



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING  
APRIL 14, 2016  
EXHIBITS**

**10:30 A.M.**

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

**MARCH 10, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**



**MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
MARCH 10, 2016 - 10:30 A.M.  
OKI BOARD ROOM**

- Call to Order

President Lynch, noting that there was a quorum, called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. with the following members in attendance:

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. Kevin Lynch, Dearborn County Board of Commissioners, President  
Judge Gary W. Moore, Boone County Fiscal Court  
Judge Steve Pendery, Campbell County Fiscal Court  
Mr. T.C. Rogers, Butler County Board of Commissioners, First Vice President  
Mr. David Uible, alternate for Edwin H. Humphrey, Clermont County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Todd Portune, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners, Past President  
Judge Kris Knochelmann, Kenton County Fiscal Court, Second Vice President  
Mr. Michael Moore, alternate for David Mann, Cincinnati, Ohio  
Ms. Sherry Carran, Covington, Kentucky  
Mr. Timothy Bachman, alternate for Craig Keller, Fairfield, Ohio  
Mr. Jody Gunderson, alternate for Robert Brown, Hamilton, Ohio  
Ms. Dora Bronston, alternate for Larry Mulligan, Middletown, Ohio  
Ms. Beth Fennell, Newport, Kentucky  
Mr. Josh Gerth, Anderson Township  
Mr. David Linnenberg, Green Township  
Mr. Karl B. Schultz, Miami Township  
Mr. Cory Wright, alternate for Matthew Beamer, Union Township  
Mr. Mark Welch, West Chester Township  
Ms. Christine Matacic, Butler County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks  
Mr. Jonathan 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. Stan Williams, Warren County Regional Planning Commission  
Mr. Ken Bogard, Resident Member  
Mr. Bill Brayshaw, Resident Member  
Mr. Larry Maxey, Resident Member  
Mr. Kenneth F. Reed, Resident Member, Treasurer

*Kevin J. Lynch  
President*

*Mark R. Policinski  
CEO/Executive Director*

### **Executive Committee Members Continued**

Mr. Jim Ude, Indiana Department of Transportation  
Mr. Stefan Spinosa, alternate for Tammy Campbell, Ohio Department of Transportation  
Mr. Dwight Ferrell, Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority  
Mr. Andrew Aiello, Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky

### **BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Tom Adamec, Blue Ash, Ohio  
Mr. Charles Southall, Forest Park, Ohio  
Mr. Chris Reinersman, Independence, Kentucky  
Mr. John Armstrong, Indian Hill, Ohio  
Mr. Stephen Kaiser, Lebanon, Ohio  
Mr. Michael Steur, Madeira, Ohio  
Ms. Suzi Rubin, Monroe, Ohio  
Mr. Steve Dana, Oxford, Ohio  
Ms. Marjorie Harlow, Springdale, Ohio  
Ms. Cathy Flaig, Boone County Fiscal Court  
Mr. Taylor Corbett, Clermont County Planning Commission  
Mr. Mark McCormack, Dearborn County Plan Commission  
Mr. Mark Hult, Kenton County Planning Commission  
Mr. Timothy Bachman, Fairfield (City) Planning Commission  
Mr. Ralph Grieme, Resident Member  
Mr. Roger Kerlin, Resident Member  
Ms. Jill Meyer, Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber, Resident Member  
Mr. Tom Voss, Resident Member  
Mr. Todd Listerman, Dearborn County Engineer  
Mr. Neil Tunison, Warren County Engineer

### **GUESTS**

Mr. Bill Wells, Covington, Kentucky  
Mr. Hank Menninger, representing Randy Shank, Harrison, Ohio  
Mr. Kurt Seiler, representing Kathy Grossman, Mason, Ohio  
Mr. James Lukas, representing Kevin Hardman, Sharonville, Ohio  
Ms. Carly Stock, representing Dennis Deters, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners,  
Resident Member  
Ms. Lanita Havekamp, representing Chris Monzel, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners,  
Resident Member  
Mr. Steve McDevitt, Burgess & Niple  
Mr. Jeff Pietch, Carpenter Marty Trans.  
Mr. Wayne Bastin, Bastin & Co., LLC  
Mr. Tom Peck, Monroe Township  
Mr. Skip Schulte, Citizen  
Mr. Jay Hamilton, Mead & Hunt  
Ms. Cindy Wallace, TranSystems

**Guests Continued**

Mr. Nathan Pera, TranSystems  
Mr. David Wormald, AECOM  
Mr. Gary Mrozoka, AECOM  
Mr. P.J. Ginty, Warren County Regional Planning Commission  
Ms. Carrie Pastor, Chamber  
Mr. Keith Corman, K&M Corman Consultants  
Mr. Matt Obringer, WCRPC  
Mr. Gordon Perry, Blue Ash  
Mr. Jeff Wallace, PB

**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 Paine
Ms. Lorrie Platt	Mr. Bradley Mason	Mr. Travis Miller
Ms. Robyn Bancroft	Mr. Andrew Rohne	Mr. David Shuey
Ms. Alex Barnes	Ms. Mary Luebbbers	Ms. Florence Parker

Mr. Jim Ude led the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Announcements

President Lynch 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**

- Public Service Recognition

President Lynch provided a reminder that nominations for the Public Service Recognition award need to be submitted to Florence Parker by April 1. A Nomination Form was included in the mailout packet and copies were available on the back table. He pointed out that this year, typed statements about the nominee need only to be 25 words.

- Meeting Announcements

President Lynch announced that OKI will be hosting a workshop on March 24 to advance and support freight growth and opportunities. He explained that discussion will focus on the

development of an M-70 Coalition and the development of Marine Highway projects and other opportunities to strengthen ports and terminals along this corridor. Information was also provided in the mailout packet and on the back table.

B. Approval of February 11, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

President Lynch called for corrections and/or additions to the February 11, 2016 minutes of the Executive Committee meeting.

There being none, Mr. Bogard moved that the February 11, 2016 minutes of the Executive Committee meeting be approved as mailed. Mr. Reed seconded the motion; motion carried.

C. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Policinski introduced David Rutter, OKI's new Senior Planner.

Mr. Policinski reported that copies of CVG's most recent Talking Points were available on the back table for members' use when discussing transportation and economic development in the region.

Mr. Policinski provided an update on the FAST Act. He explained that the bill raised the amount of funding going toward transportation; however, he pointed out that this is a temporary fix. He showed a chart which depicted the shortfall in the Highway Trust Fund after the FAST Act transfers are spent. He explained that the country has five years to get Congress to establish a long-term fix for transportation infrastructure needs. However, he commented that in five years the country will have even more infrastructure problems than exist today.

Mr. Policinski reported that he was asked by Senator Portman to go to Washington to brief the Ohio and Kentucky Congressional delegation about the Brent Spence Bridge. Mr. Policinski explained that he thanked the offices for their support of the project through the past decade and provided them with an update about the project. He explained that the project is still moving forward—ODOT is the lead and is working on technical aspects of the project. He stated that when he met with the new Governor of Kentucky, the Governor expressed his support for the need for the project, but needs to study the best approach to getting it done. The Governor doesn't think that tolls are the best approach and would like to see if there are any changes that can be made and to determine a way to finance the project, with Ohio's sign-off on the approach. Mr. Policinski pointed out the project may lose an opportunity for funding through the transportation bill so they need to come up with a good solution. He reported that applications for the new Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects Program will be available beginning March 15 and due April 14. However, part of the application includes whether the project has a Finance Plan. There will be many other projects across the country competing for the funds that will have a unified finance source, which would put them ahead of the Brent Spence Bridge project.

Mr. Portune stated that when the OKI Officers traveled to Washington in February, the rules for the program had not yet been promulgated; he questioned whether they have since been

published. Mr. Policinski explained that the notice of funding came out in February. Although the application is not yet available, people are already putting their projects together.

Mr. Portune stated that they asked everyone they met with in Washington for the President's list of nationally significant projects. He explained that the list was shared by Senator Portman's office. Mr. Policinski asked Mr. Portune to share that list with him.

Judge Moore stated that it is his understanding that Secretary Foxx will put together the list of funding recipients for the new transportation programs. He asked whether the lists will be approved by both Houses. Mr. Policinski explained that they will either accept or reject the lists, in total. Judge Moore commented that he met with Secretary Foxx while at the NACO conference and the Secretary is aware of the Brent Spence Bridge project.

Mr. Rogers questioned whether the President is trying to get projects selected before the end of his term. Mr. Policinski pointed out even though the funding appropriation is broken down over five years, there is a possibility that all of the funds could be set on a course through the first year appropriation, but that is not what he is hearing. The funding will be broken down \$800 million the first year and then increased by \$50 million each of the remaining four years, totaling \$1 billion the fifth year. Mr. Rogers pointed out that if, however, a list is being developed this first year and then not altered, it may be to the advantage of the OKI region that it be voted down. Mr. Policinski explained that it is his understanding that it is a competitive process and projects will need to reapply every year.

D. Legislative Update

The legislative update was covered under the Executive Director's report.

E. Finance Officer's Report

Ms. Purcy Nance, staff, reported that the Finance Officer's Report, dated March 10, 2016, was distributed around the table. She explained that the report is on the financial statements for the period ended January 31 and includes current cash information.

Ms. Nance referred members to page 2 for the current information. As of March 4, OKI had \$712,779 in the PNC checking account, \$16,063 in the HSA/FSA checking account and \$400,289 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 January 31. She reported that Cash and Investments are down 5% from this time last year. Receivables are down 4% from this time last year. Ms. Nance reported that as of January 31, there were \$851,000 in receivables, all associated with December and January invoices. She further stated that payables are up 1.4% or \$924 from this time last year.

Ms. Nance stated that Revenue information is located on page 4. She reported that as of January 31, OKI is 58% of the way through the budgeted year. Overall, revenues are at 55%, which is on budget. She noted the following items: Federal revenues are behind budget due to the timing of project award and contract execution for the Forestry project as well as the timing and administration of FTA projects; Miscellaneous revenues are ahead of budget due to the timing of OKI's annual meeting; and Contributed Services are behind of budget due to timing of FTA and U.S. Forestry projects and the seasonal nature of the Clean Air marketing campaign.

Ms. Nance stated that page 5 contains Expense information. She reported that Overall Expenses are at 54%, which is on budget. Ms. Nance noted the following items: Category 2, Fringe Benefits is behind budget due to the savings experienced on health insurance renewals; Category 3, Travel, Subsistence and Professional Development is behind budget due to the timing of budgeted activities; and Category 6, Contributed Services is behind budget due to the timing of FTA and U.S. Forestry projects and the seasonal nature of the Clean Air marketing 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 \$34,000 year to date. The two components of this increase are timing differences and year to date activities. The timing differences include a \$148,000 increase due to the timing of county funding payments and a \$131,000 decrease due to the application of negotiated fringe and indirect rates. The remaining \$17,000 increase is associated with year-to-date operations and timing of active projects. This results in a year to date fund balance of \$1,099,000, of this amount \$290,000 is committed to active projects.

There being no further discussion, Judge Moore moved that the Executive Committee accept and file the Finance Officer's Report dated March 10, 2016. Ms. Maticic seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #2: PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2015 AUDIT REPORT BY BASTIN & COMPANY, INDEPENDENT AUDITOR OF THE COUNCIL

Mr. Wayne Bastin, Bastin & Co. LLC, reported that this was the seventh audit he has provided for OKI under agreement with the Auditor of State.

OKI's independent audit is available on the State's website. The audit was submitted in November and focuses on four segments—Audit of the Financial Statements and Supplemental Data, Evaluation of Internal Controls as they relate to the Financial Statements, Material Laws and Regulations and the Single Audit Act. Mr. Bastin reported that each of the sections had no findings and no exceptions. Mr. Bastin concluded that it was a clean audit, and has been for the past seven years. He stated that he appreciates the structure and controls OKI's accounting office has in place and thanked Purcy Nance and staff for their assistance with the audit. Mr. Bastin reported that the Auditor of State has not issued awards in the past, but this year they issued an award to OKI for Excellence in Financial Reporting.



Mr. Reed moved that the Executive Committee accept and file the Fiscal Year 2015 Audit Report. Mr. Rogers seconded the motion; motion carried.

President Lynch recognized Purcy Nance and the Finance Office staff for the work they do. They received a round of applause.

ITEM #3: 2040 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2016 UPDATE PRESENTATION #6

Mr. Bob Koehler, staff, explained that last month a Preliminary DRAFT Project List was released for review. He reported that several comments were received from both ICC and Board members. These comments were included in the mailout along with the disposition and/or response action taken by staff. Mr. Koehler expressed his appreciation for the input received to date.

Mr. Koehler explained that as a result of the comments and the continuing staff evaluation and refinement of the scoring components, the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan DRAFT Project List is being presented for review.

Mr. Koehler reported that he also had the opportunity to refine the fiscal constraint figures to account for the unfunded construction phase of certain Ohio projects in the TIP. He explained that this means that the amount of funds available for discretionary projects in Ohio is slightly reduced. Mr. Koehler stated that he also made an adjustment to account for a modest increase associated with the regionally significant freight funding anticipated to come to the region from the new FAST funding sources.

The process started with 520 projects. With input received, 240 projects were identified as low priority or not a priority by local communities, and therefore were not scored. The remaining, approximately 280, projects were put through the Board-approved OKI Project Prioritization Process. He pointed out that each state is handled separately for fiscal constraint reasons.

Mr. Koehler reported that the draft list of projects is available on OKI's website in both a map and list format. He explained that staff is seeking comments and consent to begin public outreach to gather the public's input. He explained that the next steps are to begin the coding of networks in preparation of air quality conformity.

Ms. Robyn Bancroft, staff, presented the public outreach efforts. She explained that with the Executive Committee's concurrence, the draft list will be posted on OKI's website. She reported that great results were received from the survey over the winter, with over 2,300 people completing a survey. She stated that staff prepared a public involvement summary report which is currently available on OKI's website. The report includes a copy of every open comment received. Ms. Bancroft explained that the input is very reflective of the overall demographics for the region. She showed several charts illustrating where people surveyed live and work and how they travel. She explained that there were five overwhelming themes to issues that the public shared, those are broken down in the report, along with a summary of how the project list reflects those comments. She thanked OKI's Communications Department for their efforts with generating the public's input.

Ms. Bancroft reminded the committee that OKI staff will not be holding the traditional public open houses. In the past, they have held eight open houses—one in every member county. For this update, staff is focusing on driving people to OKI’s website. She stated that she would like to again enlist the help of the Board by asking that members continue to talk about the Plan update in their social media efforts. Staff is also finding existing events in the community that are relevant to the Plan. She reported that two events have been pinpointed to date—Cincinnati Neighborhood Summit on March 12 and Eat Healthy Northern Kentucky Food Summit on March 28. An email was sent inviting the Board to volunteer for these events. Those interested should contact Lorrie Platt.

Mr. Portune asked the deadline for input. Ms. Bancroft and Mr. Koehler explained that there is not a set deadline, however, it would be helpful to receive any comments as soon as possible. They also asked that when providing input, the project ID number be referenced.

Mr. Portune moved to concur with staff recommendations. Ms. Maticic seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #4: INTERMODAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Mark Paine, staff, reported that the ICC met on March 8. The ICC heard update #6 of the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Update. The committee also approved Administrative Modification #6 of the OKI TIP which included minor changes to two highway projects in Ohio, one sidewalk project in Kentucky, one sidewalk project in Indiana and minor funding changes to several planning activities that OKI will undertake in Fiscal Year 2017. Mr. Paine pointed out that there was also one transit project related to the Section 5310 program. He reported that the ICC recommends approval of Resolution 2016-04—Amendment #7 of the OKI FY 2016-2019 TIP.

Mr. Paine reported that after the ICC meeting, OKI hosted a workshop for applicants seeking STP/SNK or TA federal funds. Over 70 people attended the workshop and were provided instructions on how to complete applications which are due May 31. The applications recommended for funding will be reviewed by the Prioritization Subcommittee in September, the ICC in October and will be presented to the Board of Directors in October.

A. Amendment #7 of the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Paine reported that the amendment reflected in the proposed resolution lists three highway projects in Ohio and three highway projects in Indiana that are recommended for addition, revision or deletion in the current TIP. Mr. Paine highlighted the proposed changes. Two of the highway projects in Ohio involve the widening of Old State Route 74 in Clermont County and the third includes two bridge rehabilitations on US 50—one over the Great Miami River near Cleves and the other connecting Fifth Street with Columbia Parkway. He stated that there are also three bridge deck overlay projects in Dearborn County—SR 1, U.S. 50 and St. Peters Road. He displayed maps showing the proposed changes.

Mr. Brayshaw moved that the Executive Committee approve Resolution 2016-04 regarding Amendment #7 to the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program. Judge Knochelmann seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #5:     CONSENT AGENDA

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 February Consent Agenda items.

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

ITEM #6:     OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Policinski reported that he is working to have a presentation at the April Board Meeting regarding autonomous vehicles. He explained that Ohio State University is on the cutting edge and are working with Honda. This technology was the cover story this week for both Time and Newsweek.

ITEM #7:     ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Reed moved to adjourn the Executive Committee. Ms. Maticic seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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**KEVIN J. LYNCH, PRESIDENT**

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**MARK R. POLICINSKI, SECRETARY**

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Transcribed: 3/22/2016



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## Board of Directors/Executive Committee Member Attendance

2016		1/14/16	2/11/16	3/10/16	4/14/16	5/12/16	6/9/16	7/14/16	8/11/16	9/8/16	10/13/16	11/10/16	12/8/16
		Board	EC	EC	Board	EC	EC	Board	EC	EC	Board	EC	EC
<b>Member Counties</b>													
Boone County Fiscal Court	Gary W. Moore* (Jeff Earlywine)	E	✓	✓									
Butler County Board of Comm.	T.C. Rogers* (David Fehr)	✓	✓	✓									
Campbell County Fiscal Court	Steve Pendery* (Matt Elberfeld)	✓	✓	✓									
Clermont County Board of Comm.	Edwin H. Humphrey* (David Uible)	E	E	A									
Dearborn County Board of Comm.	Kevin Lynch* (Mark McCormack)	✓	✓	✓									
Hamilton County Board of Comm	Todd Portune* (Kathy Binns)	✓	E	✓									
Kenton County Fiscal Court	Kris Knochelmann* (Joe Shriver)	✓	E	✓									
Warren County Board of Comm.	David G. Young* (Martin Russell)	E	E	E									
<b>Municipalities with Population over 5,000</b>													
Alexandria, Kentucky	William Rachford												
Bellevue, Kentucky	Edward M. Riehl												
Blue Ash, Ohio	Thomas C. Adamec	✓	✓	✓									
Cheviot, Ohio	James Sunderhaus	✓											
Cincinnati, Ohio	David S. Mann* (Michael Moore)	R	A	A									
Cold Spring, Kentucky	David Penque												
Covington, Kentucky	Sherry Carran* (Bill Wells)	✓	✓	✓									
Dayton, Kentucky	Joseph Neary												
Deer Park, Ohio	Charles Tassell	✓	✓										
Edgewood, Kentucky	Nancy Atkinson	E											
Elsmere, Kentucky	Marty Lenhof												
Erlanger, Kentucky	Tom Cahill, Jr.	✓											
Fairfield, Ohio	Craig Keller* (Tim Bachman)		E	A									
Florence, Kentucky	Gary Winn	✓											
Forest Park, Ohio	Charles Southall	✓	✓	✓									
Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky	Kim Nachazel	✓											
Ft. Thomas, Kentucky	Roger Peterman	✓											
Ft. Wright, Kentucky	Bernie Wessels												
Hamilton, Ohio	Robert Brown* (Jody Gunderson)	E	✓	✓									

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		Board	EC	EC	Board	EC	EC	Board	EC	EC	Board	EC	EC
Harrison, Ohio	Randy Shank	✓		R									
Highland Heights, Kentucky	Gregory Meyers												
Independence, Kentucky	Christopher Reinersman	✓	E	✓									
Indian Hill, Ohio	John Armstrong	✓	✓	✓									
Lebanon, Ohio	Stephen Kaiser	✓		✓									
Loveland, Ohio	Pamela Gross		✓										
Madeira, Ohio	Michael Steur		✓	✓									
Mason, Ohio	Kathy Grossmann	R	✓	R									
Middletown, Ohio	Larry Mulligan* (Dora Bronston)	E	A	A									
Milford, Ohio	Laurie Howland	E	E										
Monroe, Ohio	Suzi Rubin	✓	✓	✓									
Montgomery, Ohio	Chris Dobrozsi	E	E										
Mt. Healthy, Ohio	Jennifer Moody												
Newport, Kentucky	Beth Fennell* (Greg Tulley)	E	E	✓									
North College Hill, Ohio	Sean Feeney		✓										
Norwood, Ohio	James Bonsall	✓	✓										
Oxford, Ohio	Steve Dana	✓	✓	✓									
Reading, Ohio	Bob Ashbrock	✓											
Sharonville, Ohio	Kevin Hardman	R	R	R									
Springdale, Ohio	Marjorie Harlow	✓	✓	✓									
Taylor Mill, Kentucky	Dan Bell	✓											
Trenton, Ohio	Richard Miller	✓											
Union, Kentucky	Bryan Miller												
Villa Hills, Kentucky	Irvin T. "Butch" Callery												
Wyoming, Ohio	Jim O'Reilly* (Lynn Tetley)	✓	✓	E									
<b>Board of Townships over 40,000</b>													
Anderson Township	Josh Gerth* (Andrew Pappas)	✓	✓	✓									
Colerain Township	Jeff Ritter* (Frank Birkenhauer)	E											
Green Township	David Linnenberg* (Adam Goetzman)	R	✓	✓									

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		Board	EC	EC	Board	EC	EC	Board	EC	EC	Board	EC	EC
Miami Township	Karl B. Schultz* (Jeff Wright)	✓	✓	✓									
Union Township	Matthew Beamer* (Cory Wright)	R	A	A									
West Chester Township	Mark Welch* (Michael Juengling)	E	E	✓									
<b>Board of Township Trustees Under 40,000</b>													
Butler County Assoc. of TT&C	Christine Matacic* (Tom Willsey)	✓	✓	✓									
Clermont Co. Township Assoc.	Gregory W. Carson	✓											
Hamilton Co. Township Assoc.	Thomas Weidman												
Warren County Assoc. of TT&C	Jonathan D. Sams*	✓	✓	✓									
<b>Public Officials from Kentucky and Indiana</b>													
Boone County Fiscal Court	Cathy H. Flaig	✓	✓	✓									
Campbell County Fiscal Court	Brian Painter* (Charlie Coleman)		✓	✓									
Dearborn Co. Council Member	Liz Morris	✓	E	E									
Kenton County Fiscal Court	Joseph Nienaber												
<b>County Planning Commissions</b>													
Boone County Planning Comm.	Greg Breetz	✓	✓										
Butler County Planning Comm.	David C. Fehr	E											
Campbell County P&Z Comm.	Michael Williams												
Clermont Co. Planning Comm.	Taylor Corbett	✓	✓	✓									
Dearborn County Plan Comm.	Mark McCormack	✓	✓	✓									
Hamilton Co. Reg. Plng. Comm.	David Okum* (Merrie Stillpass)	✓	✓	✓									
Kenton County Planning Comm.	Marc Hult	✓	✓	✓									
PDS of Kenton County	Dennis Andrew Gordon* (Emi Randall)	✓	✓	✓									
Warren Co. Reg. Ping. Comm.	Stan Williams* (Daniel Geroni)	✓	A	✓									
<b>Planning Commissions 40,000 or More Population</b>													
Cincinnati (City) Plng. Comm.	Charles Graves	✓	✓										
Fairfield (City) Plng. Comm.	Timothy Bachman	E	E	✓									
Hamilton (City) Plng. Comm.	Jody Gunderson	E											
Middletown (City) Plng. Comm.	Ashley Combs												

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		Board	EC	EC	Board	EC	EC	Board	EC	EC	Board	EC	EC
<b>Residents</b>													
Dearborn Co. Twp. Assn.	Craig Beckley	✓											
Resident Member	Ken Bogard* (Jung-Han Chen)	✓	✓	✓									
Resident Member	Bill Brayshaw* (Todd Long)	✓	✓	✓									
Butler Co. Board of Comm.	Cindy Carpenter												
Resident Member	David Ginsburg	✓											
No. KY Chamber of Commerce	Trey Grayson												
Resident Member	Ralph B. Grieme, Jr.	✓	✓	✓									
Hamilton Co. Board of Comm.	Dennis Deters	✓	✓	R									
Resident Member	Roger Kerlin	✓	✓	✓									
Dearborn Co. Chamber of Comm.	Eric Kranz	✓											
Resident Member	Larry Maxey* (Roger Kerlin)	✓	✓	✓									
Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber	Jill Meyer		R	✓									
Hamilton Co. Board of Comm.	Chris Monzel	R		R									
Resident Member	Pamela Mullins	✓											
Resident Member	Kenneth F. Reed*	✓	✓	✓									
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OH Comm on Hispanic/Latino Affai	V. Anthony Simms-Howell* (Michael Flore	✓	✓	E									
Warren Co. Board of Comm.	Pat Arnold South												
Clermont Co. Board of Comm.	David Uible	✓											
Resident Member	Thomas Voss	✓	✓	✓									
<b>Other Elected Officials and Persons Responsible to Elected Officials or from Special Purpose Districts</b>													
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									
Clermont County Board of Comm.	Robert Proud												

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## Board of Directors/Executive Committee Member Attendance

<b>2016</b>		1/14/16	2/11/16	3/10/16	4/14/16	5/12/16	6/9/16	7/14/16	8/11/16	9/8/16	10/13/16	11/10/16	12/8/16
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Kentucky State Representative	Sal Santoro	E		E									
Warren County Engineer	Neil Tunison	✓		✓									
Butler County Engineer	Gregory Wilkins												
<b>Voting Ex-Officio Members</b>													
Indiana Department of Trans.	Jim Ude* (Terry Summers)	✓	✓	✓									
Kentucky Trans. Cabinet	Robert A. Hans* (Carol Callan-Ramler)	✓	A	E									
Ohio Department of Trans.	Tammy Campbell* (Stefan Spinosa)	R	✓	A									
SW Ohio Reg. Transit Authority	Dwight A. Ferrell* (Darryl Haley)	E	✓	✓									
Transit Authority of No. KY	Andrew Aiello* (Ed Kuehne)	✓	✓	✓									
Butler Co. Reg. Transit Authority	Bradley Williams* (Matt Dutkevica)		✓										

Voting Members	<b>64</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>
Board Members at Ex Comm		<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>
Representatives (EC or Board)	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total Board Attendance/Representec</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>57</b>
Excused Absence	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>
Total # Guests	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>

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# **EXHIBIT 2-A**

**TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES FOR THE OKI OFFICE**

**ITEM #2-A:**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATING ENTERING A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CINCINNATI BELL TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

**BACKGROUND:**

The Council presently utilizes a 30 Megabit fiber connection from Cincinnati Bell for internet connectivity. Demand for additional internet bandwidth continues to increase on an annual basis. Increased demand has come from several sources, including increased traffic to the OKI web site, increased File Transfer Protocol (FTP) activity, expanded OKI web mapping applications (TIP On Demand, OKI Traffic Counts and RAVEN911), increased e-mail volumes, increasing social media usage and online training/webinars.

OKI is currently utilizing a phone system that is 20+ years old and it is becoming increasingly difficult and costly to locate replacement parts for this system. OKI included \$25,000 in the current fiscal year budget to replace this aging system.

After consulting with our telecomm broker, MTCi, staff concluded the best path forward would be to increase the bandwidth of our existing fiber connection to 50 Megabits and move to a hosted IP phone system. This switch requires no upfront cash outlay and only increases the monthly telecomm payment by approximately \$170; which is approximately \$10,200 over the 5 year agreement. MTCi evaluated numerous providers and service options and Cincinnati Bell provided the best price and service. This will enable OKI to continue with the same reliable fiber connection which provides a scalable solution for the future. By remaining with Cincinnati Bell as the Council's provider of telecommunication services, the Council will save a month of double billing and not incur any additional related IT switch over expenses.

OKI Resolution 2016-05 requests authorization from the Executive Committee to enter a 5 year service agreement with Cincinnati Bell to provide telecom services to the Council.

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Adoption of OKI Resolution 2016-05

**RESOLUTION**

**OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH  
CINCINNATI BELL TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments has a need for increased telecom connectivity and a new IP phone system; and

**WHEREAS**, Cincinnati Bell provides competitively priced telecom services and hosted IP phone systems: Now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments at its April 14, 2016 meeting, authorizes the Executive Director to execute a contract with Cincinnati Bell to provide telecom services, including telephone, internet and a hosted IP phone system, for a five year period beginning May 2016; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Executive Committee authorizes the Executive Director to take any other actions necessary to fulfill the intent of this Resolution.

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**KEVIN J. LYNCH, PRESIDENT**

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# **EXHIBIT 5**

**FISCAL YEAR 2017 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

**ITEM #5:**

**FISCAL YEAR 2017 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

**BACKGROUND:**

The enclosed exhibit, Unified Planning Work Program FY 2017 - Executive Summary, describes each of the main categories of planning activity to be undertaken by OKI in the coming year, along with a budget for accomplishing the work.

In order to obtain the funding necessary to operate for the coming year from the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the Indiana Department of Transportation, OKI prepares an annual program of work activities consistent with mandated functions and emphasis areas defined by the various funding agencies.

The draft work program for FY 2017 has been reviewed by appropriate state and federal agencies. Approval of the work program by the OKI Board of Directors is necessary for OKI to be funded for the coming year.

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

Approval of Resolution OKI 2016-06

**EXHIBIT:**

Resolution OKI 2016-06

*OKI FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program Executive Summary*

**RESOLUTION**  
**OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE**  
**OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**CONCERNING APPROVAL OF THE**  
**OKI UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017**

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments has prepared a Unified Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2017 in defining a scope of work to meet the needs of this region for which funding can be sought from the United States Department of Transportation, the State of Ohio, the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the State of Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the Unified Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2017 has been reviewed by appropriate state and federal agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Unified Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2017 hereby certifies that all requirements of 23 CFR, Part 450 relating to the Urban Transportation Planning Process have been met: Now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments at its regular public meeting of April 14, 2016, hereby approves the OKI Unified Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2017.

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**KEVIN J. LYNCH, PRESIDENT**

*Refer to FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program Executive Summary*

# **EXHIBIT 6-A**

**CERTIFICATION OF THE URBAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING  
PROCESS**



**ITEM #6-A: CERTIFICATION OF THE URBAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS**

**DESCRIPTION:** Each year OKI is required to affirm that the regional transportation planning process is being carried out in conformance with all applicable federal regulations.

**BACKGROUND:** Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) must remain certified in order to be able to continue to receive federal funding to conduct the necessary regional transportation planning called for as part of the Federal-Aid Highway Program. This activity is what maintains the region's eligibility for federal funding assistance for highway and transit projects. The planning process is governed by many federal regulations, and each year the OKI Board of Directors is asked to endorse staff's affirmation that OKI efforts satisfy all such requirements. In addition, every fourth year representatives from the applicable federal agencies must conduct an on-site, in-depth review of the MPO's adherence to all statutory and regulatory requirements. In December, 2012 such a review concluded that OKI was meeting all such requirements.

Based on this certification review, the OKI transportation planning process is found to meet the requirements of the metropolitan planning regulations as proscribed in 23 CFR 450. As such, the Certification Review Team certifies the planning process for the Cincinnati, Ohio TMA without conditions.

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Adoption of Resolution OKI 2016-07

**EXHIBIT:** Resolution OKI 2016-07 Concerning Certification of the Urban Transportation Planning Process

**RESOLUTION**

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

**CONCERNING CERTIFICATION OF THE**  
**URBAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS**

**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 Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) in cooperation with locally elected officials in the Cincinnati, Middletown urbanized areas as evidenced in the Agreement, number 3206, between ODOT and OKI dated July 1, 1979 and the Agreement between KYTC and OKI dated July 1, 1983 encompassing the Counties of Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren in the State of Ohio, and Boone, Campbell and Kenton in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and Dearborn County, Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal regulations pertaining to Urban Transportation Planning, published as 23 CFR 450.334, require the MPO, ODOT, KYTC and INDOT to certify that the transportation planning process cooperatively conducted is in conformance with the regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal regulations also require that the metropolitan transportation planning process be carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements including:

1. 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135, 49 USC 5303-5304, and 23 CFR Part 450;
2. Section 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (if applicable), and 40 CFR Part 93;
3. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Title VI assurance, and 49 CFR Part 21;
4. 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age in employment or business opportunity;
5. Section 1101(b) of FAST Act (P.L. 114-357) and 49 CFR Part 26 regarding involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in US DOT funded planning projects;
6. 23 CFR Part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
7. Americans with Disabilities Act and US DOT regulations governing transportation for people with disabilities (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR Parts 27, 37, and 38;
8. Older Americans Act, as amended, prohibiting the discrimination on the basis of age in program and activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
9. Section 324 of title 23 USC regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender;
10. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and 49 CFR Part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and

11. All other applicable provisions of Federal law (e.g., while no longer specifically noted in a self-certification, prohibition of use of federal funds for "lobbying" still applies and should be covered in all grant agreement documents - see 23 CFR 630.112).

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Transportation conducted an on-site certification review at the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments offices in December 2012, and issued a subsequent finding, including five commendations, that the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments was fully certified as meeting all pertinent requirements: Now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments, at its regular public meeting of April 14, 2016 certifies, in consideration of the requirements listed herein and to the degree appropriate for the size of the area and the complexity of its transportation problems, that the urban transportation planning process is being carried out in conformance with all the applicable federal requirements.

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**KEVIN J. LYNCH, PRESIDENT**

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# **EXHIBIT 7**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**DATE: APRIL 6, 2016**

**TO: OKI BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**FROM: KEVIN J. LYNCH, 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 April 14, 2016 Board of Directors 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)

March 16, staff facilitated the Environmental Consultations session engaging land use and environmental agencies to discuss and identify major concerns regarding regionally significant environmental resources and to provide feedback on the draft 2040 Regional Transportation Plan project list. A key theme of the session included best practices for addressing stormwater management. During the session, SD 1 provided a presentation on innovative watershed monitoring and planning work they are leading in Northern Kentucky and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry presenting information on the current threats to our region's tree canopy.

In March, staff continued dissemination of the newly published 'Elements of an Effective Comprehensive Plan' document to communities in the region. On March 18, staff provided copies of the document at the OKI Planning Directors' Network.

Staff assisted the Kenton County Plan4Health Coalition in the promotion of the March 28 Food Summit and continued administrative responsibilities related to the APA Plan4Health grant award through March. Staff finalized preparations for presenting information on this project at the 2016 National American Planning Association conference scheduled for April 2.

Through March, staff led efforts related to the 2016 update of the OKI Coordinated Plan. A public survey targeted to people with specialized transportation needs was conducted. 38 individuals representing more than a dozen transportation and social service agencies attended a public

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President

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CEO/Executive Director

meeting facilitated by OKI staff on March 10 which engaged and received additional input from those providing, using, or otherwise interested in specialized transportation services for people with disabilities and the elderly.

2. Regional Greenspace Office

Staff: Margo Lindahl (513-619-7677) [mlindahl@oki.org](mailto:mlindahl@oki.org)

OKI convened a session on March 16 that involved state and local agencies in environmental consultations on the development of the 2040 transportation plan update (previous involvement opportunities were a webcast for reviewing “Regionally Significant Resources” and an online survey about transportation’s effects on environmental resources). At the session, participants provided review and comment on individual transportation projects, learned the results of the earlier survey, considered modifications to the list of “major environmental concerns,” and commented on presentations about new challenges to trees and streams (related to stormwater impacts). The session was followed by an email request to all consultation participants for additional comment.

In preparation for the consultations session, staff finalized a power point presentation on survey results, coordinated the development of a transportation project list version and Viewer map layer for use in the consultations and prepared materials for the general session and for the project review process breakout sessions. Post-session, staff documented comments and discussion from the general session and amended the project list to include review comments and to list the potentially affected environmental resources per individual project. Staff summarized the consultations process and results for inclusion in the 2040 plan.

Staff documented participation in each step of the consultations process (webcast, survey, session). All together, 33 local agencies and 17 state agency divisions were involved in the consultations (72 individuals). Consultation participants represented every state and county in the region and provided insights and perspectives from a broad and diverse range of environmental and planning expertise.

For Taking Root, staff participated in the Steering Committee meeting on March 22, provided review and comment on a major grant application, and continued to coordinate with Taking Root’s Executive Director. (Taking Root is a campaign to address the need to retain forested area, which is a major issue identified in environmental consultations on the transportation plan.) For the ongoing update of the GIS file on Parks, Preserves and Protected Lands, data was obtained for Hamilton County and Cincinnati parks.

March 17, staff facilitated the US Forestry Stormwater Guide monthly project partners meeting. Through March, partner Centerline Strategies conducted professional phone interviews with public works and community engineers from localities across the nation. Input on the current level of use of trees in stormwater management and their individual perceptions of this as a BMP was gauged. Information will be used to inform how the Guide is prepared. An agenda and other materials were prepared for the Advisory Committee kick off meeting scheduled for April 20.

3. Water Quality Program  
Staff: Bruce Koehler (ext. 112), [bkoehler@oki.org](mailto:bkoehler@oki.org)  
Travis Miller (ext. 110), [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 enabled OKI staff's review of a Hampton Inn sanitary sewer extension project in Deerfield Township by the Warren County Water & Sewer Department in collaboration with the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati, which will treat the sewage. Staff found the project to be consistent with *the Water Quality Management Plan for Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, and Warren Counties, Ohio* (OKI, November 2015 update).

Also during March, staff researched records and conferred with Ohio EPA before advising the Warren County Regional Planning Commission and Warren County Sanitary Engineer that a subdivision's proposed on-site wastewater treatment system would not be subject to consistency review because it will be privately owned. Section 208 consistency reviews pertain to publicly-owned treatment works. A developer has proposed on-site wastewater treatment for the Ratliff & Pendragon subdivision in Union Township near South Lebanon. After a March 10 meeting with Warren County Regional Planning Commission staff members, OKI found and sent them a link to the National Small Flows Clearinghouse, a federally funded online service to provide technical guidance on alternative wastewater collection and treatment.

OKI's Water Quality Program staff collaborated with OKI's geographic information system staff and communications staff to create public notice and public hearing documents for a proposed Water Quality Management Plan Amendment scheduled for April 18. If approved, the amendment will revise Facility Planning Area boundaries to allow the City of Lebanon to receive and treat wastewater from the Highlands at Heritage Hills development in Union Township, Warren County. The City of Lebanon, City of Mason and Warren County Commissioners have agreed upon this.

Staff established procedures and created files for keeping track of Ohio EPA's permits to install wastewater infrastructure because these projects may later generate requests for Section 208 consistency reviews. Seven permitted installation projects were put on tracking status in March.

On March 9, staff conferred with an engineer for the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati to learn about methodologies for identifying, analyzing and prioritizing un-sewered areas in need of centralized or neighborhood wastewater collection and treatment. As recommended by Ohio EPA, OKI is planning a scope of work to study un-sewered areas in Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren counties. Ohio EPA proposes to fund OKI for geographic information system analysis, water quality management planning and community outreach assistance.

On March 11, staff gave one of three presentations in a webinar facilitated by the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) on “Regional Councils’ Role in Drinking Water Protection.” OKI focused on the value of collaboration – explaining that regional councils can act as conveners and support regional coordination. OKI’s Groundwater Committee served as a prime example of successful collaboration. Other presenters were the American Water Works Association and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, which is OKI’s counterpart in the Washington, D.C. region.

On March 19, staff sampled seven stream sites for the Great Miami Citizens’ Water Quality Monitoring Program, then facilitated laboratory analysis of all water quality samples from 98 sites in Hamilton, Butler and Dearborn counties.

During March, staff started composing jurisdictional profiles for My Community’s Water, which will be an interactive website that summarizes water resources in the 130 townships, villages and cities of OKI’s four Ohio counties.

Throughout March, staff collaborated by conference calls and emails with colleagues at other areawide planning agencies in Ohio to reach agreement on water quality work program activities funded by the Ohio EPA. The areawide agencies are coordinating priorities and communications for an April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting with key staff members and the director of Ohio EPA.

Throughout March, staff continued preparations for the Annual Meeting of the OKI Regional Conservation Council, which is a collegial forum of county conservation districts in the OKI Region. The event begins 8:45 a.m. Thursday, April 7, at Sharon Centre in Sharon Woods. Educational presentations will be given on last summer’s Ohio River algal bloom, landslides in our region, a new regional land trust, stormwater management and more.

During March, staff provided environmental information or guidance to Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District, Hamilton-to-New Baltimore Ground Water Consortium, a Sharonville resident working for Mill Creek improvement, Cincinnati Museum Center, Southwest Regional Water District, Buckeye United Fly Fishers, Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District, Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati, Clermont County Water Resources Department Campbell County Conservation District and OKI Regional Conservation Council.

#### Mill Creek Watershed Council of Communities

On March 1, staff participated in the Watershed Council’s Board of Trustees meeting, which focused on trustee elections and Council priorities for the coming year. The Board decided to continue the Council’s strategic planning process and OKI staff agreed to remain involved. Staff also attended the State of the Mill Creek presentation, which focused on data from the Watershed Council’s third year of volunteer stream monitoring.

On March 8, staff conferred with officers of Buckeye United Fly Fishers, staff of the Watershed Council and a Xavier University professor about setting up a guided fishing tour of the Mill Creek.



A key purpose of the tour is to raise public awareness of Mill Creek improvements that allow the urban stream to attract large game fish. The Mill Creek is still subject to a fish consumption advisory, so catch-and-release is recommended.

On March 10, staff advised the Watershed Council's Program and Outreach Director on flood management topics to be addressed by the nonprofit organization's Water Resources Committee. With 23 years' experience in Mill Creek matters, OKI staff is periodically asked for Mill Creek information and ideas.

On March 18, staff participated in a meeting of the Watershed Council' Communications & Outreach Committee, which is organizing a campaign to raise public awareness about the Mill Creek's potential to change from a local liability to a regional asset.

On March 21, staff met with Watershed Council staff and veterans of the Mill Creek Yacht Club to plan logistics and safety precautions for three upcoming canoe floats and a stream cleanup on different segments of the Mill Creek. The Yacht Club is part of the Watershed Council, which insures canoe trips open to the public.

### Groundwater Committee

On March 2, staff facilitated a Groundwater Committee meeting that featured presentations on preventing lead in drinking water, responding to a toxic cyanobacteria bloom on the Ohio River, and preventing the contamination of hospital drinking water by any of the pathogens found in large medical facilities. Local public water system reports were given for the City of Wyoming Water Works, Clermont County Water Resources Department and the Hamilton-to-New Baltimore Ground Water Consortium. OKI staff briefly presented the workings of My Community's Water, which will be an interactive website about local water resources in Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren counties. Forty people attended the meeting at OKI.

By March 17, staff drafted, edited and vetted a six-page summary of the Groundwater Committee meeting, then shared it with all Groundwater Committee members along with a reminder of the next meeting and a brief survey of suggested topics for future Groundwater Committee presentations.

Next Meeting: 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 25, 2016, in the OKI Board Room

### B. Transportation

#### 1. Environmental Justice Activities

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

Staff provided information to OKI's DBE Certified Vendor Bid List from the City of Cincinnati Department of Economic Inclusion inviting small businesses, minority-owned and women-owned businesses to participate in a webinar to get the latest facts about the city's Economic Inclusion Program.

Staff participated in COMTO (Conference of Minority Transportation Officials) Cincinnati Chapter's Lunch & Learn Meeting which featured three of the region's top transit CEOs: Darryl Haley from SORTA/Metro, Candace McGraw from CVG and Mike Setzer from Transdev participating in a Transit CEO Panel Discussion. Staff also continued to finalize details for the upcoming Scholarship Luncheon at which scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors and graduate students planning to pursue a career in the transportation industry.

Staff participated in the STP/SNK/TA Workshop and presented information on the Environmental Justice Planning Factor that is applicable to all projects applying for funding.

Staff participated in the OKI Public Meeting-Specialized Transportation Needs and helped to facilitate the breakout session on the transportation needs, gaps and concerns for people with disabilities.

Staff provided OKI's RFQ for Assistance with the Management of OKI's Information Technology System to DBE certified firms in OKI's three-state region.

Staff met with the Senior Director of Member Relations for the African American Chamber of Greater Cincinnati / Northern Kentucky to explore how the Chamber can be of service to OKI.

Staff met with a representative from a DBE/MBE/EDGE certified engineering firm who wanted to introduce his firm to OKI by highlighting some of their projects.

Staff provided an update of the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan to the members of OKI's Environmental Justice Advisory Committee. The members were asked to disseminate the information to their respective constituents.

2. Bright 74 Corridor Study  
Staff: Robyn Bancroft (513-619-7662) [rbancroft@oki.org](mailto:rbancroft@oki.org)

The first of three, 30-day public comment periods concluded on March 18 with the close of the online survey. Combined public open house poll surveys and online surveys totaled 453 returned surveys from members of the public. Public comments have been shared with the Study Team, so that they can begin to move forward with Phase Two of the Study. Phase Two entails the identification of transportation concerns and drafting of conceptual improvement solutions. OKI staff are creating a Public Comment Summary Report to share all the public outreach and survey results received during the first phase of the Study. The Study's consultant team worked with Dearborn County, Bright and Harrison representatives to collect EMS coverage areas and emergency response times. [www.Bright74.oki.org](http://www.Bright74.oki.org)