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## **Roadway Projects Will Lead to Less Congestion**

*OKI's efforts help improve roadways in Northern Kentucky*

**Cincinnati, Ohio** – The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) announced today that one of the recommendations from its Interstate 471 Corridor Study will soon be underway. The recommendation is for access management improvements to U.S. Route 27 in Campbell County, Kentucky. The project is designed to improve safety and mobility along U.S. 27 for commuters, residences and businesses.

“OKI is dedicated to safety throughout the region,” said OKI Board Vice President and Campbell County Judge Executive Steve Pendery. “This project will provide everyone in the area with safe and more efficient roadways.”

The nearly \$700,000 U.S. 27 project expected to begin August 18, 2008 will run approximately five miles between I-471 near Perkins in Highland Heights and 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Newport. The project is expected to be completed by the end of August and will be overseen by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC).

A part of the five-mile project includes a 1.8-mile conversion of U.S. 27 from a four-lane section to three lanes by Perkins to South Ft. Thomas Avenue at Woodfill Elementary School. This change will improve traffic flow and reduce the amount of vehicle crashes along U.S. 27. The change will also provide improved conditions for cyclists. Additionally, there will be a two-foot shoulder between the driving lane and the curb both northbound and southbound.

“We believe that this new lane configuration will enhance the safety of motorists making left turns throughout this corridor and will provide a less stressful experience for everyone using this section of US 27,” said Chief District Engineer for KYTC District 6 Tom Shomaker.

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.

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