MEETING MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE
OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
NOVEMBER 13, 2014
10:30 A.M. – OKI BOARD ROOM

- Call to Order

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Judge Gary W. Moore, Boone County Fiscal Court
Mr. T. C. Rogers, Butler County Board of Commissioners
Judge Steve Pendery, Campbell County Fiscal Court
Mr. Ed Humphrey, Clermont County Board of Commissioners, Past President
Mr. Kevin Lynch, Dearborn County Board of Commissioners, Second Vice President
Ms. Kathy Binns, alternate for Todd Portune, Hamilton Co. Bd. of Commissioners, President
Judge Steve Arlinghaus, Kenton County Fiscal Court, First Vice President
Mr. David S. Mann, Cincinnati, Ohio
Mr. Terry Senger, Fairfield, Ohio
Mr. Robert M. Brown, Hamilton, Ohio
Mr. Larry Mulligan, Middletown, Ohio
Ms. Beth Fennell, Newport, Kentucky
Mr. James T. O’Reilly, Wyoming, Ohio
Mr. Josh Gerth, alternate for Russell L. Jackson, Anderson Township
Mr. David Linnenberg, Green Township
Mr. Karl B. Schultz, Miami Township
Mr. Mark Welch, West Chester Township
Ms. Christine Matacin, Butler County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks
Ms. Merrie Stillpass, alternate for David Okum, Hamilton Co. Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Dennis Andrew Gordon, Planning and Development Services of Northern Kentucky
Mr. Ken Bogard, Resident Member

Todd R. Portune
President
Mark R. Policinski
COO/Executive Director

Serving the Counties of: Boone, Butler, Campbell, Clermont, Dearborn, Hamilton, Kenton, Warren
Executive Committee Members (continued)
Mr. Todd W. Long, alternate for Bill Brayshaw, Resident Member
Mr. Roger Kerlin, alternate for Larry Maxey, Resident Member
Mr. V. Anthony Simms-Howell, Ohio Comm. on Hispanic/Latino Affairs, Resident Member
Mr. Ted B. Hubbard, Hamilton County Engineer
Mr. Jim Ude, Indiana Department of Transportation
Mr. Robert Hans, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Mr. Stefan Spinosa, alternate for Steve Mary, Ohio Department of Transportation
Mr. Darryl Haley, Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority
Mr. Andrew Aiello, alternate for Bill Voelker, Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky
Mr. Brad W. Williams, Butler County Regional Transit Authority

BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Charles Tassell, Deer Park, Ohio
Mr. Randy Shank, Harrison, Ohio
Mr. Christopher Reinersman, Independence, Kentucky
Mr. Stephen Kaiser, Lebanon, Ohio
Mr. Ted Phelps, Loveland, Ohio
Ms. Charlene Hinner, Milford, Ohio
Ms. Suzi Rubin, Monroe, Ohio
Mr. Greg Breetz, Boone County Planning Commission
Mr. Dwayne Boso, Clermont County Planning Commission
Mr. Mark McCormack, Dearborn County Plan Commission
Mr. Timothy Bachman, Fairfield (City) Planning Commission
Mr. Martin D. Kohler, Middletown (City) Planning Commission
Mr. Ralph B. Grieme, Jr., Resident Member
Mr. Roger Kerlin, Resident Member
Mr. Tom Voss, DHL, Resident Member

GUESTS

Mr. Kurt Seiler, representing Rich Cox, Mason, Ohio
Ms. Lanita Hanekamp, representing Chris Monzel, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners, Resident Member
Mr. David Spinney, Butler County TID
Mr. Jeff Wallace, Parsons Brinckerhoff
Ms. Laura Toole, FHWA-Kentucky
Mr. Skip Schulte, Citizen
Ms. Gweinverre Emery, City of Aurora
Ms. Cindy Wallace, TranSystems
Mr. Gordon Perry, City of Blue Ash
Mr. Michael Moore, City of Cincinnati
Ms. Marilyn Hyland, I&O/CIND Railroad
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            Mr. Mark Palne
Ms. Lorrie Platt             Mr. Travis Miller          Ms. Summer Jones
Ms. Florence Parker          Ms. Alex Barnes            Mr. David Shuey
Ms. Robyn Bancroft           Ms. Emi Randall           Mr. Andrew Rohne
Ms. Mary Luebbers            Ms. Jane Wittke            Mr. Bradley Mason

Mr. Chris Reinersman led the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Announcements

Second Vice President Lynch announced that President Portune was out of town and unable to attend the meeting. He 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

Second Vice President Lynch thanked all those who ran in the recent election and congratulated those who won. He commented that having choices is what makes our system work.

- Appointment of the 2015 Nominating Committee

Second Vice President Lynch stated that President Portune has recommended that the following individuals be appointed to the 2015 Nominating Committee:

Karl Schultz, Clermont County Township Association, Chair
Kevin Lynch, Dearborn County Board of Commissioners
Judge/Executive Gary Moore, Boone County Fiscal Court

Mr. Humphrey moved that the Executive Committee concur with the President’s recommendations. Ms. Matacic seconded the motion; motion carried.
• Cancellation of December 11, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting

Second Vice President Lynch stated that President Portune has recommended that the December 11, 2014 Executive Committee meeting be cancelled.

Judge Moore moved that the Executive Committee concur with the President’s recommendation. Mr. Rogers seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. Approval of October 9, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Second Vice President Lynch called for corrections and/or additions to the October 9, 2014 minutes of the Board of Directors meeting.

There being none, Mr. Bogard moved that the October 9, 2014 minutes of the Board of Directors meeting be approved as mailed. Ms. Matacic seconded the motion; motion carried.

C. Executive Director’s Report

Mr. Policinski reported that he had an opportunity to go to D.C. last week with the 15 largest COGs in the U.S. He explained that there are 350 across the country and not all belong to NARC. He highlighted a few points from their discussions:

• Everyone was floored by the fact that OKI’s Board has 118 members and almost always acts with consensus. Many COG Directors are fearful of their Board.
• Many COGs have the Governor appointing members to their Boards.
• COGs may do things in addition to what is done at OKI. Columbus has a staff three times larger than OKI’s. San Diego has taxing authority and controls all transit (light rail, rapid bus transit and trolley). However, they have problems getting their work force to work, many of which are Mexican Nationals, so they are working with Mexico to build their own border crossing.
• The state of Massachusetts has only one organization like OKI.
• In New England, there is only one association to which all seven states belong.
• Everyone is struggling for funding. Several charge for their services, they also charge their member jurisdictions.
• Everyone talked about jobs. California talked about the loss of jobs, which are Arizona and Texas’ gain. A number of high tech jobs are relocating. They are also losing manufacturing jobs to the Midwest.
• The real problem COGs are facing is age—how to attract young people and get them to stay. Most COGs were formed at the same time, in the mid-60s, so there are large numbers of individuals retiring at the same time.
• Relationships with some Departments of Transportation are difficult and the problems go back decades.
D. Legislative Update

Ms. Lorrie Platt, staff, provided an update about the 2014 mid-term elections. She reported that President Obama made the following statement after the Republicans won the Senate, "We all agree on the need to create more jobs that pay well. Traditionally both parties have been for creating jobs rebuilding our infrastructure—our roads, bridges, ports, waterways.” She stated the hope that this priority will carry into the next Congress.

Ms. Platt reported that the Republicans will control the Senate in the 114th Congress. Senate updates include:

- Senate Environment and Public Works Chairman Barbara Boxer (D-CA) will become Ranking Member.
- Senator Jim Inhofe (R-OK) will become the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee’s Chairman.
- Senate Commerce Committee Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) did not seek reelection. Ranking Member assuming his position has not been confirmed, but will most likely be Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL).
- Senate Commerce Committee Ranking Member John Thune (R-SD) will transition to the Chairman of the Committee in January.

House updates include:

- House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster (R-PA) maintained his seat and will continue as chairman.
- House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Ranking Member Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) lost his seat after serving 19 terms in Congress (since ’76).
- Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR), who is the next most senior Democrat has confirmed that he is interested in taking over as Ranking Member. In doing so, he would need to give up his leadership position on the Natural Resources Committee.

E. Finance Officer’s Report

Ms. Purcy Nance, staff, stated that the Finance Officer’s Report, dated November 13, 2014, was distributed around the table. She stated that the report is on the financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2014 and includes current cash information.

Ms. Nance stated that on page 2 is the current information. As of November 7, OKI had $261,163 in the PNC checking account, $8,199 in the HSA/FSA checking account and $603,111 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 as of September 30. Cash and Investments are up 47% from this time last year. She stated that Receivables are down
50% from this time last year due to the timing of routine invoices. At September 30, there were $446,000 in receivables, $440,000 associated with August and September invoices and $6,000 outstanding from July and earlier. She further stated that payables are up 61% or $42,000 from this time last year due to the timing of routine invoices.

Ms. Nance stated that on page 4 is the Revenue information. She reported that at September 30, OKI is 25% of the way through the budgeted year. Overall, revenues are at 24%, which is on budget.

Ms. Nance noted the following items: Federal revenues are ahead of budget due to the timing of the Solar Ready and New Freedom pass through projects; Local revenues are ahead of budget due to the timing of county funding payments; and 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 22%, which is on budget. Ms. Nance noted the following items: Category 4, Technical Consultants is behind budget due to the timing of the KY 536 study, Professional Services is behind budget due to the timing of the spring traffic data collection project and Marketing and Promotions is ahead of budget due to the seasonal nature of the Clean Air advertising campaign; Category 5, Equipment, Repairs and Maintenance is ahead of budget due to timing of maintenance contracts; and Category 6, Contributed Services are ahead of budget due to the overmatch received in the Clean Air program and timing of 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 increase of approximately $86,000 year to date. The two components of this increase are timing differences and year to date activities. The timing differences include: $118,000 increase due to timing of county funding payments and $34,000 decrease due to application of negotiated fringe and indirect rates. The remaining $2,000 increase is associated with year-to-date activities and timing of active projects. Resulting in a year to date fund balance of $1,257,000—of this amount, $296,000 is committed to active projects.

There being no discussion, Mr. Hubbard moved that the Executive Committee accept and file the Finance Officer’s Report dated November 13, 2014. Mr. Rogers seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #2: INTERMODAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Mark Paine, staff, reported that the ICC met on Wednesday, November 12 because of the Veterans Day holiday. The ICC heard Bob Koehler’s update on the Ohio Statewide CMAQ Program of Projects that will be presented next. Mr. Paine reported that the ICC recommended approval of three resolutions: Resolution 2014-30, Amendment #3 to the
OKI 2040 Regional Transportation Plan and 2014-31 and 32, amendments to the OKI FY 2014-2017 TIP.

A. Ohio CMAQ Program of Projects Update

Mr. Robert Koehler, staff, provided an update on the Ohio CMAQ program of projects. He explained that a committee of the eight large Ohio MPOs was formed as a state wide program called Ohio Statewide Urban CMAQ Committee (OSUCC). OKI staff has played a major role in this process. He explained that this is a Federal Highway Administration capital grant program for FY 2018, 2019 and 2020. The committee identified cost effectiveness in reducing congestion and vehicle emissions as a priority. They created a fair and consistent evaluation process to evaluate projects and make recommendations to the MPO Executive Directors who will consider the committee recommendations and select projects. By November 30, OSUCC will have identified the recommended program of projects submitted. OKI received 22 applications totaling $160 million requested--18 applications were scored with 4 being determined ineligible and 1 withdrawn. Mr. Koehler stated that the average OKI annual allocation prior to statewide program was approximately $10.6 million. The FY 2018 projects previously approved by the OKI Board will remain funded and counted against available funds ($8 million). He reported that statewide, 112 applications were received requesting $404 million with only $125 available.

Mr. Koehler presented the preliminary listing of OKI projects. He noted that while the order of projects has changed since September, the highest ranking projects still remain high on the list. He reported that the Executive Directors will meet in December to approve the list of projects.

B. Amendment 3 – OKI 2040 Regional Transportation Plan

Mr. Koehler, staff, presented Amendment 3 to the OKI 2040 Regional Transportation Plan. He explained that the purpose for Amendment 3 is to add the following projects: Clermont County: Clepper Lane Extension; Butler County: Yankee Road Relocation; Hamilton County: Elmore Connector in the City of Cincinnati and Thru the Valley (I-75) – Phase 5 (Shepherd to Galbraith). It will also update construction cost estimates in Ohio (identified thru the TRAC process), modify various projects in Northern Kentucky identified through the KYTC Six Year Plan update process, revise PID numbers, and adjust air quality analysis years for several projects throughout the region and other administrative revisions.

Mr. Koehler presented an overview of the project additions. He pointed out that both fiscal and air quality conformity are maintained for the 2040 Plan with these changes.

Mr. O’Reilly questioned whether the Thru the Valley project changes include any revisions to the Galbraith Road exit on northbound I-75. Mr. Spinosa confirmed that there are no changes to the Galbraith Road alternative.
Mr. Rogers moved that the Executive Committee approve Resolution OKI 2014-30 regarding Amendment 3 of the OKI 2040 Regional Transportation Plan. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion; motion carried.

C. Amendment #11-A of the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Paine explained that several of the projects in this Amendment require air quality analysis and several do not. FHWA requires 30 day review for air quality projects. He explained that if projects that do not require air quality analysis are included in the same resolution, they must also wait 30 days for the review. Therefore, FHWA suggested separating projects into two resolutions.

Mr. Paine explained that Amendment 11-A includes projects that do not require air quality analysis. Included are five highway projects in Ohio, three in Kentucky and one in Indiana. Also included are transit projects for BCRTA, MTS, OKI and SORTA. In Ohio, a project will be deleted at Madison/Kenwood which will free up $6.3 million in STP funds in FY 16 and 17. Also in Ohio the amendment will add be an additional $2.2 million to the right-of-way phase of the Western Hills Viaduct. In the transit section, Section 5310 funds for OKI will be included. He explained that in June, the Board approved OKI to be the Designated Recipient for the Section 5310 program and we have since received letters of approval from the Governors of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. In addition, OKI federal funds will be moved for SORTA from FY 17 to FY 15 to reduce carryover.

Ms. Matacic moved that the Executive Committee approve Resolution OKI 2014-31 regarding Amendment #11-A of the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion; motion carried.

D. Amendment #11-B of the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Paine explained that Amendment 11-B includes projects that require air quality analysis. Included in the amendment are 15 additional projects using OKI suballocated STP funds. He explained that the Board approved the list of STP projects in June. Since that time additional funds became available. Staff reviewed the project list and is recommending funding for SR 747 widening in Butler County from Princeton to Millikin Road and the Yankee Road relocation between Todhunter Road and Salzman Road, along with the Western Hills Viaduct project. He explained that the Yankee Road project had initially scored lower than the SORTA wheel truing application, but after further review there are numerous economic benefits with the Yankee Road project of which staff were not aware. Since the application was originally made to OKI, the project has continued to move forward and is now in final design. ODOT's Jobs and Commerce division has provided funds to the Butler County TID for final design because of the economic development impact of the project. This was not reflected in the original application. Since 2012, $190 million in investments have been made in the Yankee Road corridor in Middletown. Another
project with a $10 million investment has indicated the new roadway is critical to move the project forward. In addition, another project with $100 million in investments is under consideration for the corridor.

Mr. Hubbard moved that the Executive Committee approve Resolution OKI 2014-32 regarding Amendment #11-B of the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Matacic seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #5:      CONSENT AGENDA

Second Vice President Lynch stated that each month a written report of committee activities is mailed to the Board of Directors. He stated that this mailing includes the October Consent Agenda items.

Ms. Matacic moved that the Executive Committee approve the consent agenda as mailed. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #6:      OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business for discussion.

ITEM #7:      ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Matacic moved to adjourn the Executive Committee. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

KEVIN J. LYNCH, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

MARK R. POLICINSKI, SECRETARY

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