



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING  
OCTOBER 12, 2017  
EXHIBITS**

**10:30 A.M.**

**OKI REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
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# **EXHIBIT 1-B**

**APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2017 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**



**MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2017 - 10:30 A.M.  
OKI BOARD ROOM**

- Call to Order

President Rogers, noting that there was a quorum, called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. The following members were in attendance:

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. T.C. Rogers, Butler County Board of Commissioner, President  
Judge Gary W. Moore, Boone County Fiscal Court  
Mr. Todd Portune, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Mark McCormack, alternate for Kevin Lynch, Dearborn County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Joe Shriver, alternate for Judge Knochelmann, Kenton County Fiscal Court  
Mr. Michael Moore, alternate for David Mann, Cincinnati, Ohio  
Mr. Joseph U. Meyer, Covington, Kentucky  
Mr. Robert Brown, Hamilton, Ohio  
Ms. Dora Bronston, alternate for Larry Mulligan, Middletown, Ohio  
Mr. Greg Tulley, alternate for Beth Fennell, Newport, Kentucky  
Mr. Jim O'Reilly, Wyoming, Ohio  
Mr. Josh Gerth, Anderson Township  
Mr. Geoff Milz, alternate for Jeff Ritter, Colerain Township  
Mr. Karl B. Schultz, Miami Township  
Mr. Cory Wright, alternate for Matthew Beamer, Union Township  
Mr. Mark Welch, West Chester Township  
Ms. Christine Maticic, Butler County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks  
Mr. Jonathan D. Sams, Warren County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks  
Mr. Brian Painter, Campbell County Fiscal Court  
Mr. David Okum, Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission  
Mr. Dennis Andrew Gordon, PDS of Kenton County  
Mr. Zachary Moore, alternate for Stan Williams, Warren Co. Regional Planning Commission  
Mr. Roger Kerlin, Resident Member  
Mr. Bill Brayshaw, alternate for Larry Maxey, Resident Member  
Mr. Anthony Simms-Howell, Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs, Resident Member  
Mr. Tom Voss, Resident Member  
Mr. Ted Hubbard, Hamilton County Engineer  
Mr. Jim Ude, Indiana Department of Transportation

*T.C. Rogers  
President*

*Mark R. Policinski  
CEO/Executive Director*

**Executive Committee Members (continued)**

Ms. Tammy Campbell, Ohio Department of Transportation  
Mr. Darryl Haley, alternate for Dwight Ferrell, Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority  
Mr. Andrew Aiello, Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky  
Mr. Christopher Lawson, Butler County Regional Transit Authority

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Charles Tassell, Deer Park, Ohio  
Mr. Randy Shank, Harrison, Ohio  
Mr. Christopher Reinersman, Independence, Kentucky  
Mr. Michael Steur, Madeira, Ohio  
Ms. Kathy Grossman, Mason, Ohio  
Mr. James Bonsall, Norwood, Ohio  
Mr. Bryan H. Miller, Union, Kentucky  
Mr. Tom Peck, Clermont County Township Association  
Ms. Cathy Flaig, Boone County Fiscal Court  
Mr. Taylor Corbett, Clermont County Planning Commission  
Mr. Charles Graves, Cincinnati (City) Planning Commission  
Mr. Ralph B. Grieme, Jr., Resident Member  
Ms. Pamela Mullins, Resident Member  
Mr. Todd Listerman, Dearborn County Engineer

**GUESTS**

Ms. Divneet Dhillon, representing Jill Meyer, Cinti. USA Regional Chamber, Resident Member  
Ms. Cindy Wallace, TranSystems  
Mr. Greg Brown, DLZ  
Mr. Joe Vogel, WSP  
Mr. Jay Hamilton, Mead & Hunt  
Mr. Steve Mary, Stantec  
Mr. Skip Schulte, Citizen  
Mr. Eugene Strong, Visitor  
Mr. Frank Burkett, FHWA  
Mr. Jayson Gardner, OR Colan  
Mr. Jeff Wallace, TranSystems  
Mr. Shane Noem, Senator Mitch McConnell's Office

**LEGAL COUNSEL**

Mr. Ed Diller, Taft, Stettinius & Hollister

## STAFF

Mr. Mark R. Policinski	Mr. Robert W. Koehler	Ms. Marilyn F. Osborne
Ms. Karen Whitaker	Ms. Purcy Nance	Ms. Lorrie Platt
Mr. Bradley Mason	Mr. Andy Reser	Mr. David Shuey
Mr. Travis Miller	Ms. Florence Parker	Ms. Regina Fields
Ms. Gabriela Waesch	Mr. Adam Evans	Mr. Andrew Rohne
Ms. Summer Jones	Ms. Robyn Bancroft	

Mr. Jim O'Reilly led the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Announcements

President Rogers reminded everyone to sign in for attendance purposes. He also reminded everyone that this is an Executive Committee meeting and that Executive Committee members or their alternates are able to vote, Board members are not able to vote.

ITEM #1: ADMINISTRATIVE

A. President's Report

President Rogers mentioned the recent devastating hurricanes and the possible affect they could have on the need for national funds. He asked for prayers for those impacted in Houston and Florida.

- Appointment of Alternate

President Rogers stated that Clermont County Commissioner Ed Humphrey has requested that David Painter be appointed as his alternate. Ms. Maticic moved that Mr. Painter be appointed as an Executive Committee alternate. Judge Moore seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. Approval of June 15, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

President Rogers called for corrections and/or additions to the June 15, 2017 minutes of the Board of Directors meeting. There being none, Ms. Maticic moved that the minutes be approved as mailed. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion carried.

C. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Policinski welcomed members back after not meeting through the summer. He commented that his summer ended with his mom turning 100 the previous week.

Mr. Policinski reported that this summer, the U.S. EPA redesignated the region to attainment for both ozone and fine particulates. This marks the first time since the implementation of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 that the entire OKI region is in attainment for all six of EPA's criteria pollutants. He pointed out that OKI's Transportation Plan and TIP will still need to demonstrate

maintenance of the standards through the conformity process and the region will continue to be eligible for federal CMAQ funds.

Mr. Policinski reported that the Journal-News recently posted an article about the completion of Butler County's 14<sup>th</sup> roundabout. The roundabouts have resulted in a 60 percent reduction in overall crashes, 80 percent fewer injury crashes and a 100 percent reduction in serious and fatal crashes. He congratulated Greg Wilkens and the elected officers.

Mr. Policinski reported that the Kentucky Association of Mapping Professionals awarded OKI with the Exemplary System Award which is awarded annually at the Kentucky GIS conference for outstanding GIS or mapping program in the State of Kentucky. He stated that OKI's GIS department has been a national and regional leader in the development of GIS data, applications and collaborative partnerships in Greater Cincinnati since its inception in 2002. Development of revolutionary applications, including RAVEN911, CORIS, My Community's Water, Solar Ready, and the Transit Analyst, has become a hallmark of the department. He pointed out that staff would be talking about the maps and apps later on the agenda. He stressed that the GIS department is here for the Board's use. He asked the department to stand for recognition. Mr. Policinski added that OKI is very pleased to announce that Gabriela Waesch has been added to the GIS staff as an analyst. He pointed out that she has dual citizenship between Germany and the U.S.

Mr. Policinski reported that this summer he and Robyn Bancroft attended an automated vehicle conference in Detroit. He explained that there were presenters from all over the world and from various types of entities. He pointed out that OKI was the only government organization and others wanted to know how we do things. He provided a few highlights from the conference:

- Computing power will grow 10x in the next 8 years.
- Autonomous technology has many bugs to work out. The primary governor is safety.
- Security from cyber attacks on AV is developing side-by-side with technological advances.
- Best guess is the near-medium term AV will be a plug-in hybrid.
- Of interest to jurisdictions is the thought that AV technology could be first broadly used in city fleets. AV could gather information. Las Vegas is running a test program on its fleets—goal is safety and savings.

Mr. Policinski stated that the public wants to know when as much as how. The widespread view of those in Detroit was that AV really will start to have an impact in ten years. He displayed the Gartner-Hype Cycle, which looks at technology and how it is viewed by the public.

Judge Moore asked whether there was much discussion about the built environment and infrastructure in regards to what could be done today. Mr. Policinski explained that for many attributes, all that is needed are painted lines. There are also test projects that are running fiber optic cables, however this is expensive. Judge Moore also questioned discussion regarding the change in laws to accommodate autonomous vehicles. Mr. Policinski explained that the government is waiting for the technology to progress before providing any legislation. He pointed out that Lorrie Platt will discuss this more as part of her report.

#### D. Legislative Update

Ms. Lorrie Platt, staff, reported that Congress and the President must find a way to fund the federal government by September 30. Without such an agreement, parts of the government will be forced to shut down. However, it is anticipated that Congress will pass yet another, continuing resolution that will fund the government through December 15, postponing any chance of a government shutdown until the end of the year. She pointed out that right now the federal government is scrambling to find \$7 billion immediately to help with hurricane relief.

Ms. Platt reported that on Tuesday, Secretary Chao released the DOT's new guidelines for automated driving systems. This version 2.0 is called A Vision For Safety which the Secretary says reflects their importance in terms of addressing the rising rate of traffic deaths in the U.S. She cited the most recent stats, which include the fact that 94 percent of serious motor vehicle accidents in the U.S. are due to human error. Secretary Chao also noted said it's a "living document," with plans already for version 3.0 to arrive in 2018. Ms. Platt explained that it is voluntary guidance, but it focuses on the SAE (society of automotive engineers) Levels 3 through 5 automation. It clarifies that companies don't need to wait to begin testing and deploying their automated driving systems and streamlines the self-assessment process for companies and organizations. She stated that the new guidance is clearer, more streamlined, less burdensome and contains additional, more helpful information for States.

#### E. Finance Officer's Report

Ms. Purcy Nance, staff, reported that the Finance Officer's Report was distributed around the table. She explained that the report contains both May and June financial statements. She reported on the more current June information.

Ms. Nance referred members to page 2 for the current information. As of September 8, OKI had \$472,284 in the PNC checking account, \$20,248 in the HSA/FSA checking account and \$355,569 in the STAR Ohio money market mutual fund. She reported that there has been no recent activity on OKI's line of credit and there is no outstanding balance at report date.

Ms. Nance stated that page 3 contains the balance sheet as of June 30. She reported that Cash and Investments are up 14% from this time last year. Receivables are up 10% from this time last year due to the Boone County study and timing of routine invoices. At June 30, there were \$1,086,000 in receivables, all associated with May and June invoices. Payables are up 77% or \$147,000 from this time last year due to the purchase of ATRI data for the transportation model, increased activities in the FIAM and 5310 projects and timing of routine invoices.

Ms. Nance stated that Revenue information is located on page 4. She reported that as of June 30, OKI is 100% of the way through the budgeted year. Overall, revenues are at 93%, which is on budget. She noted the following items: Federal revenues are behind budget due to the timing of New Freedom pass through project activities; and Contributed Services are behind budget due to timing of FTA projects and difficulty securing additional contributed services for the Clean Air outreach campaign due to high demand leading up to the elections.

Ms. Nance stated that page 5 contains Expense information. She reported that Overall Expenses are at 92%, which is on budget. Ms. Nance noted the following items: Category 2, Fringe Benefits is behind budget due to savings on medical insurance premiums, a 15% increase was budgeted, but savings of -5.5% was experienced; Category 3, Travel, Subsistence and Professional Development is behind budget due to realignment of Forestry project activities, several professional development opportunities budgeted that were not taken and Board Travel was under budget for the year; Category 4, Printing, Marketing and Contractual is behind budget due to the timing of the Boone County study and savings on travel model data activities; Category 6, Contributed Services is behind budget due to the timing of FTA projects and difficulty securing additional contributed services for the Clean Air outreach campaign.

Ms. Nance stated that page 6 contains the General Fund Balance information. She reported that the General Fund Balance has had a net increase of approximately \$27,000 year to date, resulting in a year to date fund balance of \$1,119,000; of this amount, \$280,000 is committed to active projects. During FY17, \$136,000 was used to match FY16 projects carrying into FY17, resulting in a \$163,000 increase in fund balance associated with FY17 project activities to date. Approximately \$70,000 will be needed to match FY17 projects carrying into FY18. After all FY17 projects are completed, a fund balance increase of \$93,000 is anticipated from FY17 activities.

There being no discussion, Ms. Maticic moved that the Executive Committee accept and file the Finance Officer's Report dated September 14, 2017. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #2:        MAPS AND APPS PRESENTATION – TREES AND STORMWATER

Mr. Policinski explained that on the OKI website, under the "tools" tab, there are a maps and apps gallery. For the past decade, the OKI staff has compiled informative maps and useful apps for the jurisdictions in our region, several of which have been previously discussed with the Board. He explained that on a semi-regular basis, staff will be presenting a brief description of the most powerful apps. This month, Travis Miller will discuss the Trees and Stormwater App.

Mr. Miller provided background of the development of the app. He explained that during the update of the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP), which can be found on [howdowegrow.org](http://howdowegrow.org), as part of the discussion regarding regional policy and recommendations for local governments, there was a focus on stormwater management and increase need to address stormwater as it pertains to two elements of the plan—natural systems and public facilities. Following those discussion and through research regarding green infrastructure approaches and what is practical in terms of long term investment, they learned more about trees and their importance as part of those systems. In conversations with experts across the country, including the U.S. Forest Service, they realized there was a lot of data that they needed to get out to decision makers. This is a national project and OKI will continue to work with the team until the end of December. He explained that [TreesandStormwater.org](http://TreesandStormwater.org) is currently in a BETA version, but encouraged members to review the information provided on the site. He showed a brief video that highlights all of the features of the app.



Mr. Miller reported that there is an upcoming series of national webinars to discuss the tool. A listing of which is posted on OKI's website. Approximately 250 people participated in the webinar held the previous day. He encouraged everyone to tune in and to let him know if they need more information. Mr. Portune asked whether there was an overview of the information to be discussed at each of the webinars or whether the content will be the same. Mr. Miller explained that the feature of each of the webinars will be the tool but different partners will be taking the lead for each.

ITEM #3: INTERMODAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Andy Reser, staff, reported that the ICC met on Tuesday, September 12. He stated that Lorrie Platt presented the Legislative and Technology report and Bob Koehler presented the FY 2017 Transportation Planning Year End Performance and Expenditure Report and the ICC recommended approval. He reported that the committee also heard a presentation of the regional prioritization of Ohio CMAQ projects and recommends approval. They also heard information about six Kentucky CMAQ project applications, as well as staff's assessment and agreed to forward to KYTC for future project selection by KYTC. The committee approved an Administrative Modification to the FY 2018-2021 TIP and recommended approval of Resolution 2017-23 and 2017-24 regarding Amendments #3 and #3A to the TIP.

A. OKI FY 2017 Transportation Planning Year End Performance and Expenditure Report

Mr. Robert Koehler, staff, reported that a copy of the FY 2017 Transportation Planning Year End Performance and Expenditure Report was included in the meeting packet. This report is a requirement of the metropolitan planning process and is a compilation of progress report for the entire year, including the associated budget. Mr. Koehler reported all of the goals were accomplished and within budget.

Mr. Brayshaw moved that the Executive Committee approve Resolution 2017-21 regarding the FY 2017 Transportation Planning Year End Performance and Expenditure Report. Mr. Moore seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. Regional Ranking of Project Applications for Ohio Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Funding

Mr. Reser reviewed the eligible applicants, activities, and statewide process for the Ohio CMAQ funds. He reported that as a result the FY 2021-2023 call for projects, 14 applications were received totaling \$34 million. He pointed out that \$35 million is available based on OKI annual allocation prior to the statewide program.

Mr. Reser reviewed the scoring process and timeline for the Ohio Statewide Urban CMAQ Committee review and provided a highlight of each of the projects:

Ranking	Sponsor - Project Name	Amount of CMAQ \$ Request	Total Points
1	Owensville-SR 132 and US 50 Intersection Improvements	\$1,572,123	80
2	SORTA-Transit Rolling Stock Replacement	\$3,103,400	77
3	Mt. Healthy-Signal System	\$923,287	66
4	Mason-US 42 Roundabouts	\$2,751,535	59
5	Fairfield-South Gilmore/I-275 Ramp "Y" Improvements	\$784,000	56
5	Montgomery-Pfeiffer Road and Deerfield Road Roundabout	\$893,575	56
7	Cincinnati-Uptown SMART Center	\$6,600,000	54
8	Hamilton County-Great Parks Little Miami Scenic Trail-Beechmont Connector	\$4,320,000	54
9	Silverton-Montgomery Road Corridor Improvements	\$2,374,845	40
10	Clermont County TID-Aicholtz Rd Roundabouts	\$5,000,000	37
11	Cincinnati-Thorton Avenue Improvements	\$923,460	35
12	Lebanon-Countryside YMCA Trail Extension and Realignment	\$927,755	35
13	Oxford-Area Trail Phase 3	\$1,500,000	31
X	Cincinnati-Babson Extension	NOT ELIGIBLE	

Mr. Reser reported that there was vigorous discussion of how to award the regional priority points. While recognizing process flaws and agreeing to revisit the issue, the committee settled on assigning regional priority points based on the subtotal of points in the eight other categories. Enough CMAQ funds are available to fund all eligible projects. Mr. Reser also explained that OKI's project ranking will be forwarded to the state OSUCC review committee. Upon their approval, these projects will be added to the TIP.

Mr. Portune moved that the Executive Committee approve Resolution 2017-22 ranking the project applications for Ohio CMAQ funding. Mr. Hubbard seconded the motion; motion carried.

C. Amendment #3 (exempt projects) of the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Reser explained that Amendment #3 to the FY 2018-2021 TIP involves eleven highway projects and two transit projects in Ohio, plus seven highway projects and twenty transit projects in Kentucky. ODOT awarded five projects in our region with federal safety funds; in Butler County, a roundabout at Wayne Madison and Hamilton Trenton Road; in Clermont, a roundabout at SR 132 at Chapel Road; and in Hamilton County, sidewalks and median along US27 in Colerain Township, ramp improvements at I-275 and US 42 and a safety study for SR 32 in Newtown. The amendment would also add a project along I-75 to demolish structures required for the Brent Spence Bridge project. Four projects in Ohio need funding adjustments: I-275 resurfacing between Four Mile Road and the Ohio River, replacement of a railroad bridge as part of Phase 4 of the Thru the Valley Project on I-75, pavement maintenance on I-71 between the Norwood Lateral and Cross-County and in Warren County, and the roundabout project on Mason Snider

Road. There is one Ohio project that is being cancelled, the Ohio River Trail between Salem to Sutton because Cincinnati could not fund the local match.

Kentucky projects in Amendment #3 include construction funds for a turn lane on US 25 in Boone County, and the KYTC Office of Local Programs announced funding awards for eight CMAQ and TA projects; three in Boone, extending the turn lanes at Limaburg and KY 18, adding a new multi-use path along KY 18 and a TANK project to begin new service between Burlington and the Florence hub; in Campbell, adding a sidewalk along North Ft. Thomas Avenue and upgrading the sidewalk in Silver Grove along KY 8; in Kenton, additional construction funds for the Riverfront Commons path Highway Avenue Connection and a new sidewalk in Crescent Springs along Amsterdam Road. There was also CMAQ money awarded to TANK for new buses. Additional transit projects in Amendment #3 include a funding adjustment for BCRTA preventative maintenance and mobile fare collection equipment for CTC using Section 5339 funds. TANK requested adjustments to several projects that are using FY18 5339 and 5307 funds. Mr. Reser reported that all projects in Amendment #3 are exempt from air quality conformity. The Amendment was posted on OKI's website for 15 days and no comments were received.

Mr. Gerth questioned the cancellation of the City of Cincinnati's Ohio River Trails project and whether the City had tried to find the funds for the local match. Mr. Michael Moore responded that the City did try. As a matter of balancing the budget, the City asked that they be released for another community to use. Mr. Gerth expressed Anderson Township's disappointment, explaining that the trail is a very important connection to the east. He stated that the township and the city have cooperated in the past, but the township had not been contacted about the request for cancellation of the project. Mr. Portune asked the amount of the local match, which he was told is \$800,000. He also added that, at his request as Chair of the TID, the Hamilton County Commissioners had made funds available for the County's portion of the project. The request for cancellation of the City's portion of the trail was not raised before the TID either. Mr. Portune asked whether this is a final decision to give the funds back. Mr. Reser explained that when the project was awarded, there was a commitment for local funding. The project will have the opportunity to apply for a future call for projects. He explained that he is responding to a request by the City to release the funds and added that the project has already been pushed back a year or two. The decision to remove it from the TIP came when the City's FY18 budget came out. Mr. Portune expressed his disappointment that this is the second time in four years that a significant opportunity for bike trails in Cincinnati has been rejected and that neither Hamilton County or Anderson Township were given the opportunity to participate.

Following discussion, Mr. Welch moved that the Executive Committee approve Resolution 2017-23 regarding Amendment #3 to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program.

Mr. Portune moved to separate the removal of the Ohio River Trail funding from Amendment #3. Mr. Okum seconded the motion; the motion passed.

The motion to approve Amendment #3 of the TIP, not including action on cancellation of the Ohio River Trail project, carried.

Judge Moore moved to table the discussion regarding the Ohio River Trail project. Mr. Okum seconded the motion; motion carried.

D. Amendment #3A (analyzed projects) of the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Reser explained that Amendment #3A to the TIP includes three highway in Ohio that are non-exempt for air quality, meaning they require an air quality conformity finding. The amendments are separated this way to allow for extra federal review. In Clermont, the addition of a third lane along EB SR 32 is receiving additional federal preservation funds and in Hamilton County, Phases 5 and 6 of the The Valley Project were awarded TRAC "Major New" funds.

Mr. Reser reported that Amendment #3A is relying on a previous air quality conformity analysis. The Amendment was posted on our website for 15 days and no comments were received.

Ms. Maticic moved that the Executive Committee approve Resolution 2017-24 regarding Amendment #3A to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Painter seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #4: CONSENT AGENDA

President Rogers stated that each month a written report of committee activities is mailed to the Board of Directors. He stated that this mailing includes the June, July and August Consent Agenda items.

Judge Moore moved that the Executive Committee approve the consent agenda as mailed. Ms. Maticic seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #5: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business for discussion.

ITEM #6: ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Maticic moved to adjourn the Executive Committee. Mr. Portune seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

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**T.C. ROGERS, PRESIDENT**

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**MARK R. POLICINSKI, SECRETARY**

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## Board of Directors/Executive Committee Member Attendance

2017		1/12/17	2/9/17	3/9/17	4/13/17	5/11/17	6/15/17	7/13/17	8/10/17	9/14/17	10/12/17	11/9/17	12/14/17
		Board	EC	EC	Board	EC	Board	cancelled	cancelled	EC	Board	EC	EC
<b>Member Counties</b>													
<b>Boone County Fiscal Court</b>	<b>Gary W. Moore*</b> (Jeff Earlywine)	✓	E	✓	E	✓	E			✓			
<b>Butler County Board of Comm.</b>	<b>T.C. Rogers*</b> (David Fehr)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			
<b>Campbell County Fiscal Court</b>	<b>Steve Pendery*</b> (Matt Elberfeld)	E	E	E	✓	✓	✓			E			
<b>Clermont County Board of Comm.</b>	<b>Edwin H. Humphrey*</b> (David Uible)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E			A			
<b>Dearborn County Board of Comm.</b>	<b>Kevin Lynch*</b> (Mark McCormack)	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓			A			
<b>Hamilton County Board of Comm</b>	<b>Todd Portune*</b> (Victoria Parks)	R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			
<b>Kenton County Fiscal Court</b>	<b>Kris Knochelmann*</b> (Joe Shriver)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	R			A			
<b>Warren County Board of Comm.</b>	<b>David G. Young*</b> (Martin Russell)	E	E	E	E	E	E			E			
<b>Municipalities with Population over 5,000</b>													
<b>Alexandria, Kentucky</b>	<b>William Rachford</b>												
<b>Bellevue, Kentucky</b>	<b>Edward M. Riehl</b>												
<b>Blue Ash, Ohio</b>	<b>Thomas C. Adamec</b>	✓	✓		✓	E	✓						
<b>Cheviot, Ohio</b>	<b>James Sunderhaus</b>												
<b>Cincinnati, Ohio</b>	<b>David S. Mann*</b> (Michael Moore)	R	A	A	R	A	R			A			
<b>Cold Spring, Kentucky</b>	<b>David Penque</b>												
<b>Covington, Kentucky</b>	<b>Joseph U. Meyer*</b> (Tim Downing)	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	E			✓			
<b>Dayton, Kentucky</b>	<b>Jeff Volter</b>	✓			R	✓	R						
<b>Deer Park, Ohio</b>	<b>Charles Tassell</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓			
<b>Edgewood, Kentucky</b>	<b>Nancy Atkinson</b>	✓					E						
<b>Elsmere, Kentucky</b>	<b>Alexis Turner</b>		✓										
<b>Erlanger, Kentucky</b>	<b>Tom Cahill, Jr.</b>	✓			E		✓						
<b>Fairfield, Ohio</b>	<b>Mike Snyder*</b> (Craig Keller)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
<b>Florence, Kentucky</b>	<b>Gary Winn</b>	✓	✓		✓								
<b>Forest Park, Ohio</b>	<b>TBD/Charles Southall</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
<b>Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky</b>	<b>Kim Nachazel</b>						✓						
<b>Ft. Thomas, Kentucky</b>	<b>Roger Peterman</b>	✓			✓		✓						

\* Denotes Executive Committee Member  
 ✓ = Attended  
 A = Alternate  
 R = Represented  
 E=Excused



## Board of Directors/Executive Committee Member Attendance

2017		1/12/17	2/9/17	3/9/17	4/13/17	5/11/17	6/15/17	7/13/17	8/10/17	9/14/17	10/12/17	11/9/17	12/14/17
		Board	EC	EC	Board	EC	Board	cancelled	cancelled	EC	Board	EC	EC
<b>Ft. Wright, Kentucky</b>	<b>Bernie Wessels</b>						✓						
<b>Hamilton, Ohio</b>	<b>Robert Brown*</b> (Jody Gunderson)	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			
<b>Harrison, Ohio</b>	<b>Randy Shank</b>		E	E	✓		✓			✓			
<b>Highland Heights, Kentucky</b>	<b>Gregory Meyers</b>												
<b>Independence, Kentucky</b>	<b>Christopher Reinersman</b>	✓	E	E	E	✓				✓			
<b>Indian Hill, Ohio</b>	<b>John Armstrong</b>				R								
<b>Lebanon, Ohio</b>	<b>Stephen Kaiser</b>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			E			
<b>Loveland, Ohio</b>	<b>Ted Phelps</b>				✓								
<b>Madeira, Ohio</b>	<b>Michael Steur</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			
<b>Mason, Ohio</b>	<b>Kathy Grossmann</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			
<b>Middletown, Ohio</b>	<b>Larry Mulligan*</b> (Dora Bronston)	R	A	✓	R	A	R			A			
<b>Milford, Ohio</b>	<b>Laurie Howland</b>												
<b>Monroe, Ohio</b>	<b>Suzi Rubin</b>	✓	✓		E	✓	E						
<b>Montgomery, Ohio</b>	<b>Chris Dobrozsi</b>	✓	E	E	✓	E	✓			E			
<b>Mt. Healthy, Ohio</b>	<b>Jennifer Moody</b>												
<b>Newport, Kentucky</b>	<b>Beth Fennell*</b> (Greg Tulley)	R	E	✓	✓	✓	✓			A			
<b>North College Hill, Ohio</b>	<b>Matthew Wahlert</b> / <small>Sean Feeney</small>												
<b>Norwood, Ohio</b>	<b>James Bonsall</b>	E			✓		✓			✓			
<b>Oxford, Ohio</b>	<b>Steve Dana</b>	✓	✓	E	✓	E	✓			E			
<b>Reading, Ohio</b>	<b>Bob Ashbrock</b>												
<b>Sharonville, Ohio</b>	<b>Kevin Hardman</b>	✓		R	R	R	R						
<b>Springdale, Ohio</b>	<b>Daniel Shroyer</b>	✓	✓		✓		✓						
<b>Taylor Mill, Kentucky</b>	<b>Dan Bell</b>				✓		✓						
<b>Trenton, Ohio</b>	<b>Richard Miller</b>	✓			✓								
<b>Union, Kentucky</b>	<b>Bryan Miller</b>		R	E		✓	✓			✓			
<b>Villa Hills, Kentucky</b>	<b>Mary Koenig</b>		R										
<b>Wyoming, Ohio</b>	<b>Jim O'Reilly*</b> (Lynn Tetley)	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓			✓			

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## Board of Directors/Executive Committee Member Attendance

2017		1/12/17	2/9/17	3/9/17	4/13/17	5/11/17	6/15/17	7/13/17	8/10/17	9/14/17	10/12/17	11/9/17	12/14/17
		Board	EC	EC	Board	EC	Board	cancelled	cancelled	EC	Board	EC	EC
<b>Board of Townships over 40,000</b>													
Anderson Township	Josh Gerth* (Andrew Pappas)	✓	A	✓	E	✓	✓			✓			
Colerain Township	Jeff Ritter* (Geoff Milz)	R	A	A	R	A	R			A			
Green Township	David Linnenberg* (Adam Goetzman)		✓		✓	A	E			E			
Miami Township	Karl B. Schultz* (Jeff Wright)	✓	✓	A	E	A	R			✓			
Union Township	Matthew Beamer* (Cory Wright)	R	E	A	R	A	R			A			
West Chester Township	Mark Welch* (Aaron Wiegand)		E		✓					✓			
<b>Board of Township Trustees Under 40,000</b>													
Butler County Assoc. of TT&C	Christine Matacic* (Tom Willsey)	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓			✓			
Clermont Co. Township Assoc.	Tom Peck	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓			
Hamilton Co. Township Assoc.	Thomas Weidman	E											
Warren County Assoc. of TT&C	Jonathan D. Sams* (Matt Obringer)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓			
<b>Public Officials from Kentucky and Indiana</b>													
Boone County Fiscal Court	Cathy H. Flaig	E	E	✓	E	✓	E			✓			
Campbell County Fiscal Court	Brian Painter* (Charlie Coleman)	✓			✓	✓				✓			
Greendale, Indiana	Alan Weiss	E	✓	✓			E						
Kenton County Fiscal Court	Joseph Nienaber*												
<b>County Planning Commissions</b>													
Boone County Planning Comm.	Greg Breetz	✓			✓	✓	E						
Butler County Planning Comm.	David C. Fehr												
Campbell County P&Z Comm.	Michael Williams	R			✓								
Clermont Co. Planning Comm.	Taylor Corbett	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			
Dearborn County Plan Comm.	Mark McCormack	✓	✓	E	✓	E				✓			
Hamilton Co. Reg. Plng. Comm.	David Okum* (Merrie Stillpass)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			
Kenton County Planning Comm.	Marc Hult	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓						
PDS of Kenton County	Dennis Andrew Gordon* (Emi Randall)	✓	✓	A	✓	E	R			✓			
Warren Co. Reg. Plng. Comm.	Stan Williams* (Zach Moore)	R	A		R		E			A			

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		Board	EC	EC	Board	EC	Board	cancelled	cancelled	EC	Board	EC	EC
<b>Planning Commissions 40,000 or More Population</b>													
Cincinnati (City) Plng. Comm.	Charles Graves		✓			✓				✓			
Fairfield (City) Plng. Comm.	Greg Kathman	✓	✓		✓								
Hamilton (City) Plng. Comm.	Jody Gunderson												
Middletown (City) Plng. Comm.	Ashley Combs	✓	E	✓		✓							
<b>Residents</b>													
Dearborn Co. Twp. Assn.	Craig Beckley	✓			E		E						
Resident Member	Ken Bogard* (Jung-Han Chen)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			E			
Resident Member	Bill Brayshaw	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓			✓			
Butler Co. Board of Comm.	Cindy Carpenter												
Hamilton Co. Board of Comm.	Denise Driehaus												
Resident Member	David Ginsburg	✓			✓		✓						
No. KY Chamber of Commerce	TBD/Trey Grayson	✓			E								
Resident Member	Ralph B. Grieme, Jr.	✓	E		✓	✓	E			✓			
Warren Co. Board of Comm.	Shannon Jones												
Gr Cinti No KY African Am. Chambe	Eric Kearney	✓	R		✓								
Resident Member	Roger Kerlin* (Chris Reinersman)	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓			✓			
Dearborn Co. Chamber of Comm.	Eric Kranz				✓		E						
Resident Member	Larry Maxey* (Bill Brayshaw)	✓	✓	✓	R	A	✓			✓			
Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber	Jill Meyer	R	R	R	R	R				R			
Hamilton Co. Board of Comm.	Chris Monzel	R	R	R	R	R	R						
Resident Member	Pamela Mullins	✓			✓		✓			✓			
Resident Member	Kenneth F. Reed*	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓			E			
OH Comm on Hispanic/Latino Affai	Anthony Simms-Howell* (Michael Florez)	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			
Clermont Co. Board of Comm.	David Uible												
Resident Member	Thomas Voss	E	E	✓	✓	E	✓			✓			

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	Board	EC	EC	Board	EC	Board	cancelled	cancelled	EC	Board	EC	EC

### Other Elected Officials and Persons Responsible to Elected Officials or from Special Purpose Districts

Port of Greater Cincinnati	Laura Brunner	✓										
Warren County Board of Comm.	Tom Grossman											
Hamilton County Engineer	Ted Hubbard* (Timothy Gilday)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			
Dearborn Co. Engineer	Todd Listerman	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓			
Clermont County Engineer	Pat Manger											
Kenton County Airport Board	Candace McGraw	✓	E	E	✓	E	✓		E			
Clermont County Board of Comm.	David L. Painter	E	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			
Kentucky State Representative	Sal Santoro	E	E	E	E	E	✓		E			
Warren County Engineer	Neil Tunison	✓				E						
Butler County Engineer	Gregory Wilkins											

### Voting Ex-Officio Members

Indiana Department of Trans.	Jim Ude* (Terry Summers)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		
Kentucky Trans. Cabinet	Robert Yeager* (Carol Callan-Ramler)	R	A	A	✓	✓	✓			✓		
Ohio Department of Trans.	Tammy Campbell* (Stefan Spinosa)	✓	✓	A	✓	A	R			✓		
SW Ohio Reg. Transit Authority	Dwight A. Ferrell* (Darryl Haley)	✓					✓			A		
Transit Authority of No. KY	Andrew Aiello* (Ed Kuehne)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		
Butler Co. Reg. Transit Authority	Christopher Lawson* (Matt Dutkevica)		✓	A	✓	A	✓			✓		

Voting Members	60	28	29	60	34	46			33
Board Members at Ex Comm		18	13		20				19
Representatives (EC or Board)	11	5	3	11	3	11			1
Total Board Attendance/Representec	71	51	45	71	57	57			53
Excused Absence	11	17	14	11	10	14			10
Total # Guests	20	14	20	20	9	11			11

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# **EXHIBIT 3-A**

**AMENDMENT #4 OF THE FY 2018-2021 TRANSPORTATION  
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**ITEM #3-A:** **AMENDMENT #4 OF THE OKI FISCAL YEARS 2018-2021  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**DESCRIPTION:** The attached exhibit, in resolution form, describes the specific revision proposed.

**BACKGROUND:** OKI is responsible for preparing biennially a four-year program of projects in this region that will make use of available Federal-Aid Highway funds and Federal Transit Administration funds. Inclusion in this program is a prerequisite for such federal assistance. Because the scope, cost, and timing of the included projects are subject to periodic change, and because new projects are continually being developed, the TIP is formally amended several times a year, as needed.

The amendment reflected in the proposed resolution includes two recreational trail projects in Kentucky. The TIP is periodically amended, as needed, to reflect additions, deletions or revisions to programmed projects.

Prior to presentation to the Board of Directors, the proposed amendment is reviewed by staff and presented to the Intermodal Coordinating Committee. The Intermodal Coordinating Committee considers the issue, and makes a recommendation to Board of Directors.

**AUTHORITY:** 23 CFR, §450.324.

**FUNDING:** The fiscally constrained items proposed for amendment have an associated funding amount and source specified. Staff has determined that there is adequate funding available, or anticipated to be available, and the funding amounts are shown in year of expenditure figures for these projects.

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Adoption of Resolution OKI 2017-25.

**EXHIBIT:** Resolution (OKI 2017-25) Concerning Amendment #4 of the OKI Fiscal Years 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program.

**RESOLUTION**  
**OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE**  
**OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**CONCERNING AMENDMENT #4 OF THE**  
**FISCAL YEARS 2018 – 2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the Governors of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and in cooperation with locally elected officials in the OKI region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Intermodal Coordinating Committee (ICC), as the technical advisory committee to OKI, has reviewed and recommended the projects listed in the resolution and recommend that they be added/amended into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

**WHEREAS**, all federally funded transit and highway projects in the Ohio Counties of Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren, the Kentucky Counties of Boone, Campbell and Kenton and the Indiana County of Dearborn must be included in the TIP prior to the expenditure of federal funds and be listed with year of expenditure dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendments are consistent with the *OKI 2040 Regional Transportation Plan* as amended on April 13, 2017 and the OKI Regional ITS Architecture adopted on September 8, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, all projects included in *Amendment 4 – Fiscal Years 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program* are exempt from transportation conformity requirements for air quality; and

**WHEREAS**, the opportunity for public participation has been provided per OKI's Public Participation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the environmental justice impacts of these amendments have been considered with "Executive Order 12898 Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations"; and

**WHEREAS**, this amendment will result in a TIP that remains fiscally constrained: Now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments at its regular public meeting on October 12, 2017 hereby amends the Fiscal Years 2018 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program as shown in the attached Amendment #4 project table:

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**T.C. ROGERS, PRESIDENT**

**PROPOSED ACTIONS - Amendment #4 October 12, 2017**

TIP ID	MTP ID	Facility	Location		Description	AQ conformity	Sponsor	Award/ Let Date
			Fund Type	Phase				
			Pre 18	Programmed costs			FY 21	FUTR
			FY 18	FY 19	FY 20			

**Kentucky**

**Campbell County**

RTP-1	Bike/Ped	Alexandria Community Park	Alexandria Community Park		Parking lot asphaltting, athletic trail completion, asphalt overlay of Connector Trail and new bench	Exempt	Alexandria	FY18
<b>Recreational Trail Project Added</b>								
			RTP	C	0	35,000	0	0
			Local	C	0	8,750	0	0

**Total Project Estimate: \$35,000**

RTP-2	Bike/Ped	Fort Thomas Ohio River Riverfront Trail	Along the banks of the Ohio River, next to Mary Ingles Highway		Construct a 5,800 ft. trail, 4-6 ft. wide natural surface for walking, biking, access to canoeing	Exempt	Fort Thomas	FY18
<b>Recreational Trail Project Added</b>								
			RTP	C	0	49,286	0	0
			Local	C	0	12,286	0	0

**Total Project Estimate: \$49,286**

**OHIO PROJECTS**

	Previous Federal Amounts	Change by Modification	Change by Amendment	New Federal Amounts	Change with Amend & Mod
FY 18	\$389,392,667	-\$135,000	\$0	\$389,257,667	-\$135,000
FY 19	\$138,703,921	-\$2,784,375	\$0	\$135,919,546	-\$2,784,375
FY 20	\$148,223,803	-\$600,188	\$0	\$147,623,615	-\$600,188
FY 21	<u>\$62,800,065</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$62,800,065</u>	<u>\$0</u>
	<b>\$739,120,456</b>	<b>-\$3,519,563</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$735,600,893</b>	<b>-\$3,519,563</b>

**Total Federal Funding changes for Ohio projects with OKI TIP Amendment #4(10-12-17):**

No Ohio Projects

**Total Federal Funding changes for Ohio projects with OKI TIP Modification #4(10-10-17):**

	<u>Change in Federal Funding Levels</u>	
92638 IR 275 & US 42	FY18	\$ (135,000)
	<b>FY18 Total</b>	<b>\$ (135,000)</b>
92638 IR 275 & US 42	FY19	\$ (2,784,375)
	<b>FY19 Total</b>	<b>\$ (2,784,375)</b>
92638 IR 275 & US 42	FY20	\$ (600,188)
	<b>FY20 Total</b>	<b>\$ (600,188)</b>

**KENTUCKY PROJECTS**

	Previous Federal Amounts	Change by Modification	Change by Amendment	New Federal Amounts	Change with Amend & Mod
FY 18	\$116,844,692	\$0	\$84,286	\$116,928,978	\$84,286
FY 19	\$93,257,825	\$0	\$0	\$93,257,825	\$0
FY 20	\$51,021,016	\$0	\$0	\$51,021,016	\$0
FY 21	<u>\$95,804,816</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$95,804,816</u>	<u>\$0</u>
	<b>\$356,928,349</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$84,286</b>	<b>\$357,012,635</b>	<b>\$84,286</b>

**Total Federal Funding changes for Kentucky projects with OKI TIP Amendment #4 (10-12-17)**

		<u>Change in Federal Funding Levels</u>
RTP-1 Alexandria Community Park	FY18	\$35,000
RTP-2 Fort Thomas Ohio River Riverfront	FY18	\$49,286
	<b>FY 18 Total</b>	<b>\$84,286</b>

**Total Federal Funding changes for Ohio projects with OKI TIP Modification #4(10-10-17):**

No Kentucky Projects

**INDIANA PROJECTS**

	Previous Federal Amounts	Change by Modification	Change by Amendment	New Federal Amounts	Change with Amend & Mod
FY 18	\$6,382,429	\$0	\$0	\$6,382,429	\$0
FY 19	\$11,831,511	\$0	\$0	\$11,831,511	\$0
FY 20	\$5,247,046	\$0	\$0	\$5,247,046	\$0
FY 21	<u>\$5,152,215</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$5,152,215</u>	<u>\$0</u>
	<b>\$28,613,201</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$28,613,201</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Total Federal Funding changes for Indiana projects with OKI TIP Amendment #4 (10-12-17)**

Change in Federal Funding Levels

No Indiana Projects \$0

**Total Federal Funding changes for Ohio projects with OKI TIP Modification #4(10-10-17):**

No Indiana Projects



# **EXHIBIT 4**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**DATE:     OCTOBER 4, 2017**

**TO:       OKI BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**FROM:    T.C. ROGERS, PRESIDENT**

**RE:       CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Each month a written report of committee activities is mailed to the Board of Directors. At the meeting, action requested will be a motion to approve the committee reports. Questions and/or concerns regarding committee reports may be directed to staff as noted. Listed below are consent agenda items to be presented at the October 12, 2017 Executive Committee meeting.

A. Regional Planning

1.     Regional Land Use Commission

Chair: Ken Reed

Staff: Travis Miller (513-619-7681) [tmiller@oki.org](mailto:tmiller@oki.org)

Andy Meyer (513-619-7705) [ameyer@oki.org](mailto:ameyer@oki.org)

Weekly through September, social media posts regarding the Strategic Regional Policy Plan's Public Facilities and Services Element were used to engage OKI social media followers. The total reach of September for SRPP posts was 1,387 Facebook members and 1,446 Twitter impressions. Different SRPP elements will be the focus each month through January 2018. Information will be maintained at the SRPP site [www.howdowegrow.org](http://www.howdowegrow.org).

Staff discussed opportunities for comprehensive plan preparation technical support with the City of Madeira. The city is currently seeking professional services to prepare a plan and requested OKI technical support to assist and advise as appropriate.

Staff prepared the agenda, coordinated presentations, and chaired the September 21 Green Umbrella Transportation Action Team meeting where final report recommendations were presented from the Team's pedestrian and transit service project in addition to a presentation and discussion of car sharing program potential for Cincinnati and the region.

Information was provided to representatives of the United Way Shift program regarding trends in transportation, transit and land use for a potential focused project this program is considering. Trends from the SRPP as well as the OKI Coordinated Plan were shared.

*T.C. Rogers*  
President

*Mark R. Policinski*  
CEO

Staff provided a demonstration of new FIAM features to Dearborn County staff September 26 and discussed potential uses and important features of FIAM to maintain in order for continued and expanded use by Dearborn County.

Staff updated and shared OKI Regional Conservation Council contact database in preparation for November tour being facilitated by Warren County SWCD. OKI website houses information about this group and events.

2. Regional Greenspace Office

Staff: David Rutter (513-619-7693) [drutter@oki.org](mailto:drutter@oki.org)

Travis Miller (513-619-7681) [tmiller@oki.org](mailto:tmiller@oki.org)

For the U.S. Forest Service Trees and Stormwater project staff continued editing website content as the website went live to the public in beta version. During this time both the national and local advisory committees will be providing feedback on the guide. Staff helped coordinate and participated in two webinars to promote the guide. The first with the National Recreation and Parks Association and Trust for Public Lands on September 13, and the second with the National Association of Development Organizations on September 20. Staff also presented the guide at the Southwest Ohio Urban Forestry Conference on September 27. Staff will be participating in three additional webinars with the U.S. Forest Service on October 11, the American Planning Association on November 11, and the Water Environment Federation and the National Municipal Stormwater Association on November 16. Staff facilitated a partner's conference call on September 6. On November 7-9 staff will present the guide at the Stormwater Solutions Conference to be held in Chicago.

For Environmental Consultations, staff continues working on techniques to identify and prioritize important landscapes for water quality, habitat preservation, and connectivity using the GIS layers used in the environmental viewer.

Staff met with representatives of OSU Extension via conference call on September 9 to continue conversations about bringing a session of the Ohio Environmental Leaders Institute in Cincinnati for the 2018 Cohort. Staff reached out to the executive director of Green Umbrella to ascertain their willingness to help bring an OELI session to the region. They are unable to take a leadership role at this time.

For Green Umbrella, staff attended the Green Umbrella Greenspace team meeting on September 19. The Greenspace team is developing an outreach effort to highlight outdoor treasures in our region to help communicate how greenspace is preserved as well as raise awareness of the regions natural assets. Staff attended the Green Umbrella Watershed Action Team on September 1 at SD1 where the group toured the green infrastructure park. Staff also attended a Green Infrastructure Group tour of green infrastructure sites in Indianapolis on September 7 as well as a meeting of the group on September 14.

3. Water Quality Program

Staff: Bruce Koehler (513-619-7675), [bkoehler@oki.org](mailto:bkoehler@oki.org)  
David Rutter (513-619-7693), [drutter@oki.org](mailto:drutter@oki.org)  
Travis Miller (513-619-7681), [tmiller@oki.org](mailto:tmiller@oki.org)

General Water Quality Activities

Consistency with OKI's Water Quality Management Plan is a condition for state permitting of wastewater projects. This Section 208 provision of the Clean Water Act authorized OKI staff to address a consistency review request by Warren County Water & Sewer Department. The county agency plans to install nearly a mile of gravity flow, sanitary sewer lines to the Hudson Hills, Section 3, development just north of 6200 Bethany Road in Deerfield Township. The 47-acre subdivision will have 94 single-family homes built by M/I Homes of Cincinnati, LLC. OKI staff found the wastewater infrastructure portion of the project to be consistent with Water Quality Management Plan for Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, and Warren Counties in Ohio (OKI, November 2015 update).

On September 9, staff sampled eight stream sites in the Taylor Creek watershed of western Hamilton County for the Citizens Water Quality Monitoring Project of the Great Miami Watershed. Staff also helped analyze samples at the University of Cincinnati's Center for Field Studies near New Haven.

On September 13, staff completed a 20-page summary of discussions and presentations that occurred during the June 19 meeting of the Water Quality Subcommittee of the Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC). The document goes into extensive detail because much of the meeting addressed sources of wastewater infrastructure funding. This is a key topic of inquiry for OKI's study of un-sewered areas with unhealthy concentrations of home sewage treatment systems. Ohio EPA is funding the study.

On September 17, staff conferred with an Arlington Heights village councilman and the coordinator of the Connecting Active Communities Coalition about a 3-acre property through which the West Fork Mill Creek flows. During a field trip to the site, the threesome agreed on the merits of pursuing a Clean Ohio Fund grant to acquire the land for a streamside park and bike/hike trail.

On September 18, staff participated in a quarterly session of the Water Quality Subcommittee of the Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC) to learn what Ohio EPA expects of areawide planning agencies. Ohio EPA updated planners on its total maximum daily load (TMDL) program, which manages the types and volumes of pollutants released to receiving streams. Representatives for five areawide planning agencies had roundtable discussions of what water quality programs each agency undertakes and how those programs are funded.

On September 20, staff participated in a Paddlefest Leadership Team meeting to help plan Paddlefest 2018, which will be a large gathering of un-motorized watercraft paddlers on the Ohio River. Starting in 2016 and again in 2017, staff has recruited Mill Creek Yacht Club volunteers to manage an optional Mill Creek side trip for Paddlefest participants.

On September 21, staff conferred with the water and wastewater director of Clermont County Public Health to gather guidance and data for an OKI study of un-sewered areas with unhealthy concentrations of home sewage treatment systems. Ohio EPA is funding the two-year study.

During September, staff provided environmental information or guidance to a Miami University graduate student seeking maps and data on green infrastructure, the manager of Western Water Company, Campbell County Conservation District, the executive director of Mill Creek Watershed Council and Groundwork Cincinnati – Mill Creek, a local lawyer interested in Mill Creek revival, a professor of law at the University of Cincinnati, the new program and outreach director for Mill Creek Watershed Council and a Northside resident interested in Mill Creek protection.

#### Mill Creek Watershed Council of Communities

On September 2 and 6, OKI staff helped equip and lead educational canoe outings on the lower Mill Creek through Cincinnati to the Ohio River and on the middle Mill Creek from Reading to the Carthage neighborhood. A biology professor at the University of Cincinnati requested the trips as part of environmental studies for 32 undergraduate students and one graduate student.

On September 8, staff conferred with a professor of aquatic ecology and an executive with Advanced Testing Laboratory. They serve on the Watershed Council's Board of Trustees and want to collaborate with the Watershed Council and OKI on a study of tree canopy, water temperatures and chloride levels along the Mill Creek and tributaries. If grant funding can be arranged, the study also may measure pH and conductivity to document Mill Creek water quality.

On September 12, OKI staff conferred with Watershed Council staff and Springdale's Public Works Director to plan Mill Creek educational and outreach events in 2018. Mill Creek Yacht Club has become a vital to the Watershed Council.

On September 15 and 21, staff took part in consultant-facilitated deliberations on the proposed merger of Mill Creek Watershed Council and Groundwork Cincinnati – Mill Creek. In what is called the MC<sup>2</sup>\_effort, staff serves on the main Steering Committee as well as a Governance Work Group. OKI involvement with the Watershed Council since 1993 has provided staff unique perspective on the history and missions of both non-profit organizations.

On September 19, staff participated in a meeting of the Watershed Council's Board of Trustees, which focused on budget performance and projections, program accomplishments, recent publicity, staff changes and progress on the proposed merger of the Mill Creek Watershed Council with Groundwork Cincinnati – Mill Creek. The joint executive director of both watershed groups announced the two groups will jointly apply for a sizable grant from the Kresge Foundation.

On September 23, staff helped equip and lead the stream portion of the Fifth Annual Upper Mill Creek Cleanup in West Chester Township. Twenty-one volunteers gathered enough junk

and litter to fill a medium-size dump truck. The haul included a large homestead fuel tank that has corroding and leaching petroleum residues into the stream for at least 20 years.

On September 18 and 19, staff composed a flier and edited online text to help the watershed council's programs and outreach director publicize an educational canoe outing along the lower Mill Creek on October 21. Staff also conferred with other leaders of the Mill Creek Yacht Club to plan event details.

### Groundwater Committee

On September 13, OKI staff facilitated a quarterly meeting of the Groundwater Committee. With approval from committee leadership, staff recruited all five speakers for technical presentations on drinking water issues. Updates on local groundwater management efforts were given by licensed professionals with Western Water Company, City of Fairfield and Clermont County Water Resources. For the main presentations, the City of Wyoming's water works director discussed the air stripping of volatile organic compounds found in the Mill Creek aquifer and an Ohio EPA engineer discussed recent regulations and the best techniques for treating manganese found in groundwater at varying levels across Ohio.

Also during September, staff recruited Miami Conservancy District's manager of water resource monitoring to give a technical presentation on artificial sweeteners and other groundwater pollutants at the Groundwater Committee's next meeting.

Next Meeting: 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 13, 2017, in OKI's Board Room.

### B. Transportation

#### 1. Environmental Justice Activities

Staff: Florence Parker (513-619-7686) [fparker@oki.org](mailto:fparker@oki.org)

Staff placed a Legal Ad in the Spanish newspaper, La Jornada Latina, to solicit proposals for hotel rooms and event space for The Ohio Conference on Freight for the years 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Staff attended the Cincinnati Chamber's "7 as 1" meeting in support of economic inclusion and small business growth and development.

Staff communicated to members of OKI's Environmental Justice Advisory Committee that the EPA's Office of Environmental Justice will host an upcoming conference call regarding administrative changes for the agency.

Staff communicated to Southwest Ohio Transportation (SWOT) workgroup the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ohio Transportation Equity Forum. Staff also confirmed with SWOT members the date, time and location for their fall meeting.

Staff participated in a conference call conducted by the Director of EPA's Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ). It was announced the OEJ is being moved into EPA's Office of Policy (OP). This move will help to facilitate and coordinate cross departmental activities and interaction among the various departments throughout the EPA agency.

Staff notified OKI's DBE Certified Vendor Bid List of:

- Invitation to attend the Grand Opening of the Minority Business Assistance Center in Piketon, Ohio and learn about the upcoming Portsmouth By-Pass Project.
- Ohio Small Business Development Centers' series of sessions for information about procurement, bid opportunities and certifications.

2. Boone County Transportation Plan

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On September 15, OKI staff concluded the first public outreach campaign for the *Boone County Transportation Plan*. Through a combination of traditional (Public Open House, group presentations, community event information booths, etc.) and innovative use of technology (Facebook Live Town Hall, interactive mapping survey software, Survey Monkey, website, etc.), over 1,500 people shared their most pressing transportation needs. A *Public Outreach Summary Report* including all outreach activities and comments received was completed and posted to the project website on September 25. In addition, an "Environmental Sustainability" interactive map and "Utilize Advanced Technologies and Innovative Designs" document were posted to the website. A third PMT meeting was held on September 14. The consultant team delivered a *Draft Existing and Future Conditions Report* and *Draft Environmental Constraints Report*. OKI's Project Manager reviewed and edited both documents. [BooneKY.oki.org](http://BooneKY.oki.org)