve the quality of life throughout this region," said OKI Board President Christine Maticic. "This is a fitting tribute illustrating to a national audience the excellence OKI consistently delivers."

The NARC 2007 Major Metro Award winning Dixie Fix Study recommendations will relieve congestion problems and provide better access to Dixie Highway, one of the most heavily traveled and congested arterials in the region. The study was administered by OKI in partnership with the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission. The efforts were guided by a 19-member Oversight Team that included 10 local communities, two counties, Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky, KYTC, Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and Catholic Diocese of Covington.

The Uptown Study recommendations focused on the local transportation system and the Interstate 71 Corridor to identify and evaluate alternatives for improving access between Uptown and I-71. The study was jointly managed by OKI, the city of Cincinnati, the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority, the Uptown Consortium, the Ohio Department of Transportation and The AMOS Project. The benefit-cost analysis allows OKI to calculate regional benefits and costs of both transit and roadway projects and will be used in the prioritization of projects

"Taken as a whole these national awards are a testament to the success of OKI's regional approach and the importance of our partnering philosophy," said Policinski. "I am immensely proud of our work and of the individuals responsible for the tremendous service they provide to our region."

NARC Executive Director Cameron Moore added, "NARC was honored to be able to recognize OKI and its quality work that directly benefits the communities within the Tri-State region." NARC is a recognized authority and leading advocate for regional organizations and solutions that positively impact American communities – large and small, urban and rural.

OKI is a council of local governments, business organizations and community groups committed to developing collaborative strategies, plans and programs to improve the quality of life and economic development potential of the Tri-State.

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