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OKI Awards More Than \$2.1 Million for Much Needed Transit Projects

Cincinnati, Ohio – The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) announced today that more than \$2.1 million will be awarded to various public transit projects throughout the region. These projects will improve transportation access for welfare recipients, low-income individuals and the disabled.

“This funding will provide transportation alternatives to those who would otherwise have no options,” said OKI Board President and Campbell County Judge Executive Steve Pendery. “These projects have the potential to positively impact the lives and well-being of many citizens in the OKI region.”

A total of eight projects will receive federal funding totaling \$2,136,621:

Butler County Regional Transit Authority – Job Shuttle	\$409,589
Everybody Rides Metro – Voucher Program	\$438,289
Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority	\$152,195
Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky	\$293,854
Butler County Regional Transit Authority – Medical Shuttle	\$214,200
Everybody Rides Metro – Circulator Routes	\$333,614
Senior Services of Northern Kentucky	\$100,000
Wesley Community Services	\$194,880

Funding was made available through two federal programs: Section 5316 Job Access/Reverse Commute (JARC) and Section 5317 New Freedom. The goal of JARC is to improve transportation access to employment and related activities for welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals. The goal of New Freedom is provide additional tools to overcome existing barriers facing Americans with disabilities seeking integration into the work force and full participation in society.

“Providing these types of transit options builds morale, strengthens our economy and promotes inclusion,” said OKI Executive Director Mark Policinski. “Serving those populations that need these transportation options the most brings a real sense of satisfaction to OKI and our Board of Directors.”

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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