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OKI's Uptown Transportation Study Receives Honor **Study received "Most Outstanding Collaborative Effort" award from CDCAGC**

Cincinnati, OH -- The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) was honored today when its Uptown Transportation Study received the "Most Outstanding Collaborative Effort" award from the Community Development Association of Greater Cincinnati (CDCAGC). The award was presented at CDCAGC's annual awards celebration held at the Community Action Agency's Gwen Robinson Auditorium.

"OKI is extremely honored to receive this recognition for leading the Uptown Transportation Study," said OKI Board President Christine Matacic. "Our staff and partners worked diligently to produce a transportation plan which will serve the needs of the area's diverse population, respond to transportation deficiencies, and support continued growth, development and economic vitality for the Uptown area."

The Uptown Transportation Study received this award as a result of its outstanding work in building and maintaining a diverse collaborative effort that was fully engaged in developing a comprehensive transportation plan for the Uptown area. The Uptown study area includes the Cincinnati neighborhoods of Avondale, Clifton, Corryville, East Walnut Hills, Evanston, Mt. Auburn, North Avondale, Walnut Hills and Clifton Heights, University Heights and Fairview (CUF).

"Through the efforts of this study and the dedication of the study partners and the community, this project and its sequential phases will have a lasting impact on the future of Uptown and the entire region," said Mark Policinski, executive director of OKI. "With an improved transportation system, the vitality of the area will be greatly enhanced."

The study's Implementation Partners included the city of Cincinnati, the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority, the Uptown Consortium, the Ohio Department of Transportation, OKI and The AMOS Project. With input from the community throughout the process, the study resulted in a variety of multi-modal recommendations for improvement. One component, an improved signage and wayfinding system, is already in the implementation stage. The interstate portion of the study evaluated more than 30 conceptual alternatives and recommended six alternatives for a new and/or improved interchange which will be forwarded to the next phase of study.

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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