

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROGRESS REPORT

FEBRUARY 2017

Short Range Planning (601)

Staff disseminated bike maps to interested citizens.

Staff continued to add bike rack location and pictures to the ARC GIS mobile bike rack app.

Staff attended the Tri-State Trails Executive Committee on February 13. Discussions continued on the Trails Counting program and subcommittee goals.

Staff updated the funding schedule on the website.

Staff contacted the Ohio LPA's that have not turned in a Scope of Services to ODOT. Once these are turned in field reviews will be scheduled.

Staff worked with KYTC to move Kentucky TA projects along and get a current funding breakdown of the TA program.

Staff prepared the UPWP write up and budget.

Transportation Improvement Program (602)

During February, staff continued to monitor and update highway and transit information contained in the FY 2016 – 2019 TIP. Staff presented a TIP amendment for consideration at February's ICC and Board meetings. A draft TIP amendment and modification was prepared for consideration at the March ICC and Executive Committee meetings. Staff also continued work on preparing the FY 2018 – 2021 TIP which will become effective July 1, 2017. The first draft of the document was submitted to ODOT on February 3rd and a second draft was submitted to ODOT on February 17th.

On February 6th, staff participated in the Field Review and Scope Meeting for a traffic signal upgrade project in the City of Reading. On February 15th, staff participated in the Field Review and Scope Meeting in Deerfield Township for a new highway ramp from Mason-Montgomery Road to southbound I-71.

Surveillance (605.1)

Staff has been working on checking traffic count locations and their application to the highway network.

Staff began looking at available freight data to determine what data is available for use in the model.

Staff has continued analyzing the data from the establishment survey. Staff has been working with ETC in phase 2, which has so far shown a marked increase in recruitments. Phase 2 data collection has concluded and the consultant has moved on to Phase 3.

Staff is continuing work on creating the model summary, model impacts, and environmental justice reporting programs from the Ohio Disaggregate Model System.

Staff has been looking at socioeconomic data and preparing files for 2015 model inputs, including special inputs for the activity based model.

Staff finalized employment by TAZ as input into the travel demand model for base year 2015.

Staff attended a Scenario Planning Workshop sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration in

Dayton, Ohio on February 23, 2017.

Staff continued testing ArcGIS 10.5.

Staff began preparation for migrating from ArcGIS server 10.3 to 10.5.

Staff attended the INDOT MPO GIS user group meeting in Indianapolis, IN on February 23, 2017.

Staff continued updating street centerline segments with data from our member counties.

Staff updated the TIP on Demand interactive online map.

Staff began development of an Ohio River freight dashboard which incorporates river freight data from a variety of sources.

Staff began development of a Cincinnati SMSA railroad freight dashboard utilizing data from the Public Use Waybill file.

Staff began development of a crowd sourced application for collecting up-to-date bicycle infrastructure in the region.

Transportation & Homeland Security (605.5)

No activity this period.

Transportation & Homeland Security (605.6)

No activity this period.

Long Range Planning: System Management (610.1)

Transportation Plan: Staff developed a draft SHIFT project sponsorship list for the update of the KYTC Six Year Highway Plan.

Coordination and Staff Development: Staff continued to work with ODOT, KYTC, INDOT, transit agencies and local communities to support the project development process. Staff participated in the following training and coordination meetings in January: Media briefing on Transportation benefits of the Brent Spence Bridge (2/13), OEPA VW settlement briefing (2/16), Kentucky Regional Project Priority (SHIFT) conference call (2/20), and FHWA Scenario Planning (2/23).

Congestion Management Process and Performance Measurement: Continued adding functionality to the NPMRDS 'HERE' database. Downloaded and provided truck travel-time data to the modeling department, to be used in OKI's travel demand model. Staff attended a workshop on safety performance measure target setting at ODOT.

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS): OKI's awaits a response regarding the resubmission of ITS Architecture database relative to Truck Parking Information Management System (TPIMS) elements to comply with 23 CFR Part 940.

Project development activities for future corridor or special studies: Staff continues to coordinate with TANK, SORTA, CTC, the City of Cincinnati and the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce to investigate transit improvements in the region. No activity this month.

Safety Planning: Staff attended a workshop on safety performance measure target setting at ODOT and

continues to monitor activity of KYTC.

Project Level Traffic Forecasting: Staff is actively participating in multiple studies assisting local communities and state DOT's to provide traffic forecasts for planning. See report filed in Surveillance (605.1).

Regional Freight Planning – Staff participated in the following freight, economic development and/or technology transportation planning related meetings/events: CORBA Regional Maritime Committee (2/1), Janaina Siegler, NKU Assistant Professor of Operations and Supply Chain Management (2/1), WTS Central Region Conference in Columbus (2/2), Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority and REDI Cincinnati lecture: “A first look at Urban Manufacturing Attractiveness – A Study of Cincinnati as a Business Location” (2/6), FHWA/AASHTO Regional Freight Data Collaboration and Standardization Workshop in Chicago (2/15-16), REDI Cincinnati Community Partner Meeting (2/17), Regional Smart Cities Initiatives Roundtable (2/22) and FHWA Scenario Planning Workshop in Dayton (2/23).

Prioritization Process Update – No activity this month.

Environmental Consultations - Staff consulted with Chris Clingman of the Clermont County Parks District on February 1st and Pam Holbrook with the City of Milford on February 7th as part of our effort to map protected greenspace in our region. Staff edited our GIS layer based on the results of our visits.

Long Range Planning: Land Use (610.4):

Staff prepared materials, announcements and facilitated a Regional Planning Forum event February 24th. Speakers included Laura Chrysler and Christy Zerges with go Vibrant: Activities that Enrich Our Lives and Empower our Community sharing their innovative community building and engagement work centered around public health and wellness; and, Jack Moreland, President of Southbank Partners Inc., presenting the Riverfront Commons Project - a planned 12 mile long ribbon of trail, parks, and community gathering spaces connecting six cities that line the northern Kentucky riverfront.

Staff continued researching data sources to identify any updates in data or trends necessary for the SRPP, www.howdowegrow.org, website. A database of updates to the site was created to track all current and future updates made to the trend and condition statistical information on the website.

Staff provided information about the Fiscal Impact Analysis Model program to representatives of the North East Ohio sustainable planning consortium interested in employing a fiscal impact model in their region.

February 15, staff attended a meeting of the Green Umbrella Greenspace Action Team. This group will be focusing on how to support the preservation of new greenspace by local partners through a broader regional vision.

February 16, staff attended a meeting of the Green Infrastructure Group. This group is shifting focus from the installation of GI on residential properties to how to encourage and support installation of GI on large commercial properties with large areas of imperviousness.

Fiscal Impact Analysis Model (610.5):

In February, staff finalized collecting data to update Dearborn County and Independence calculations and continued to set up four additional Kenton County municipalities; Covington, Crestview Hills, Edgewood, and Taylor Mill.

In February, staff continued collecting and analyzing data necessary to expand FIAM functionality to include school district impact using budget information available for districts in the region. Staff also kicked off the new scope of work with the web-based consultant which includes designing the web-based FIAM framework to enable more expanded FIAM functionality.

Fiscal Impact Analysis Model – Web-Based Maintenance and Startup (611.5):

Staff monitored daily back-up activities which occurred as programmed.

Staff met with Prime3GS to kick off activities described in the latest agreement on February 9. This work will accomplish the necessary upgrades to the current FIAM database framework and upgraded user interface. These services will be complete by June 2017.

Staff continued to analyze and input data for 4 additional communities for set-up in Kenton County and for Dearborn County.

Transportation Services: Participation Plan (625.2):

Staff attended the city of Cincinnati Department of Economic Inclusion press conference. Mayor John Cranley provided the city’s annual update on its economic inclusion efforts and accomplishments in contracting with women- and minority-owned businesses. Staff discussed OKI’s DBE Program with some of the attendees.

Staff notified OKI’s DBE Certified Vendor Bid List with three opportunities:

- City of Cincinnati Department of Economic Inclusion hosted a webinar to help increase business revenue.
- Ohio Small Business Development Centers hosted a free workshop regarding guidance on tax preparation.
- Opportunity of workshop for firms interested in working with the utility industry.

Staff attended community council meetings in East Walnut Hills, Lower Price Hill Corryville, Walnut Hills, North Avondale, Madisonville, Mt. Lookout and Over-the-Rhine.

- North Avondale - residents voted to ask the city of Cincinnati to conduct a traffic study on Vine Street between Mitchell and Glenwood Avenues due to numerous accidents and high congestion.
- Corryville – announced that there’ll be a partial opening in May of one of the new lanes off of the I-71/MLK Interchange.

Staff coordinated a Legal Notice in the Cincinnati Enquirer stating OKI’s audited financial statements for Fiscal Year ended 6/30/16 are available for public inspection at the OKI office during regular business hours for (30) days from the date of publication.

Staff chaired the COMTO Cincinnati Scholarship Committee meeting for the upcoming annual event to

award scholarships to high school and college students planning to pursue a career in the transportation industry.

Staff coordinated a Legal Notice in the Cincinnati Enquirer, Cincinnati Herald and La Jornada announcing a Public Hearing seeking public input on the draft of TIP projects for Fiscal Years 2018-2021. The notice will be published in both English and Spanish in La Jornada.

Staff participated in the Public Service Recognition Committee meeting to help finalize the program for this year's recognition of public service employees and volunteers in the tri-state region.

Staff attended the Green Umbrella Board Meeting. Staff attended the OKI Regional Planning Forum. Staff participated in the Diverse by Design monthly conference call.

Special Studies: Regional Clean Air Program (665.4):

The smog alert hotline and email account was maintained by retrieving messages and responding to those inquiring about the clean air program.

Staff prepared the UPWP write up and budget table.

Commuter Assistance Services: Rideshare (667.1):

Staff continued to process and update applications for the month of February

Vanpooling

Staff provided van quotes for commuters interested in the vanpooling program.

There are 20 vanpools in operation throughout the region.

Staff attended a conference call with MORPC and Enterprise to discuss the transition of Enterprise merging with VRide.

Marketing

Staff continues to attend weekly conference calls to discuss the new ridesharing software and branding development. Staff completed a survey for Origo Development to help the company develop a new logo and marketing pieces. Three logos were shared with the group and suggestions were given for refinements. Staff also completed a questionnaire for Ride Amigos to help develop the necessary software requirements.

JARC/New Freedom Coordinated Transportation Plan (674.1/674.2)

During February, the 5310 Oversight Team convened to review and prepare recommendations for Round 3 (FFY15) funding awards. In addition to recommending awards, the Oversight Team considered and agreed to facilitate an ongoing forum for transportation providers and other agencies providing service to the elderly and individuals with disabilities. OKI staff will develop a timeline and agendas for this ongoing forum.

Staff coordinated with three agencies to prepare agency profiles to be included in the Coordinated Plan.

No quarterly reports were prepared in February. The next reports will be submitted May 2017.

Section 5310 Program (674.3)

The 5310 Oversight Team convened February 21 to review Round 3 project and program proposals. The Team recommended funding to 7 of the 10 agencies applying for the FFY 15 funding round. Staff reviewed applications from 10 agencies requesting Round 3 (FFY15) 5310 funding and presented findings to the 5310 Oversight Team on February 21.

No quarterly reports were submitted in February. The next reports will be submitted in May 2017.

Staff coordinated with three agencies to prepare agency profiles to be included in the Coordinated Plan.

New Freedom Pass Through (674.4)

Staff continued to manage the Towne Taxi New Freedom taxi voucher program. No invoices were process in February. The last draw down of \$3,175.00 was processed in October for the taxi voucher program, Grant OH-57-X061. There is a balance of \$43,014 remaining in the Towne Taxi grant. The funds are used to transport people with disabilities in the OKI region on a 24/7 basis.

Ohio Exclusive: Regional Transportation Planning Organization Pilot Program (684.4)

Project is complete.

Ohio Exclusive: Eastern Corridor Study (684.9)

No activity this period.

Indiana Exclusive: Dearborn County Transportation Planning (685.1-CPG):

On February 14th, staff participated in a Dearborn County/INDOT Quarterly Project Review Meeting held at the City of Aurora.

3C Planning Process - On February 14th, staff participated in a Dearborn County/INDOT Quarterly Project Review Meeting held at the City of Aurora. During February, staff continued to monitor and update Indiana information contained in the FY 2016 – 2019 TIP. Indiana projects were included in a TIP amendment presented for consideration at the February ICC and Executive Committee meetings. A draft TIP amendment was prepared for consideration at the March ICC and Executive Committee meetings. Staff also continued work on preparing the FY 2018 – 2021 TIP which will become effective July 1, 2017. On February 23th, staff attended the Indiana MPO Council Meeting in Indianapolis.

Transportation Plan: No activity this month.

UPWP: Monthly progress reports were prepared for work elements in the Unified Planning Work Program (on-going). Draft FY18 UPWP was completed and submitted to INDOT.

HSIP and Safety Fund Programs – HSIP funds for the Stateline Road project were encumbered in December.

Air Quality – Staff successfully completed air quality conformity analysis for the FY 2018 – 2021 TIP.

Development of improved scheduling and cost estimating procedures – No activity this month.

ADA and Ladders of Opportunity and service to local governments – No activity this month.

Functional Class, HPMS and CMP Performance measures – Staff continues to monitor state and federal activity on the remaining performance measures to address the goal areas of safety, infrastructure condition, system performance, and environmental sustainability. Performance measures were monitored. Continued adding functionality to the NPMRDS ‘HERE’ database. Downloaded and provided truck travel-time data to the modeling department, to be used in OKI’s travel demand model. OKI’s ITS Architecture database was resubmitted for review, to ensure that the inclusion of the Truck Parking Information Management System (TPIMS) elements are in conformity with 23 CFR Part 940.

Travel Model, Data, GIS & Homeland Security – Staff continues working to validate the activity-based model and continue to refine the traditional 4-step model. The regional establishment survey continues. Surveys of nearly 200 locations are in process or completed.

Participation Plan – Staff remains active in disseminating information about regional transportation projects and DBE opportunities. Notices regarding the release of the FY 2018 – 2021 TIP were placed in regional newspapers.

Fiscal Impact Model – No activity this month.

Environmental Consultations – No activity this month.

For Taking Root – No activity this month

Indiana Exclusive: Dearborn Co. (STP 685.2)

Bright 74 Project is complete.

Kentucky Exclusive: Transportation Planning Activities (686.3)

Contract was signed and Notice to Proceed was granted to WSP|PB on February 9. Correspondence, maps, PowerPoint slides, Draft Public Involvement Plan, Plan Website and other tasks were conducted in preparation for presentation and discussion at the first Project Management Team meeting scheduled for March 1. The OKI Project Manager for the Plan corresponded with several members of the PMT as an introduction and to answer any initial questions.

Unified Planning Work Program (695)

The FY17 UPWP is in effect. Draft FY18 UPWP development is underway.

The metropolitan planning agreements between OKI and partners are in effect.

Monthly progress reports were prepared for work elements in the Unified Planning Work Program (ongoing).

Transportation Program Reporting (697.1)

No activity this period.

Mobile Source Emissions Planning (720.1)

Staff completed air quality conformity analysis for the FY 2018 – 2021 TIP. Assisted the Kentucky Division of Air Quality with MOVES 2014a county level data inputs.