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OKI's First Federal Stimulus Projects Moving the Tri-State Forward

\$39 million will improve region's transportation infrastructure

Cincinnati, Ohio – The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) announced today that its first eight projects totaling more than \$15.2 million in federal stimulus money are set to begin construction in the next several weeks. The area will receive a total of \$39 million in federal stimulus funds that will be awarded by March 2010.

“These projects will improve our transportation network and keep people working,” said OKI Board President and Campbell County Judge Executive Steve Pendery. “I commend the OKI Board of Directors for their diligent and timely efforts in choosing valuable projects and getting this money into Tri-state communities.”

The federal funding OKI allocated to the projects was provided through the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The five projects in Ohio, totaling more than \$6.3 million, include improvements on Reed Hartman Highway from Cooper Road to Glendale-Milford Road in Blue Ash, Cornell Road in Montgomery, Harrison Avenue in Cheviot, Tylersville Road and River Road in Butler County and resurfacing projects on various roadways in Clermont County. The project approved in Kentucky, which totals \$28.6 million and includes \$8.8 million in OKI stimulus funds, provides improvements to 12th Street in Covington. Two projects in Indiana, totaling \$147,500 improve Ridge and Nowlin avenues in Greendale.

All eight projects are slated to begin construction between now and the end of fall.

“This funding is valuable in helping to extend the limited resources available for improving the Tri-state transportation network,” said OKI Executive Director Mark R. Policinski. “It will go to projects that are important to OKI communities throughout the region.”

OKI received more than 600 infrastructure project requests totaling more than \$1.8 billion. Out of those requests OKI was able to fund 30 projects. The state departments of transportation allocated \$30 million in Ohio, \$8.8 million in Kentucky, and \$147,500 in Indiana. A listing of the infrastructure and transit projects to receive funding can be found at www.oki.org.

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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