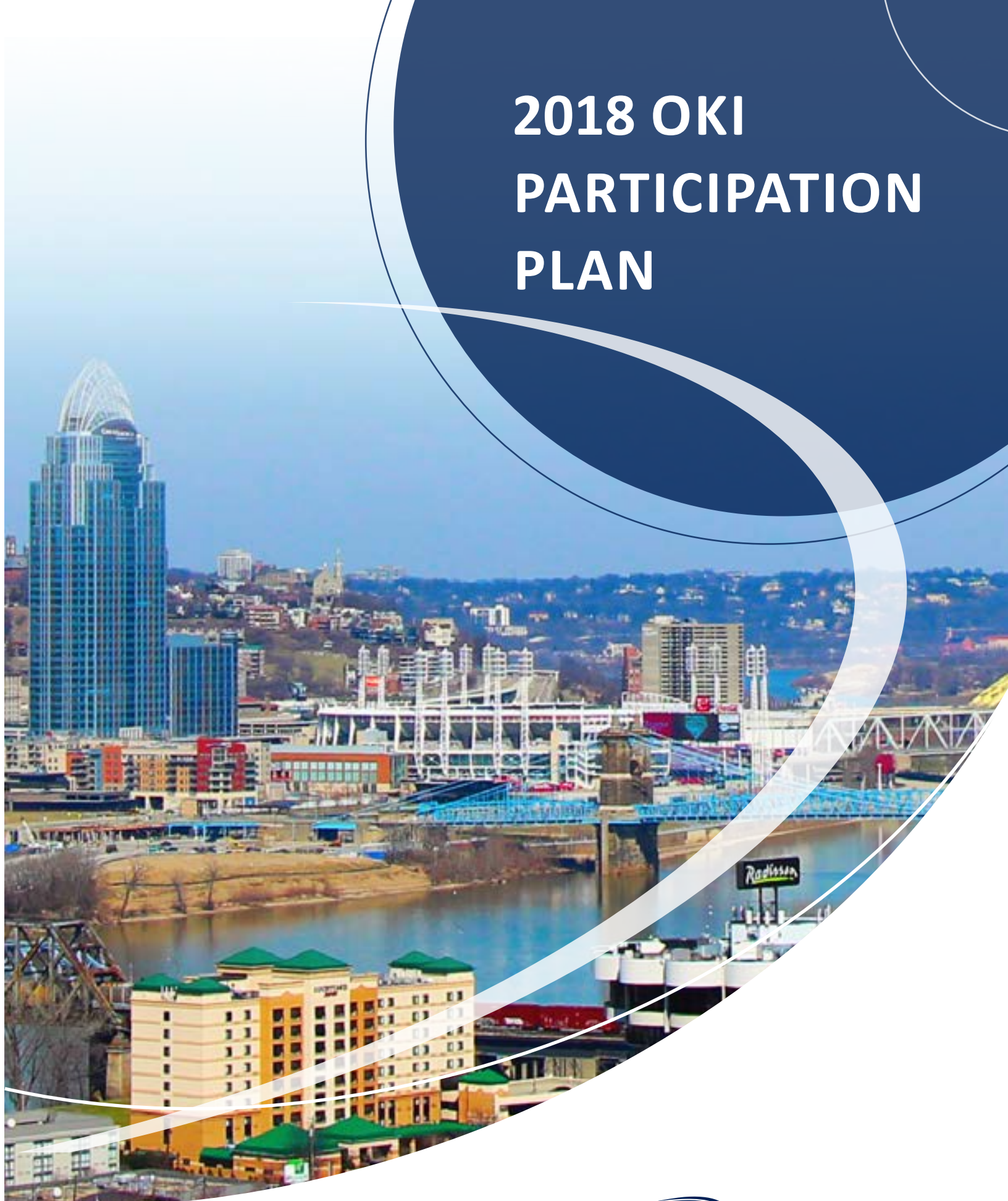


2018 OKI PARTICIPATION PLAN



January 2018
www.oki.org

OKI REGIONAL COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS

OKI Participation Plan

January 2018



Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments
720 East Pete Rose Way, Suite 420
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
513-621-6300
www.oki.org

The preparation of this document was financed cooperatively by the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, the Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the units of local and county government in the OKI region. The opinions, findings, and conclusions expressed in this document are those of the OKI Regional Council of Governments and are not necessarily those of the U.S. Department of Transportation. This report does not constitute a standard, specification, or regulation.

RESOLUTION

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


**AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE UPDATE TO THE
OKI PARTICIPATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments has adopted a Participation Plan that meets the planning regulations of Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act at all levels as part of a comprehensive public/community outreach; and

WHEREAS, the Participation Plan is periodically updated by OKI staff on an on-going basis to ensure consistency with federal regulations and guidelines; and

WHEREAS, OKI staff has incorporated the most current data and processes to deliver an effective program: 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 January 11, 2018, hereby adopts the update to the OKI Participation Plan as recommended by OKI staff.



T.C. ROGERS, PRESIDENT

FP
01/11/18

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), and the units of local and county governments in the OKI region financed the preparation of this document cooperatively.

The opinions, findings and conclusions expressed in this document are those of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) and are not necessarily those of the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT). This report does not constitute a standard, specification, or regulation.

OKI

Mark R. Policinski, Executive Director
Robert Koehler, Deputy Executive Director

Communications

Lorrie Platt, Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs
Florence Parker, Senior Planner and Public Involvement Specialist
Brad Mason, New Media Strategist
Ashley Patrick, Communications Specialist

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Andy Reser, TIP Manager

Transportation Planning

Robyn Bancroft, Strategic Initiatives Manager
Brandon Rudd, Senior Planner/Demographer

OKI Environmental Justice Advisory Committee Members

Adam Goetzman, Committee Chair, Green Township
Bernice Cooper, Freestore Foodbank
Erin Donovan, City of Fairfield Planning
Polly Doran, Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio
Gina Douthat, Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK)
Andrew J. Fluegemann, ODOT – District 8
James A. Foster, City of Trenton Economic Development
Allan C. Harris, National Technical Association – Cincinnati Chapter
Joyce Kinley, Kinley and Associates
Alex Koppelman, Planning & Development Services of Kenton County
Kat Lyons, Center for Independent Living Options
Cindy M. Minter, Campbell County Planning & Zoning
Charles Tassell, City of Deer Park

TABLE OF CONTENTS

INTRODUCTION: CONTEXT FOR POLICY DEVELOPMENT	1
ELEMENT 1: PARTICIPATION POLICY AND PROCESS	
Introduction.....	1
OKI’s Organizational Structure.....	4
Range of Participation Efforts.....	6
Administrative Modification.....	9
Participation Policy.....	11
Participation Process.....	12
• General Provisions for Public Meetings.....	12
• General Provisions for Public Hearings.....	13
• Participation Process for Regional Transportation Plan Update.....	15
• Participation Process for TIP Update.....	16
• Participation Process for Amendments to the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan.....	16
• Corridor and Special Studies.....	17
• Other Provisions for Involving the Public.....	19
Amending the Participation Plan.....	20
ELEMENT 2: PROCESS FOR DEFINING TARGET GROUPS AND AREAS	
Introduction.....	21
Environmental Justice Population Groups and Areas.....	22
Target Definition Policy.....	23
Target Groups and Areas.....	24
ELEMENT 3: ASSESSING PARTICIPATION EQUITY	
Introduction.....	25
Participation Assessment.....	25
ELEMENT 4: PLAN IMPLEMENTATION	
Administration of Participation Plan.....	27
Environmental Justice Advisory Committee.....	27
Technical Support for Plan Implementation.....	28
Evaluation of Participation Plan.....	30

TABLES AND FIGURES

	<u>Page</u>
1-1 Transportation Conformity Exempt Project Types.....	18
A-1 Year 2011-2015 EJ Groups for the OKI Region.....	32
A-2 Year 2011-2015 EJ Target Groups/Areas for the OKI Region.....	33
 <u>Figures</u>	
1-1 Public Participation and Conformity Decision Tree for Changes to Plan and TIP.....	8
A-1 Standard Hierarchy of Census Geographic Entities.....	32
A-2: EJ Minority Target Areas 2011-2015.....	34
A-3: EJ Low Income Target Areas 2011-2015.....	35
A-4: EJ Elderly Target Areas 2011-2015.....	36
A-5: EJ Population with Disabilities Target Areas 2011-2015.....	37
A-6: EJ Zero Car Household Target Areas 2010.....	38
A-7: Combined EJ Target Areas 2011-2015.....	39