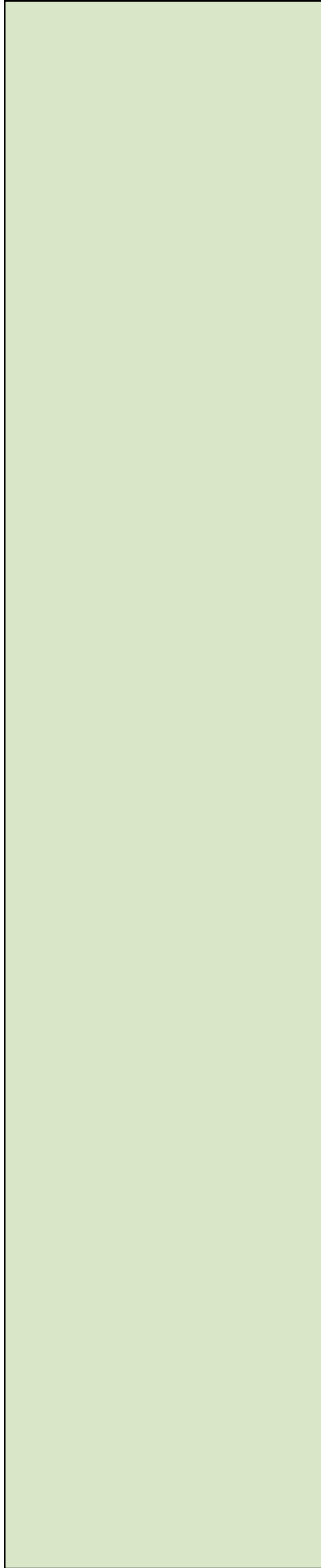

APPENDIX A – STUDY QUESTION AND ANSWER SHEET





What is the Western Hamilton County Transportation Study?

Due to rapid growth in both population and commerce, today's roadways in Western Hamilton County are operating at or close to capacity. This increase has also



placed a growing burden on the local interstate system including I-74, a major trade corridor for the region. At the same time, transportation dollars are becoming harder and harder to secure. The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) has initiated this study to bring together the diverse interests of Western Hamilton County to identify transportation deficiencies and make recommendations for improvements.

What is the area included in this study?

The study will include roadways of the western portion of Hamilton County, Ohio stretching east to west from the Mill Creek and Colerain Avenue, all the way to the Indiana state line and north to south from Butler County, Ohio to the Ohio River. This also includes the western suburbs of the City of Cincinnati. Major roadways included are I-74, I-275, U.S. 27, U.S. 50, SR128 and SR264. (map on reverse side)

What is the purpose of this study?

The purpose is to develop a strategic transportation plan that will improve mobility and safety for residents, commuters, visitors and freight throughout Western Hamilton County. This includes looking at such issues as improving the ability to travel and connect Western Hamilton County with Butler County, Dearborn County, and Downtown Cincinnati. The study will also look at issues affecting the overall traffic flow including new improvement ideas for public transit, the interstate system, and local roadways.

What will the study accomplish?

The strategic transportation plan has several goals including:

- Improving safety.
- Enhancing roadway connections.
- Increasing availability of non-car travel options such as walking and cycling.
- Protecting and enhancing the environment.
- Supporting economic vitality.
- Coordinating with existing and future land uses.
- Ensuring that roadways, signals, etc. are managed and operating efficiently.
- Emphasizing the upkeep of the existing transportation system.

What is the timeframe for this study?

The study's completion is scheduled for December 2006 making it a 24-month study.

How will the public and the communities of Western Hamilton County be included in this study?

OKI will be working closely with the public, community leaders, organizations and businesses to gather comments, suggestions and concerns throughout the two-year study process. By taking the views of all segments of Western Hamilton County communities, OKI will be able to provide a comprehensive and supported end-product.

Who should I contact, if I have suggestions or questions?

Your comments are critical to the study process. Please fill out the "Existing Conditions Survey" on the study's website at www.westernstudy.org. You can also access the latest study information including upcoming events and public meetings, by visiting this website. If you have any additional questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact OKI at (513) 621-6300 ext.124 or at info@westernstudy.org.



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