MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
JUNE 11, 2015 — 10:30 A.M.
OKI BOARD ROOM

- Call to Order

President Lynch, noting that there was a quorum, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. with the following members in attendance:

MEMBERS

Mr. Kevin Lynch, Dearborn County Board of Commissioners, President
Judge Gary W. Moore, Boone County Fiscal Court
Mr. T.C. Rogers, Butler County Board of Commissioners, First Vice President
Judge Steve Pendery, Campbell County Fiscal Court
Mr. Ed Humphrey, Clermont County Board of Commissioners
Mr. Todd Fortune, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners, Past President
Judge Kris Knuckles, Kenton County Fiscal Court, Second Vice President
Mr. Thomas Adamec, Blue Ash, Ohio
Ms. Sherry Carran, Covington, Kentucky
Mr. Michael Snyder, Fairfield, Ohio
Ms. Diane Whalen, Florence, Kentucky
Mr. Charles Scuthall, Forest Park, Ohio
Mr. Roger Petersen, Ft. Thomas, Kentucky
Mr. Robert M. Brown, Hamilton, Ohio
Mr. Christopher Reinerson, Independence, Kentucky
Mr. Stephen Kaiser, Lebanon, Ohio
Ms. Charlene Hinn, Milford, Ohio
Ms. Suzi Rubin, Monroe, Ohio
Mr. Chris Dobrozsi, Montgomery, Ohio
Ms. Beth Fenrell, Newport, Kentucky
Mr. Ron Mosby, North College Hill, Ohio
Mr. Dan Bell, Taylor Mill, Kentucky
Mr. Bryan Miller, Union, Kentucky
Mr. James T. O'Reilly, Wyoming, Ohio
Mr. David Linnenberg, Green Township
Mr. Karl B. Schultz, Miami Township
Mr. Lee Wong, West Chester Township

Serving the Counties of: Boone, Butler, Campbell, Clermont, Dearborn, Hamilton, Kenton, Warren
Board Members-continued
Ms. Christine Matacic, Butler County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks
Mr. Gregory W. Carson, Clermont County Township Association
Mr. Jonathan Sams, Warren County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks
Ms. Cathy Fleg, Boone County Fiscal Court
Mr. Greg Breetz, Boone County Planning Commission
Mr. Dwayne Boso, Clermont County Planning Commission
Mr. Charles Graves, Cincinnati (City) Planning Commission
Mr. Timothy Bachman, Fairfield (City) Planning Commission
Mr. Craig Beckley, Dearborn County Township Association, Resident Member
Mr. Ken Bogard, Resident Member
Mr. Bill Brayshaw, Resident Member
Mr. Brian Carley, Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber, Resident Member
Mr. Trey Grayson, Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Resident Member
Mr. Ralph B. Grieme, Jr., Resident Member
Mr. Larry H. Maxey, Resident Member
Ms. Pamela Mullins, Resident Member
Mr. Thomas Voss, Resident Member
Mr. Ted Hubbard, Hamilton County Engineer
Mr. J. Todd Listerman, Dearborn County Engineer
Ms. Candace McGraw, Kenton County Airport Board
Mr. Jim Ude, Indiana Department of Transportation
Mr. Robert Hens, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

GUESTS
Ms. Sharmili Feddy, representing Jude Hehman, Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky
Mr. George C. Kipp, Jr., representing Molly Barber, Indian Hill, Ohio
Ms. Kelly Will, representing Dennis Carr, Lawrenceburg, Indiana
Mr. Kurt Seile*, representing Rich Cox, Mason, Ohio
Mr. Joe Kempe, representing Kevin Hardman, Sharonville, Ohio
Mr. Edward Knox, representing Marjorie Harlow, Springdale, Ohio
Mr. Cory Wright, representing Matthew Beamer, Union Township
Ms. Merrie Stillpass, representing David Okum, Hamilton Co. Regional Planning Comm.
Mr. Martin Scribner, representing Dennis Andrew Gordon, PDS of Kenton County
Mr. Daniel Geroni, representing Stan Williams, Warren Co. Regional Planning Comm.
Ms. Lavita Hanekamp, representing Mr. Monzel, Ham. Co. Bd. of Comm., Resident Member
Mr. Stefan Spinosa, representing Gary Middleton, Ohio Department of Transportation
Mr. Andrew Aiello, representing Bill Voelker, Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky
Mr. Joe Schmeltzer, American Structurepoint
Mr. Steve Mary, Stantec
Mr. Michael Moore, City of Cincinnati
Mr. Bill Wells, Covington, Kentucky
Mr. Jeff Wallace, Parsons Brinckerhoff
Mr. Skip Schu'te, Citizen

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Board Members-continued
Ms. Annie Wilkerson, Rep. Brad Wenstrup’s Office
Ms. Melanie Douglas, Sen. Joe Donnelly’s Office
Mr. Gordon Perry, City of Blue Ash
Mr. Joe Vogel, AECOM
Mr. Chris Brausch, Warren County

LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Edward 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. Mark Paine              Mr. Brad Mason             Ms. Robyn Bancroft
Ms. Mary Luebbers           Ms. Summer Jones          Mr. David Shuey
Ms. Alex Barnes             Mr. Andrew Rohne          Ms. Emi Randall
Ms. Jane Wittke             Mr. Andy Reser

Vice Mayor David Mann led the Board of Directors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Announcements

President Lynch reminded everyone to sign in for attendance purposes. He also reminded everyone that this is a Board of Directors meeting and that Executive Committee Alternates are not able to vote.

ITEM #1: ADMINISTRATIVE

A. President’s Report
   - NARC Update

President Lynch reported that it has been an active and exciting couple of weeks for OKI. He reported that he, Judge Moore (as current President of NARC), Ed Humphrey and Mark Policinski just returned from the NARC conference. He stated that it was a very productive conference and a tremendous organization. He congratulated Judge Moore for his leadership in serving on that organization. He reported that the previous week, Judge Moore testified before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on the potentially negative impacts of proposed ozone regulations issued by the EPA. He said that this speaks volumes as to the Judge’s knowledge and respect throughout the country. He stated that OKI has great leaders in our region and we can be proud of that fact.
• Annual Luncheon

President Lynch announced that confirmation was just received that Under Secretary Rogoff with the U.S. Department of Transportation will be the guest speaker at this year’s annual luncheon. The event is scheduled for August 5 at the Lawrenceburg Event Center. Information and registration details will be provided to Board members shortly. President Lynch thanked Lorrie Platt for her efforts in securing the guest speaker.

• Freight Conference

President Lynch announced that registration is now open for the 2015 Conference on Freight which will be held for the first time in Cincinnati. Information is available by going to OKI’s website and clicking on the conference link. Questions can be directed to Robyn Bancroft or Lorrie Platt, who have been actively involved in the planning of the conference. He stated that this conference is another thing that OKI can be proud of and he commended Mark Policinski for his efforts.

• KY 536 Public Open House

President Lynch announced that a public open house will be held on July 6 to share the draft alternative recommendations for the KY 536 Scoping Study. Questions should be directed to Robyn Bancroft of the staff.

• Around the Region

President Lynch showed a video tour of the development of the new Liberty Center in Liberty Township. He explained that it is located at the interchange of I-75 and SR 129 and is set to open in a few months.

President Lynch reported that OKI provided close to $2 million in STP funds for the recently completed improvements to Cincinnati-Dayton Road and to the State Route 129 off-ramps which will enable better access to the development. OKI also provided about $300,000 in TA funds for sidewalks on Yankee Road near the development.

He congratulated those in Liberty Township for this exciting development.

• 2016 Intermodal Coordinating Committee

President Lynch stated that an updated listing of appointees for the 2016 Intermodal Coordinating Committee was distributed around the table.

There being no additions or changes, Mr. Bogard moved that the Board of Directors concur with the President’s appointments. Mr. Fortune seconded the motion; motion carried.
B. Approval of May 14, 2015 Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

President Lynch called for corrections and/or additions to the May 14, 2015 minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting.

There being none, Mr. Brayshaw moved that the May 14, 2015 minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting be approved as mailed. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion; motion carried.

C. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Policinski provided a report about the NARC conference. This year’s conference was held in Raleigh, North Carolina which is home to the Research Triangle Park. He reported that the highlight of the conference was a presentation from Secretary of Transportation Foxx. This was the second year in a row that he has addressed NARC. Mr. Policinski reported that his comments were direct and succinct—he discussed the fact that because this country has for so long not addressed the exponentially growing needs of its infrastructure, unless there is a new bill now, we will likely not be able to catch up to the needs without a change to the resources provided in Washington. This country has been falling behind for 30 years and the pace is accelerating each year.

Mr. Policinski explained that Senator Portman is the point person regarding tax reform and has put together a tax reform package. Tax reform is critical to the transportation bill. Senator Portman has stated that if a new bill is not passed by this summer, it will be likely that nothing meaningful can take place before 2017, and then there will be a new president and cabinet which could result in further delays.

Mr. Portune asked whether there was any mention by Secretary Foxx regarding the elusive list of mega projects nationally and any funding that may be available through the funding extensions. Mr. Policinski explained that the Secretary did mention that there are lists of projects. He said that large infrastructure projects need to be addressed through a new freight portion of the bill and TIGER grants.

Mr. Policinski discussed his excitement of having the Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy of the U.S. Department of Transportation as the guest speaker for OKI’s Annual Luncheon. He stated that he had the opportunity to sit down in February with Under Secretary Rogoff and a small group of MPO CEOs and Executive Directors. He explained that the Under Secretary had talked about the importance of MPOs and how they fit into the network of how transportation policy is conducted in this country. As there is more and more gridlock at the federal level, the innovation in this country is taking place at the state and local level and the Under Secretary understands where this innovation is coming from and is linking it to transportation policy.

Judge Moore commented that the Annual Meeting is a critical event and a great opportunity because of these issues. He explained that he has had conversations with his delegation—Congressman Massey, Senator Paul and Senator McConnell—and everyone realizes that when there is a continuing resolution and a need to fill the hole in the Highway Trust Fund because the gas tax is not covering enough to maintain current funding levels, the shortfall is pulled from the
general fund. In the past five years, this has amounted to $57 billion. He discussed the fact that vehicles with new technology, such as smart cars and electric cars, are not paying to use the roads. He said that the policy discussion that will take place with OKI is a great opportunity and the Under Secretary is the right person to have at the table. He expressed his hope that members will be attend and be part of the discussion.

Mr. Policinski stated that one of the great accomplishments at OKI is how well everyone gets along and the spirit of cooperation. Staff is constantly looking at ways to improve this and prepared a survey in order to gauge the Board’s interests and to provide an opportunity for feedback. He encouraged members to fill out the survey, a copy of which will be re-sent following the meeting.

Mr. Policinski announced that today is Emi Randall’s last day at OKI. He stated that Ms. Randall has done a remarkable job in her tenure with Land Use Planning and the Fiscal Impact Analysis Model. He wished Ms. Randall well and commented that he looks forward to working with her again in her new role as the Planning Director for Colerain Township.

D. Legislative Update

Ms. Platt reported that Representative Steve Chabot invited local transportation advocate and director for the Build our New Bridge Now coalition, Matt Davis, to testify before the House Small Business Committee. Representative Chabot is chairman of that panel and said that the hearing was aimed at highlighting how congressional failure to fund major infrastructure projects hurts small businesses in Cincinnati and across the country.

Ms. Platt also reported that the Wasson Way Project recently announced that the City of Cincinnati and Norfolk Southern Railroad have agreed to the terms of sale to construct the planned mixed use trail that will connect neighborhoods on the east side of Cincinnati. The agreement gives the city exclusive rights to buy the rail line until July 2016. Norfolk Southern has agreed to sell part of the Wasson Way rail line to the city for $11.8 million. The trail could open by late 2016. It is 4.1 miles of the rail line. However, the city does not have the money to buy that part of rail line nor the $20 million to build the trail. She explained that the city is preparing to ask Washington to pay for most of the $20 million construction cost. They plan to apply for a federal TIGER grant. The city would have to come up with $3-4 million as a local match for the grant. The Wasson Way project group is working to raise up to $2.5 million in private money for construction.

Ms. Platt reported that as part of OKI’s newly updated website, a new blog is debuting today with the topic of solar energy. It was written by staff member Travis Miller. The blog will feature future topics related to the work of OKI. She welcomed members with ideas and input to contact her. The plan is to have a new blog each month.

E. Finance Officer’s Report

Ms. Nance stated that the Finance Officer’s Report, dated June 11, 2015, was distributed around the table. She pointed out that this report contains the financial statements for the period ended April 30, 2015 and includes current cash information.
Ms. Nance stated that on page 2 is the current information. As of June 5, OKI had $300,918 in the PNC checking account, $9,310 in the HSA/FSA checking account and $603,207 in the PNC savings account. 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 on page 3 is the balance sheet at April 30. Cash and Investments are down approximately 10% from this time last year. She stated that Receivables are up 18% from this time last year due to the KY 536 Scoping Study, traffic data collection project and increased activities in the FTA New Freedom pass through program. At April 30, there were $758,000 in receivables, all associated with March and April invoices. She further stated that payables are up 77% or $62,000 from this time last year due to the KY 536 Scoping Study and increased activities in the FTA New Freedom pass through projects.

Ms. Nance stated that on page 4 is the Revenue information. She reported that at April 30, OKI is approximately 83% of the way through the budgeted year. Overall, revenues are at 76%, which is on budget.

Ms. Nance noted the following items: Federal revenues are ahead of budget due to the timing and administration of the New Freedom pass through projects; State of Ohio and State of Kentucky revenues are behind budget due to the timing of the FIAM, RideShare, Clean Air and water projects; Local Revenues are ahead of budget due to the timing of county funding payments; Contributed Services are ahead of budget due to overmatch received in the Clean Air program and timing of the New Freedom pass through projects.

Ms. Nance stated that on page 5 is the Expense information. She reported that overall, expenses are at 74%, which is under budget. Ms. Nance noted the following items: Category 3, Professional Development and Board Travel are under budget due to the timing of budgeted activities and savings experienced, which are offset by Travel which is ahead of budget due to unanticipated out of region travel for the DC fly-in last fall and Agency Memberships which are ahead of budget due to the new membership in the Tri State Transportation and Logistics Council; Category 4, Professional Services is behind budget due to the timing of the spring traffic data collection project, and Marketing is behind budget due to the seasonal nature of the RideShare and Clean Air marketing campaigns; and Category 6, Contributed Services are ahead of budget due to the overmatch received in Clean Air program and due to the timing of the New Freedom pass through projects.

Ms. Nance stated that on page 6 is the General Fund Balance information. She stated that the General Fund Balance has had a net decrease of approximately $25,000 year to date. The two components of this decrease are timing differences and year to date activities. The timing differences include an $111,000 increase due to timing of county funding payments and $71,000 decrease due to application of negotiated fringe and indirect rates. The remaining $65,000 decrease is associated with year-to-date operations and timing of active projects. Resulting in a year to date fund balance of $1,146,000—of this amount, $198,000 is committed to active projects.
Mr. O'Reilly again questioned the low interest rate OKI receives on its accounts. Ms. Nance reported that, following the last meeting, she contacted the bank and the representative is looking to see if there are any funds for which OKI is eligible. She explained that the agency has limitations as to what type of accounts will be eligible—the accounts must be liquid as they funds are used for cash flow. She pointed out that the rate is in line with other type of accounts.

Commissioner Lorelle and Commissioner Humphrey requested that other banking institutions be contacted to determine what rates are available. They stated that they assume rates will be similar to OKI's current rate, however they asked for a report back at the next meeting.

There being no discussion, Ms. Matacic moved that the Board of Directors accept and file the Finance Officer's Report dated June 11, 2015. Mr. Hubbard seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #2: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL FISCAL YEAR 2016 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

Ms. Purcy Nance, staff, stated that a copy of the Draft FY2016 Budget was included in the mailout packet. She explained that she will highlight, by cost category, the differences in the overall FY15 forecast related to the FY15 budget and explain significant variances between the FY16 budget and FY15 forecast.

Ms. Nance reported that overall, FY15 forecasted expenses and revenues are on budget. OKI is forecasted to use $86,800 of the fund balance, for a $1,084,000 balance at year end. She reported that there has been no activity of OKI's line of credit since December 2003 and OKI continues to be in a sound financial position.

Ms. Nance reported that overall forecasted expenditures are in line with the original FY 15 budget. There is an 9% increase in expenditures budgeted in FY16 primarily related to the second phase of a large traffic count project, the National Urban and Community Forestry grant and the clean air survey. Ms. Nance explained that as part of the forestry grant, OKI is partnering with NARC, Virginia Tech and Davey to create a model for local governments to incorporate trees into stormwater management regulations.

Ms. Nance reviewed expenses in detail by cost category.

Ms. Nance reported that salaries are forecasted to be 2% under budget. She explained that this is due to two positions budgeted for a full year only being filled for a partial year offset by a reorganization of the Communications and GIS departments that led to the GIS intern being made a full time position. She reported that FY16 salaries are 4.9% more than the forecast for this year. This includes 3% increase of current full-time salaries for merit and 0.25% for special achievement recognition, if needed, plus two FY15 partial year positions at a full year.

Ms. Nance reported that FY15 forecasted fringe benefits are 5.5% under budget. HRA expenses are forecasted under budget due to timing of employee usage. Retirement contributions are
forecasted under budget. Maximum participation in the voluntary 403b plan and are usually a little under budget. Workers' compensation is under budget due to refunds received during the year. Leave variances and liability adjustments will be lower than budgeted due to lower than budgeted leave usage and an unbudgeted leave payout due to retirement.

Ms. Nance reported that FY16 budgeted fringe benefits are 14.8% higher than forecasted. Medical insurance expenses are budgeted 15.6% higher than current forecast; 11% of this is an increase in premiums. The balance is the position currently open, budgeted for family insurance for the year. HSA and HRA expenses are budgeted higher than current forecast. Next year is budgeted for two regular contributions and also includes funds for a consumerism contribution to accounts, if it is appropriate. Retirement, specifically the 403b plan, is again budgeted at the maximum possible participation.

Ms. Nance reported that Travel, Subsistence and Professional Development is $13,000 or 9% under budget for the FY 15 forecast. Professional Development is forecasted to be $13,000 under budget due to savings on trips taken and several budgeted trips not taken. Board travel is forecasted to be $3,400 under budget. This category has a budgeted increase of $22,000 or 16.6% in FY 16. She explained that Travel, Professional Development and Executive Board Travel are under budget each year. Staff budgets these categories to be able to take advantage of opportunities that have been beneficial in the past as well as new opportunities. During the year, staff and Board manage travel to maximize the budget and relevant opportunities. Travel is budgeted $4,500 over FY15 forecast due to OKI's assistance with the freight conference in the fall and the Long Range Plan update. Professional Development is budgeted $11,600 above FY15 forecast—some development trips not taken in FY15 have been rebudgeted in FY16 and a few additional training events have been budgeted for the Surveillance program. Board Travel is again budgeted at $25,000 in FY 16.

Ms. Nance reported that the forecast for Printing, Marketing and Contractual is $183,000, or 13.3% under budget. It is $45,000 under budget for Technical Consultants due to the timing of the KY 536 Scoping Study and $129,000 under budget in Professional Services due to the timing of the expenditures for the traffic count study. The FY16 budget for this category is $199,000, or 16.6% over forecast. This is due to being $258,000 over in Professional Services, associated with the addition of the forestry project, timing of traffic count expenditures and the Clean Air survey, offset by being $33,700 under in Contracts with Government agencies due to completion of several New Freedom pass through funded projects and $39,000 under in Marketing due to the Clean Air survey in FY16.

Ms. Nance reported that the overall forecast for Other Expenditures is 6.9% under budget. The FY16 budget for this category is 16% over this year's forecast. She reported that the forecast for Legal and Audit is 25.1% under budget. She explained that audit services were rebid this year so an increase was budgeted. Actual audit expenditures were under last year's amount and legal fees are running under budget. Next year's budget is 18.8% or $7,600 over this year's forecast—this includes general legal fees budgeted at the same budget as this year and audit fees in line with the new contract. Ms. Nance explained that this category includes miscellaneous costs such as retirement plan expenses, in-house copy costs, miscellaneous expenditures and capital costs that are chargeable directly to a program. The budget for this category is higher than forecast due to
grant funded capital of $32,000 budgeted to replace an older GPS unit and to purchase a new server recommended by ODOT for running the activity based model. These will be directly chargeable to the Surveillance program.

Ms. Nance reported that Revenues are forecasted to be 6.6% lower than budgeted. FY16 budgeted revenues are 9.3% higher than forecasted. She explained that Federal and State revenues are forecasted to be 6.1% under budget due to timing of traffic count expenditures. Federal and State revenues budgeted in FY16 are 10.7% higher than forecast due to the addition of the Plan4Health Forestry and Bright 74 projects. Local Contracts budgeted in FY16 are higher than forecast due to the addition of the Bright 74 study and the anticipated next round of Hamilton County Emergency Management partnered activities. Contributed services are forecasted to be 14.1% over budget due to ODOT providing toll credits to match the Clean Air program in lieu of contributed services which were budgeted. Contributed services revenues budgeted in FY16 are 27.8% lower than forecasted due to completion of several New Freedom pass through projects offset by higher contributed services associated with the forestry program. She stated that fluctuations in excess contributed services are associated with the RideShare and Clean Air projects.

Ms. Nance reported that the FY15 budget included $135,500 use of fund balance. The FY15 forecast shows an $86,800 use of fund balance. This reduction in surplus usage is due to the management of the water program and timing of the traffic count project. The FY16 budget includes a $22,200 use of fund balance, primarily due to phase 2 of the traffic count project and addition of the forestry project, which are offset by toll credits provided by ODOT to match Land Use and Clean Air in FY16, which will result in a June 30, 2016 fund balance of $1,062,000. Ms. Nance reported that OKI continues to be on sound financial footing. She explained that, although a little lower than recent years, the fund balance is still within the $750,000-$1,000,000 guidance provided by the Budget Committee in the past.

Ms. Nance reported that the Capital Budget includes $12,000 to replace two older network servers, $32,000 to replace an older GPS unit and for a server recommended by ODOT to run the activity based travel model, $25,000 to replace the phone system and $7,875 to update the accounting software.

Ms. Nance announced that this is the 17th budget with the county contributions at $.33 per capita.

President Lynch reported that the Budget Committee is recommending approval of the Fiscal Year 2016 Operating and Capital Budgets.

Judge Pendery commended Ms. Nance for the fantastic job she does with the budget presentation, making it easy to understand.

Judge Moore noted that this is the 17th year in a row with the same assessment for local funding.

Mr. Humphrey moved that the Board of Directors approve Resolution OKI 2015-15 concerning the adoption of the Council Fiscal Year 2016 Operating and Capital Budgets. Mr. Fortune seconded the motion; motion carried.
ITEM #3: INTERMODAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Paine, staff, reported that the ICC met on Tuesday, June 9. The committee heard the details of Amendment #4 of the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan and recommends approval of Resolution 2015-16. He reported that the ICC also recommends approval of Resolution 2015-17 regarding Amendment #1 of the FY 2016-2019 TIP. He explained that the amendment includes the addition of projects to be funded with SNK and TA funds in Kentucky. In addition, the ICC recommends approval of Resolution 2015-18 which authorizes the Executive Director to execute a contract for the Bright 74 Corridor Study.

A. Amendment 4 – OKI 2040 Regional Transportation Plan

Mr. Koehler, staff, explained that the proposed amendment to the OKI 2040 Regional Transportation Plan would incorporate two projects. He provided an overview of those projects:

- Add Duck Creek Extension in Hamilton County – The proposal is to build a connection to Madison Road. The project is being advanced by the City of Cincinnati and developed by ODOT. The road is not of regional significance, which allows the previous air quality conformity to be used; however the road is important as it provides a new connection and allows the opportunity for economic development.

- Wasson Way Trail – The proposed trail will use the rail bed owned by Norfolk Southern. A funding package is being developed; however this action does not fund the project, it allows it to qualify for potential future federal funds. This trail will provide a good connection to the regional trail system.

Commissioner Portune commented that the regional impact of the Red Bank improvements is based on the strength of these recommendations and the Eastern Corridor program of projects. The Madisonville community is investing in the Medpace development which will create job opportunities. The roadway improvement described will provide additional access.

Commissioner Portune also pointed out that the Wasson Way project Record of Decision (ROD) includes the preservation of future rail development. The City of Cincinnati ensures both future rail and trail accommodations will be preserved. The Mayor has confirmed that the project will be done in a manner consistent with the ROD and MOU.

Mr. Mann moved that the Board of Directors approve Resolution 2015-16 regarding Amendment 4 of the OKI 2040 Regional Transportation Plan. Mr. Rogers seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. Amendment #1 of the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Paine reported that the FY 2016-2019 TIP will become effective July 1. He explained that Amendment 1 includes projects in Ohio and Indiana as well as the recent solicitation for projects in Northern Kentucky funded with SNK and TA federal funds. In Ohio, the addition of PE-RWS phase
for the Bramble/Plairville roundabout is included along with the deletion of the Lick Run project. In Indiana, nine maintenance projects are included in Dearborn County.

Mr. Paine reported that 12 applications for SNK funds were received for the approximately $15.8 million in federal funds that is available between fiscal years 2017 and 2019. He explained that the Prioritization Subcommittee met on May 12 to review the applications received. He provided a brief overview of each of the projects and presented the list of recommended projects totaling $15.2 million:

- TANK – Bus Replacements: 63 points
- Edgewood – Dudley Road Phase 2: 45 points
- Kenton County – Bromley Crescent Springs Road: 45 points
- Edgewood – Dudley Road Phase 2: 43 points
- Villa Hills – Buttermilk Pike: 42 points
- Covington – Johnson Road/Rivercenter Boulevard: 42 points
- KYTC – Dixie Hwy. in Ft. Mitchell: 40 points
- Newport – Riverfront Commons: 40 points
- Ludlow – Riverfront Commons: 39 points
- Covington – Latonia Avenue: 33 points
- Boone County – Camp Ernst Road: 31 points
- KYTC – Turfway Road: 29 points

Mr. Paine reported that the Environmental Justice Committee met and approved all of the SNK and TA applications.

Mr. O’Reilly asked whether the $30 million from the cancelation of the Lick Run project will remain in Hamilton County or the state. Mr. Paine explained that OKI funds used in the project total $12 million and those funds will remain in the region.

Ms. Jones reported that nine applications were received totaling $1,244,618 for $1,616,550 available TA funds for fiscal years 2016 through 2019. She provided an overview of each of the applications and the points that were awarded for each:

- Covington – Licking River Greenway: 73 points
- Boone County – Litton Lane Sidewalks: 65 points
- Florence – Weaver Road Sidewalks: 58 points
- Walton – Pedestrian Bridge: 55 points
- Covington – 6th District Sidewalks: 49 points
- Independence – Madison Pike Sidewalks: 47 points
- Dayton – 6th Street Sidewalk Widening: 42 points
- Newport – Red Bike: 40 points

Judge Moore commented about how we look at these projects from a technical aspect regarding congestion and the points and numbers associated with them, but he stressed the importance of these projects and how they touch lives. He explained that three of the projects on these lists in
the Boone County had a fatality in the last few years—on Litton Lane, a person using TANK was walking to their work and was struck and killed, and these sidewalks will help safety; the project submitted by the City of Florence on Weaver Road was just on the news a few months ago where a grandfather and his two grandchildren were struck and killed; and the project on Longbranch and Camp Ernst is near a site where a high school senior was killed in an auto accident just a few weeks ago. He reiterated that these projects touch lives and he thanked staff for the work they do.

Ms. Carran moved that the Board of Directors approve Resolution 2015-17 regarding the approval of Amendment #1 of the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Hubbard seconded the motion; motion carried.

C. Authorization to Enter into a Contract with a Consultant for the Bright 74 Corridor Study

Mr. Koehler reported that staff is moving forward with efforts related to the Bright 74 Corridor Study. A selection committee, comprised of representatives from the Dearborn County Commission, Dearborn County Engineer’s office, Indiana Department of Transportation and OKI, met on June 3 to interview the top three potential firms. He explained that this item will allow staff to begin negotiations with AECOM to assist staff in the conduct of the Bright 74 Corridor Study in an amount not to exceed $200,000.

Mr. Fortune moved that the Board of Directors approve Resolution 2015-18 providing authorization to enter into a contract with a consultant for the Bright 74 Corridor Study. Mr. Beckley seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #4: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RETAINING 4BIS.COM AS THE SUPPORT FOR THE COUNCIL COMPUTER ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Shuey, staff, explained that Resolution 2015-19 authorizes the Executive Director to retain 4BIS.com as OKI’s information technology consultant for Fiscal Year 2016 in an amount not to exceed $48,000.

He explained that OKI utilizes the services of a consultant as a cost effective method of maintaining our computer network. The consultant provides ongoing software and hardware technical support, working in the OKI office one day per week and is available 24/7 as needed.

Mr. Shuey stated that the high competency level of this consultant and their knowledge of complex technical networks leads staff to request authority to retain their professional services.

Mr. Humphrey moved that the Board of Directors approve Resolution 2015-19 regarding the authority to retain 4BIS.com as the support for the council computer administration. Ms. Matafia seconded the motion; motion carried.
ITEM #5: PROPOSED AMENDMENT #39 TO OKI'S WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Ms. Wittke, staff, explained that Amendment #39 is an update to the Ohio portion of the Water Quality Management Plan that revises Appendix B, a stream database that incorporates current information from many local, regional, state and national sources and is accompanied by a guide, a glossary and mapping. Ms. Wittke stated that state funding was used for this update.

Ms. Wittke reported that the revised database has been available for public review on the OKI website, that a public hearing opportunity was held on May 19 and that no negative comments were received.

Mr. Rogers said that a group had recently met with him and expressed concern about the frequency and criteria for water quality monitoring, and he asked if the stream database had anything to do with that. Ms. Wittke explained that because OKI is a planning agency, not a regulatory agency, and the frequency and criteria for water quality monitoring is regulated by the state, OKI’s stream database includes monitoring results reported by the state but does not affect how monitoring is conducted.

Mr. Brayshaw moved that the Board of Directors approve Resolution 2015-20 regarding Amendment #39 to OKI’s Water Quality Management Plan. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #6: PROPOSED AMENDMENT #40 TO OKI’S WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Ms. Wittke explained that one of the aspects of the Water Quality Management Plan involves identifying planning areas and management agencies for wastewater facilities such as sewers and treatment plants. OKI has conducted this planning since the 1970s, delineating the facility planning areas and designating the management agencies. She explained that Amendment #40 would recognize the transfer of the Village of Waynesville’s wastewater treatment plant and collection system to Warren County, thereby dissolving the Waynesville wastewater facility planning area (FPA) and its management by the Village and including the area in the Caesar Creek FPA managed by Warren County.

Ms. Wittke explained that there has been growth is the northeast portion of the county and more is anticipated. The village already serves this area through a sewer service agreement with the county, but would need to expand and improve their plant to accommodate the growth expected. The costs associated with expanding and improving the village’s plant, however, will be considerable, and the county has more resources to handle them. She explained that the transfer has been requested by both the village and the county.

Ms. Wittke stated that materials related to the proposed amendment have been available for review on OKI’s website and a public hearing on the proposed amendment was held on May 28. All comments received were supportive of the proposed amendment.
Mr. Hubbard moved that the Board of Directors approve Resolution 2015-21 regarding Amendment #40 to OKI’s Water Quality Management Plan. Ms. Matacic seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #7: CONSENT AGENDA

President Lynch stated that each month a written report of committee activities is mailed to the Board of Directors. This mailing included the May Consent Agenda Items.

Mr. Fortune moved that the Board of Directors approve the consent agenda as mailed. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion; motion carried.

There were no committee announcements and/or updates.

ITEM #8: OTHER BUSINESS

There was other business for discussion.

ITEM #9: ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Matacic moved that the Board of Directors meeting be adjourned. Mr. Bogard seconded the motion; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

KEVIN J. LYNCH, PRESIDENT

MARK R. POLICINSKI, SECRETARY

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