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OKI Analysis Highlights Tri-State Region's Congestion Hotspots Current and Future Congestion Patterns Identified

Cincinnati, Ohio – Without implementation of a comprehensive congestion mitigation strategy, Tri-State travelers can expect a cumulative delay of 75,000 hours costing \$1.2 million daily by 2030 according to a report released today by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI). Current delay costs motorists in the OKI region a total of 51,000 hours and \$784,000 each day.

The Congestion Management Process (CMP) analysis assessed the OKI region's transportation system performance through the collection of traffic data and an evaluation of congestion. The CMP also projected future travel conditions and developed a matrix of strategies to address future congestion levels.

“While some may accept increased congestion as part of our growing regional economy, I do not,” said Christine Matacic, president of OKI and Liberty Township trustee. “Armed with the CMP analysis, OKI will provide a regional plan to reduce this projected congestion. First, we are going after transportation ‘hotspots’ which have the greatest negative impact on commuting. The goal is ambitious but straightforward. We are going to have a transportation system that provides increased mobility which is essential to our region's quality of life and economic competitiveness.”

The analysis involved more than 1,500 miles of the OKI region's most heavily congested roadways that carry 78 percent of area traffic. Data was collected by OKI staff and required driving more than 5,000 miles using global positioning system devices to accurately record travel times. The data collected was translated into an average daily delay in hours.

An additional study, expected to be completed in spring 2008, will analyze the potential impact of various congestion management strategies, such as the use of intelligent transportation system technologies, utilization of public transportation and expansion of the highway network. This information will be used in the development of the OKI 2030 Regional Transportation Plan that includes future projects that will enhance the region's transportation network.

The full CMP report is available for viewing via the OKI Web site at www.oki.org. Attached to this document is a summary of some of the findings included in the report.

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 the economic development potential of the Tri-State.

– Attachment –

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Interesting Facts from OKI's Congestion Management Process

Delay in OKI Region

Daily person hours of delay

- 2001-2004 ≈ 49,000 hours
- 2004-2007 ≈ 51,000 hours

Daily cost of delay

- 2001-2004 ≈ \$746,000
- 2004-2007 ≈ \$784,000

Top Ten Total Daily Vehicle Delay – Interstates

State	Facility	Section Name	Direction	Distance (miles)	Total Vehicle Delay (hours/day)
Kentucky	I-71/75	Buttermilk Pk (KY371) to Dixie Hwy (US42/127)	NB	1.38	1391.20
Ohio	I-75	Lincoln Heights/ Shepherd Ln to Reagan Hwy (SR126)	SB	2.42	889.84
Ohio	I-71	Western Row Rd to Fields Ertel Rd	SB	3.61	850.37
Kentucky	I-71/75	Kyles Ln (KY1072) to 12 th St (KY1120)	NB	1.94	807.25
Kentucky	I-71/75	I-275 to Buttermilk Pk (KY371)	NB	1.57	765.20
Kentucky	I-71/75	Dixie Hwy (US42/127) to Kyles Ln (KY1072)	NB	.89	418.13
Ohio	I-75	Mitchell Av to SR562	NB	1.45	414.26
Ohio	I-75	Glendale-Milford Rd to Lincoln Heights/Shepherd Ln	SB	1.35	403.93
Ohio	I-75	I-74 to Mitchell Av	NB	2.09	382.14
Ohio	I-75	SR562 to Paddock Rd (SR4)	NB	1.52	376.76

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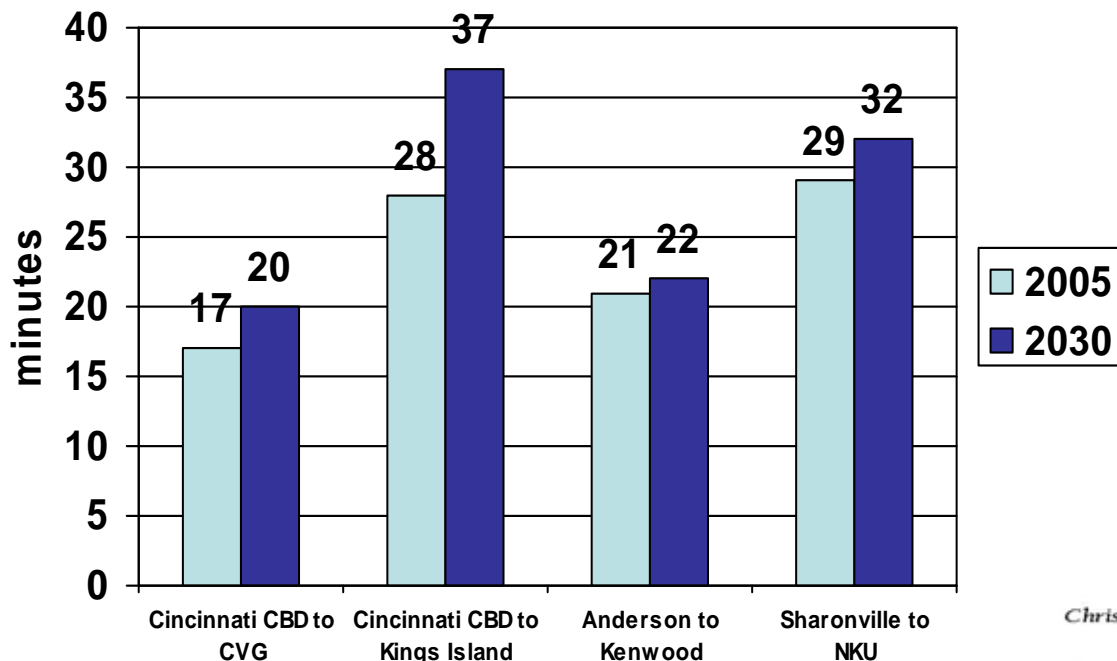


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Top Ten Total Daily Vehicle Delay – Non Interstates

State	Facility	Section Name	Direction	Distance (miles)	Total Vehicle Delay (hours/day)
Ohio	SR32	GlenEste- Withamsville Rd to Old SR74 E. Junct	EB	1.46	370.63
Ohio	SR32	Old SR74 E. Junct to GlenEste-Withamsville Rd	WB	1.46	364.83
Ohio	SR264	Bridgetown Rd to Werk Rd	EB	1.36	329.63
Ohio	SR32	Eastgate Blvd to GlenEste- Withamsville Rd	EB	0.66	314.28
Ohio	SR125	Five Mile Rd to Eight Mile Rd	EB	1.59	296.52
Kentucky	KY842	KY1017 to KY18	SB	1.37	291.80
Kentucky	US42/127	KY236 (Commonwealth) to I-275	NB	1.50	260.39
Ohio	Kemper Rd	Chester Rd to SR747	WB	1.30	259.52
Ohio	Kemper Rd	SR747 to Chester Rd	EB	1.30	258.58
Ohio	SR264	Werk Rd to Bridgetown Rd	WB	1.37	246.20

Forecasted Change in Travel Times



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