MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
JUNE 14, 2018 - 10:30 A.M.
OKI BOARD ROOM

- Call to Order

President Rogers, noting that there was a quorum, called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. The following members were in attendance:

BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. T.C. Rogers, Butler County Board of Commissioners, President
Judge Gary W. Moore, Boone County Fiscal Court, Second Vice President
Mr. Edwin H. Humphrey, Clermont County Board of Commissioners
Mr. Jim Thatcher, Dearborn County Board of Commissioners
Mr. Todd Portune, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners
Mr. James Sunderhaus, Cheviot, Ohio
Mr. Charles Tassell, Deer Park, Ohio
Mr. Tom Cahill, Erlanger, Kentucky
Mr. Roger Peterman, Ft. Thomas, Kentucky
Mr. Robert Brown, Hamilton, Ohio
Mr. Henry Menninger, Harrison, Ohio
Mr. Christopher Reinersman, Independence, Kentucky
Mr. Jeffrey Aylor, Lebanon, Ohio
Ms. Traci Theis, Madeira, Ohio
Mr. Keith Funk, Monroe, Ohio
Mr. Chris Dobrozi, Montgomery, Ohio
Ms. Beth Fennell, Newport, Kentucky
Ms. Donna Laake, Norwood, Ohio
Mr. Kevin Hardman, Sharonville, Ohio
Mr. Dan Bell, Taylor Mill, Kentucky
Mr. David Linnenberg, Green Township
Mr. Robert McGee, Union Township
Mr. Mark Welch, West Chester Township
Ms. Christine Mataric, Butler County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks
Mr. Tom Peck, Clermont County Township Association
Mr. Greg Breetz, Boone County Planning Commission
Mr. Taylor Corbett, Clermont County Planning Commission
Mr. Mark McCormack, Dearborn County Plan Commission

T.C. Rogers
President
Mark R. Polanski
CEO/Executive Director

Serving the Counties of: Boone, Butler, Campbell, Clermont, Dearborn, Hamilton, Kenton, Warren
Board Members (continued)
Ms. Katherine Keough-Jurs, Cincinnati (City) Planning Commission
Mr. Greg Kathman, Fairfield (City) Planning Commission
Mr. Craig Beckley, Dearborn County Township Association, Resident Member
Mr. Ken Bogard, Resident Member
Mr. David Ginsburg, Resident Member
Mr. Ralph Grier, Jr., Resident Member
Mr. Roger Kerlin, Resident Member
Mr. Eric Kranz, Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce, Resident Member
Mr. Larry Maxey, Resident Member
Mr. Pete Metz, Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber, Resident Member
Ms. Pamela Mullins, Resident Member
Mr. Kenneth F. Reed, Resident Member, Treasurer
Mr. David Painter, Clermont County Board of Commissioners
Mr. Sal Santoro, Kentucky State Representative
Mr. Jim Ude, Indiana Department of Transportation
Mr. Andrew Aiello, Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky
Mr. Christopher Lawson, Butler County Regional Transit Authority

GUESTS
Ms. Lisa Daria, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners
Mr. Joe Shriver, representing Judge Knochelmann, Kenton County Fiscal Court
Mr. Don Gindling, representing Greg Landsman, Cincinnati, Ohio
Mr. Steve Hartke, representing Mike Gilb, Mason, Ohio
Mr. Joe Mulligan, representing Larry Mulligan, Middletown, Ohio
Mr. Geoff Milz, representing Daniel Unger, Colerain Township
Mr. Jeff Wright, representing Karl Schultz, Miami Township
Mr. Zachary Moore, representing Stan Williams, Warren County Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Mollie Finnegan, representing Chris Monzel, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners
Mr. Timothy Gilday, representing Ted Hubbard, Hamilton County Engineer
Mr. Tom Arnold, representing Tammy Campbell, Ohio Department of Transportation
Mr. Darryl Haley, representing Dwight Ferrell, Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority
Mr. Skip Schulte
Ms. Kelly Everett, Structurepoint
Ms. Megan Hube, DSD
Mr. Kevin Miller, Warren County Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Carl Rue, Strand
Mr. Eugene Strong
Ms. Marilyn Hyland, I&O/CIND Railroad
Ms. Marcie Mathews, DLZ

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  Ms. Lorrie Platt
Mr. Bradley Mason  Mr. David Shuey  Ms. Ashley Patrick
Mr. Travis Miller  Mr. Adam Evans  Ms. Regina Fields
Ms. Summer Jones  Mr. Andrew Rohne  Ms. Florence Parker
Ms. Robyn Bancroft  Mr. Larry Buckler  Ms. Gabriela Waesch
Mr. Andy Reser

Mr. David Painter led the Board of Directors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Announcements

President Rogers 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

- FY 2019 Intermodal Coordinating Committee

President Rogers stated that a list of appointees for the Intermodal Coordinating Committee was included in the meeting packet. Mr. Humphrey moved to concur with the President’s appointments to the Intermodal Coordinating Committee. Mr. Reed seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. Approval of May 10, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

President Rogers called for corrections and/or additions to the May 10, 2018 minutes of the Executive Committee meeting. There being none, Mr. Bogard moved that the minutes be approved as mailed. Ms. Matasic seconded the motion; motion carried.

C. Executive Director’s Report

Mr. Policinski reported that the June Board meeting marks the end of OKI’s year, as the fiscal year ends June 30. He stated that we are concluding a fantastic year at OKI. Last week, the USDOT awarded an INFRA grant of over $67 million to rebuild the interchanges at Richwood and Mt. Zion Road exits on I-71/75 in Boone County. He explained that Judge Moore played a critical role in securing this funding and called on him to tell the Board about this win for the region.

Judge Moore stated that they were elated when the announcement was made, it is a huge win for the region. Efforts for this project began in 2015 and had impetus because of OKI’s Freight Study which demonstrated that this section of the corridor has extensive congestion and that Mt. Zion is one of the worst performing in the corridor. This information was an integral part of the
application. Judge Moore explained that the county learned a lot from their previous application for FASTLANE (now known as INFRA) funding that was not successful. They participated in exit interviews and one thing they learned, that may be beneficial to others preparing funding applications, was that they wanted to know what would be done with the funding that would be freed up if the grant was received and also whether local and private companies will contribute to the project. In cooperation with KYTC, the County indicated that any funds freed up would go toward Amazon-related improvements in and around CVG. The County committed $2.5 million in County funding derived from a TIF District in the Richwood area. Local Industries also added funding commitments, totaling $300,000 to $400,000 to date. The total project is about $150 million. Judge Moore stated that with the help of Senator Sal Santoro, who is the Chair of the Senate Infrastructure Committee in Frankfort, the Commonwealth, Secretary Thomas and his entire team working with the County team, they were able to put together a winning application. Judge Moore stated that Secretary Chao was wonderful to work with as was Senator McConnell and his transportation coordinator. He stressed that it was a team effort. They were very aggressive—Fed Ex, Amazon and Kroger made phone calls and wrote letters. He pointed out that with their involvement with OKI and NARC and his involvement with NACO, they learned a lot about these funding opportunities. Through collaboration with local and national organizations, great of things can happen.

Mr. Policinski reported that Governor Kasich signed an Executive Order in May that allows testing of autonomous vehicles on roads in the state of Ohio. Also, DriveOhio announced their Ohio Autonomous Vehicle Pilot Program which will link Ohio municipalities interested in promoting autonomous vehicle testing with companies looking for places to refine their autonomous technology. In Kentucky, Governor Bevin signed a bill that allows truck platooning on Kentucky highways. Mr. Policinski pointed out that there are safety measures that need to be deployed and state police approval is required.

Mr. Policinski reported that OKI’s call for projects were due on June 1. Forty-four applications, totaling $85 million, were received for an available $32 million in funding. He pointed out that years ago, barely enough project applications were received to cover the available funding. The current high demand is a good sign the region is growing and communities are looking to solve infrastructure and other problems. Staff will now put the applications through the prioritization process that Mr. Koehler put together—which has received national recognition by FHWA for best practices. The projects will then come back to the Prioritization Subcommittee and ICC before being presented to the Board for approval in October.

Mr. Policinski stated that this has been a very successful year and one of the most satisfying for him personally. He pointed out that none of what OKI does can be achieved without the cooperation of the Board. He thanked the Board, Officers and Budget Committee for their input and support. He commented out that OKI’s work is outstanding because of an incredible staff. He displayed a listing of some of the awards and acknowledgements that staff has achieved over the year. He pointed out that every department has received recognition on a regional and national basis, including winning the NARC award for Major Metros over one million in population. It is the highest award our national association can give and OKI has won it twice this decade. He has been told that no other MPO has done that. However, he stated that the best recognition of staff
is all the praise he hears from Board members about their standard of excellence. He asked staff to stand for recognition.

Mr. Policinski stated that this has been a great year of partnerships. He pointed out that OKI has been pushing out on transportation technology for over two years, but this past year great progress has been made working with regional partners to change ideas into solutions. He reported that in January, the formation of the Cincinnati Mobility Lab was announced. This is partnership with Uber, the City of Cincinnati and the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber of Commerce. The Lab works in association with TANK and SORTA to solve mobility issues. Mr. Policinski also stated that OKI has had a strong partnership with CVG for many years. CVG is the fastest growing airport in the country, both in terms of freight and passengers, and this affects the entire region. OKI has worked with a new partner—UC Research—to use its vast technology research power to address CVG’s pressing matters. He stated that OKI has been instrumental in forging relationships and is negotiating with a private sector firm to make the transit experience easier for people to get to work.

Mr. Policinski stated that he and others recently attended the NARC conference and no one knows where technology will lead in the future. This is uncharted territory. He pointed out that the stakes are too high and the competitiveness too important for OKI to act. The bottom line is that these partnerships are being formed to help our member communities and help residents get around to work, shop and plan.

Mr. Policinski thanked staff, the Board, and President Rogers for their help and support over the past year.

D. Legislative Update

Ms. Lorrie Platt, staff, reported that Senator Sherrod Brown was recently in Cincinnati holding a press conference with the Western Hills Viaduct in the background. He was here to promote the need for funding to fix and replace bridges throughout the state. She reported that in Hamilton County alone, there are over 300 bridges that are either functionally obsolete or structurally deficient. Mr. Policinski, along with other local leaders, were invited to speak at the event.

Ms. Platt announced that the deadline to submit an application for FY 2018 BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grants program is Thursday, July 19 at 8 p.m. More information is available at www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants. She explained that the BUILD (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) program replaces the TIGER grant program. BUILD grants are for investments in surface transportation infrastructure, awarded on a competitive basis of projects that will have significant local or regional impact. They can support roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports or intermodal transportation. She asked that anyone submitting an application to let her know if there is anything OKI can do to assist.

Ms. Platt highlighted OKI’s recent social media activity. She showed a post on Facebook from the Public Service Recognition ceremony that was held on Fountain Square. She thanked Board members for taking the time to nominate an outstanding public servant. She also thanked
Florence Parker, staff, for gathering nominations and organizing this event every year. Mr. Koehler recognized five recipients: Scott Brown, ODOT District 8; Andrew Rohne, OKI Transportation Modeling Manager; Todd Listerman, Dearborn County Engineer; Police Officer Brian Wynn, City of Hamilton; Chief Thomas Synan, Village of Newtown, who was out of town. She also showed OKI’s latest post on Twitter regarding Boone County receiving the INFRA grant.

Ms. Platt reminded everyone that the 2018 Ohio Conference on Freight is two months away and encouraged them to register if they have not already done so at ohiofreight.org and to see her if they are interested in volunteering.

E. Finance Officer’s Report

Ms. Purcy Nance, staff, reported that the Finance Officer’s Report was distributed around the table. She explained that the report is on the financial statements for the period ended April 30, 2018 and includes current cash information.

Ms. Nance referred members to page 2 for the current information. As of June 8, OKI had $312,083 in the PNC checking account, $13,619 in the HSA/FSA checking account and $586,674 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 April 30. She reported that Cash and Investments are up 20% from this time last year. Receivables are down 7% from this time last year due to completion of the Boone County study. At April 30, there were $692,000 in receivables, all associated with March and April invoices. Payables are down 19%, or $15,000, from this time last year due to completion of the Forestry project.

Ms. Nance stated that Revenue information is located on page 4. She reported that as of April 30, OKI is 83% of the way through the budgeted year. Overall, revenues are at 75%, which is on budget. She noted the following items: Federal revenues are behind budget due to the timing of FTA project activities; State revenues are behind budget due to the timing of spring traffic counts. Ms. Nance stated that page 5 contains Expense information. She reported that Overall Expenses are at 72%, which is under budget. Ms. Nance noted the following items: Category 2, Fringe Benefits are behind budget due to savings experienced on health insurance renewals; Category 3, Travel, Subsistence and Professional Development is behind budget due to fewer professional development opportunities being taken than budgeted; Category 4, Printing, Marketing and Contractual is behind budget due to the timing of spring 2018 Traffic Counts, the RideShare outreach campaign, the Duke benefits plan project activities, and FIAM model development activities, offset by timing of the Boone County study.

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 $170,000 year to date. She explained that the two components of this increase are timing differences and year to date activities. The timing differences include a $113,000 increase due to timing of county funding payments and a $68,000 decrease due to application of negotiated fringe and indirect rates. The
remaining $125,000 increase is associated with year-to-date operations and timing of active projects, resulting in a year to date fund balance of $1,289,000; of this amount, $505,000 is committed to active projects.

There being no discussion, Mr. Reed moved that the Board of Directors accept and file the Finance Officer's Report dated June 14, 2018. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #2:  RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL FISCAL YEAR 2019 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

Ms. Purcy Nance, stated that a copy of the Draft FY2019 Budget was included in the mailout packet. She highlighted, by cost category, the differences in the overall FY18 forecast related to the FY18 budget and explained significant variances between the FY19 budget and FY18 forecast.

Ms. Nance stated that overall, the FY18 forecast is under the FY18 budget. She provided a few highlights: OKI budgeted for an increase in health insurance premiums and experienced a decrease; the three year Duke Energy Plans project started slower than anticipated, causing some expense shifting and budget to actual variances; and the Clean Air survey was conducted by staff using social media rather than hiring an outside firm.

Ms. Nance reported that overall, forecasted expenditures are 7% under the original FY18 budget. Expenditures budgeted in FY19 are in line with the FY18 budget. She reviewed expenses in detail by cost category.

Ms. Nance reported that salaries are forecasted to be on budget. She explained that OKI had two positions filled for a partial year, one retirement with reorganized staff and few positions were adjusted. These charges resulted in small savings. FY19 salaries are 3.2% higher than the forecast for this year. This includes 3% of current full-time salaries for merit and 0.25% for special achievement recognition, if needed, plus two FY18 partial year positions at a full year, less savings from retirement net of reorganization and staff adjustments.

Ms. Nance reported that FY18 forecasted fringe benefits are 13.2% under budget. Medical Insurance expenses are forecasted 20% under budget—a 12% increase in health insurance premiums was budgeted and an 11% decrease was experienced. Retirement contributions are forecasted under budget. She explained that OKI budgets for maximum participation in the voluntary 403b plan and usually are a little under budget. HRA expenses are forecasted under budget due to timing of employee claims. Leave variances and liability adjustments will be lower than budgeted due to leave payouts associated with retirements. FY19 budgeted fringe benefits are 12.1% higher than forecasted. Medical Insurance expenses are budgeted 11% higher than current forecast; this is a 15% increase in premiums for a three-fourths of the year due to the October 1 renewal date. Retirement, specifically the 403b plan, is again budgeted at the maximum possible participation. Leave variances and liability adjustments will be higher than forecasted due to several employees at higher accrual rates and anticipated lower vacation leave usage.
Ms. Nance reported that the FY18 forecast for Travel, Subsistence and Professional Development is 20.7% under budget. Professional Development is forecasted to be 22.7%, or $21,700, under budget due to fewer trips being taken than budgeted. Board travel is forecasted to be $8,400 under budget. This category has a budgeted increase of 42.8% or $55,200. Professional Development is budgeted 60.3%, or $44,400, above forecast. This is 23.8%, or $22,700, over the FY18 budget due to additional training for staff in the areas of autonomous vehicles, transportation technology, and logistics. Board Travel is again budgeted at $25,000 in FY19.

The forecast for Printing, Marketing and Contractual is 9.5%, or $102,300, under budget, including $65,100 under in Contracts with Government Agencies, primarily due to the timing of the Duke Energy and FTA 5310 projects; $62,000 under in Professional Services due to the Clean Air survey being conducted in-house, widget development has been shifted to next year; and IT consultant expenses are forecasted to be under budget. The FY19 budget for this category is 7.4%, or $71,700, under forecast, primarily due to being $210,400 under in Technical Consultants due to the completion of the Boone County Study, offset by being $106,200 over in Contracts with Government Agencies primarily due to the timing of the Duke Energy and FTA projects and $34,800 over in Professional Services primarily associated with the timing of the Duke Energy project.

Ms. Nance reported that the overall forecast for Other Expenditures is 12.8% under budget. The FY19 budget for this category is 34.4% over this year’s forecast. She provided some highlights: Equipment, Repairs and Maintenance is forecasted 61% under budget due to the timing of maintenance contract execution for the new Ohio River Bridge Counters—next year’s budget is 129%, or $46,600, over this year’s forecast due to Ohio River Bridge Counter maintenance shifting into FY19; Meeting Expenses are up 148%, or $60,900, in FY19 due to the Ohio Conference on Freight being hosted by OKI—OKI is anticipating $145,000 in partnerships and $45,000 in registrations to offset the expense of the conference, these amounts were not known at the time of budgeting. Other Expenditures are up 186%, or $83,700, in FY19 due to the addition of grant-funded equipment—the final two bridge counters will be purchased and installed and we will purchase two video count collection units.

Ms. Nance reported that Revenues are forecasted 7% lower than budgeted revenues. FY19 budgeted revenues are in line with FY18 budgeted revenues. She explained that Local Contracts are forecasted 35% under budget due to the timing of the Boone County Study and Duke Energy project activities. Local Contracts budgeted in FY19 are 68%, or $95,000, higher than forecast due to Duke Energy project activities. She explained that fluctuations in Contributed Services revenues are related to the completion and timing of the Forestry project.

Ms. Nance reported that the FY18 budget included a $5,800 addition to fund balance. The FY18 forecast shows a $54,100 addition to fund balance. The FY19 budget includes a $4,700 addition to fund balance.
Ms. Nance reported that OKI continues to be on sound financial footing. The fund balance has been at the same level for several years and is within the guidance provided by the Budget Committee in the past.

Ms. Nance reported that the Capital Budget is $95,437 includes $6,000 to replace the oldest physical ESX server, $8,000 to replace the Vranger server which backs up all servers that are not replicated offsite; $71,437 for the final two Ohio River Bridge radar count stations on the Taylor Southgate and Suspension Bridges; and $10,000 for two MioVision Scout Portable Video Data Collection devices.

Ms. Nance reported that this is the 20th budget with a per capita at $.33.

Judge Moore stressed what an accomplishment it is for this to be the 20th year that OKI's per capita has remained the same, while the budget has increased to do new, innovative things.

Judge Moore moved that the Board of Directors approve Resolution OKI 2018-18 concerning the adoption of the Council Fiscal Year 2019 Operating and Capital Budgets. Mr. Reed seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #3:  BUTLER COUNTY ROUNDBOUT STORY MAP

Ms. Gabriela Waesch, staff, explained that OKI is always looking for ways to tell our story, and that of our region, with new and interesting methods. One of these methods is a story map. She explained that a story map in an online story that guides the reader through a topic. OKI has already created several story maps, covering topics from Paddlefest to Community Energy Usage, giving readers a new way to explore their communities and data.

Ms. Waesch provided a preview of OKI's newest story map regarding Butler County Roundabouts. She explained that this story map was developed by her and Brad Mason, with drone footage provided by Ryan Hermann of PDS.

She explained that the reason for telling the story about roundabouts is because residents of our region encounter them on a daily basis and most don't fully understand why they are becoming more common place. Roundabouts are being built within our neighborhoods and communities to help solve complex congestion and safety issues, and their use is likely to continue to grow over the coming years. A number of the roadway projects that involve OKI funding, but it is not always obvious to the average citizen how and where OKI is impacting the community. She stated that this is why visual story telling techniques like the story map are important.

Ms. Waesch stated that roundabouts have become an essential part of the Butler County Engineer's toolkit. Greg Wilkens, Butler County Engineer and member of our board, is featured in a video to share the reasons why Butler County has emerged as a roundabout haven in the OKI region, with 20 roundabouts within their county borders.

Ms. Waesch explained that the first map of the story gives an overview picture of the
roundabouts within Butler County. The interactive map will allow you to view each roundabout and see their relationship with the surrounding area. Also included is a video from West Chester Township on how to drive around a roundabout.

Ms. Waesch pointed out that the number one reason that roundabouts are chosen over regular intersections is safety. Roundabout studies have shown that roundabouts are safer in terms of overall reduction of crashes, injury crashes, and fatal accidents. Intersections in Butler County controlled by roundabouts are currently safer than national average. Roundabouts can vary greatly in diameter size, number of lanes, and number of roadways that enter the roundabout. They can handle trucks and large volumes of traffic. One of the newer roundabouts in Butler at Cincinnati-Dayton road and Kyles Station has an average daily traffic vehicle count of over 13,000.

Ms. Waesch reported that OKI has committed $15.5 million in funding to help build five roundabouts in Butler County since 2010.

Ms. Waesch encouraged other members to contact her if they are interested in having a story map created for their community.

Ms. Pamela Mullins asked how a yield determination is made, specifically regarding the roundabout located at the foot of the Taylor Southgate Bridge. Tim Gilday, Hamilton County Engineer’s Office, explained that any traffic entering a roundabout yields, regardless of where they are entering from. Traffic in the roundabout has the right-of-way, so commuters should yield to their left.

Mr. Mark Welch pointed out that if you can demonstrate a high accident intersection, funding for a roundabout may be eligible for 90% funding and be fast tracked.

President Rogers stated that there are often complaints when roundabouts are first built, but commuters learn to navigate them. They are most effective in the a.m. and p.m. rush hour.

ITEM #4: SFY 2019 SECTION 604(b) WATER QUALITY GRANT (OHIO)

Mr. David Rutter, staff, explained that this resolution will allow the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Ohio EPA for the annual funding grant for water quality planning activities in the Ohio portion of the region. The funding enables staff time to maintain the Water Quality Management Plan. The funding includes $75,000 of state pass through funds from the state Biennium Budget and $50,266.66 under Section 604(b) of the federal Clean Water Act.

Mr. Humphrey moved that the Board of Directors approve Resolution 2018-19 authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Ohio EPA for the FY19 Section 604(b) water quality grant. Ms. Matacic seconded the motion; motion carried.
ITEM #5:  RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RETAINING 4BIS.COM AS SUPPORT FOR THE COUNCIL COMPUTER ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Shuey, staff, explained that this resolution will authorize the Executive Director to retain 4BIS.com as OKI’s information technology consultant for Fiscal Year 2019 in an amount not to exceed $48,000, which is the same level of authorization as last year.

Mr. Shuey stated that OKI has found the utilization of a consultant to be a cost effective method of maintaining our computer network. The consultant provides ongoing software and hardware technical support while working in the OKI office one day per week and is available 24/7 as needed. He 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. Fortune moved that the Board of Directors approve Resolution 2018-20 authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract with 4BIS.com for the council computer administration. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #6:  INTERMODAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Andy Reser, staff, reported that the ICC met on Tuesday, June 12, 2018. Ashley Patrick and Brad Mason presented the Legislative and Technology report. Jack Moreland of Southbank Partners presented information on the Riverfront Commons bike and pedestrian project. Gabriela Waesch presented the Butler County Roundabouts story map. The ICC approved an Administrative Modification to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program. Three resolutions were recommended for Board approval: TIP Amendments 9-A, 9-B and 9-C.

A. Amendment #9-A (exempt projects) of the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Reser stated that Amendment #9 is split into three parts. He explained that in February 2018, the U.S. Court of Appeals issued a decision in South Coast Air Quality Management District v. EPA. The decision impacts 82 areas around the country, including the Kentucky portion of the Cincinnati area. A portion of our Kentucky area was formerly not meeting the 1997 ozone standard, but is now in attainment for all other standards. This “orphan area” includes the more rural southern tier of Boone, Campbell and Kenton counties. This area has not been subject to conformity since the 1997 ozone standard was vacated. Recent FHWA and FPA guidance has indicated that a new demonstration of conformity with the 1997 ozone standard has become necessary for the Kentucky portion of the Cincinnati area. Because of some uncertainty on the timing of the approval of new conformity findings and after a conversation with OKI’s Interagency Consultation Group, Mr. Reser explained that the Amendment was divided into 9-A – the Ohio and Indiana projects, 9-B – Kentucky projects that are exempt from air quality conformity requirements, and 9-C – Kentucky projects that have been analyzed for air quality conformity.

Mr. Reser reported that Amendment #9-A includes three highway projects and three transit projects in Ohio, and one highway project in Indiana. Phases 2, 6 and 8 of the Western Hills
Viaduct replacement: project received TRAC funds for preliminary engineering and ROW. For transit, SORTA is adding a project for bus replacements and previously awarded 5310 funds are being adjusted to allow mobility management funds to go directly to BCRTA. All 5310 funds will be FY19. He pointed out that there is one typo that indicates funding in FY18, that will be changed. In Indiana, an additional $125,000 for the State Line Road realignment project will program some of OKI’s unspent federal STP funds.

Mr. Bogard moved that the Board of Directors approve Resolution 2018-21 regarding Amendment #9-A of the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Reed seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. Amendment #9-B (exempt projects) of the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Reser stated that Amendment #9-B has been revised since the mailout and was distributed around the table. He explained that the revision was necessary to include the $67.5 million awarded to Kentucky through the INFRA program for the reconstruction of the Mt. Zion and Richwood Interchanges. Staff moved quickly to get the INFRA money into this Amendment so that there were no delays from a programming standpoint. Also, nine new projects from the recently enacted Kentucky Highway Plan are being added.

Ms. Matacic moved that the Board of Directors approve Resolution 2018-22 regarding Amendment #9-B of the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion carried.

C. Amendment #9-C (analyzed projects) of the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Reser stated that Amendment #9-C has also been revised for an INFRA project and was distributed around the table. Four additional projects are being added to the TIP from the Kentucky Highway Plan, including the Graves Road Interchange. He explained that staff prepared a technical documentation of how we have demonstrated conformity of the OKI’s amended TIP and Plan and the adopting Resolution states that we are in conformity.

Mr. Reed moved that the Board of Directors approve Resolution 2018-23 regarding Amendment #9-C of the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Bogard seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #7: CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Humphrey moved that the Board of Directors approve the consent agenda as mailed. Ms. Matacic seconded the motion; motion carried. There were no committee announcements.
ITEM #8: OTHER BUSINESS

President Rogers reminded the Board that there is no meeting in July and also encouraged everyone to register for the Freight Conference which will be held August 15-16.

ITEM #9: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Reed moved to adjourn the Board of Directors. Ms. Mataic seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

T.C. ROGERS, PRESIDENT

MARK R. POLICINSKI, SECRETARY

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