MEETING MINUTES
OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
DECEMBER 13, 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 10:32 a.m. The following members were in attendance:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. T.C. Rogers, Butler County Board of Commissioners, President
Mr. Jeff Earlywine, alternate for Judge Moore, Butler County Board of Commissioners, Second Vice President
Judge Steve Pendery, Campbell County Fiscal Court
Ms. Victoria Parks, alternate for Todd Fortune, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners
Judge Kris Knochelmann, Kenton County Fiscal Court, First Vice President
Mr. Joe Vogel, alternate for Greg Landsman, Cincinnati, Ohio
Mr. Robert Brown, Hamilton, Ohio
Mr. Larry Mulligan, Middletown, Ohio
Mr. Jim O'Reilly, Wyoming, Ohio
Mr. Karl B. Schultz, Miami Township
Mr. Robert K. McGee, Union Township
Mr. Mark Welch, West Chester Township
Ms. Christine Matasic, Butler County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks
Mr. David Okum, Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Ken Bogard, Resident Member
Mr. Roger Kerlin, Resident Member
Mr. Larry Maxey, Resident Member
Mr. Kenneth F. Reed, Resident Member, Treasurer
Mr. Ted Hubbard, Hamilton County Engineer
Mr. Robert Yeager, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Mr. Tommy Arnod, alternate for Tammy Campbell, Ohio Department of Transportation
Mr. Andrew Aiello, Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky
Mr. Matt Dutkevitch, alternate for Christopher Lawson, Butler Co. Regional Transit Authority

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

Serving the Counties of: Boone, Butler, Campbell, Clermont, Dearborn, Hamilton, Kenton, Warren
BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Charles Tassell, Deer Park, Ohio
Mr. Henry Menninger, Harrison, Ohio
Mr. Christopher Reinerman, Independence, Kentucky
Mr. Jeffrey Aylor, Lebanon, Ohio
Mr. Traci Theis, Madeira, Ohio
Mr. Chris Dobrozi, Montgomery, Ohio
Ms. Donna Leake, Norwood, Ohio
Mr. Steve Dana, Oxford, Ohio
Mr. Dan Bell, Taylor Mill, Kentucky
Mr. Tom Peck, Clermont County Township Association
Mr. Taylor Corbett, Clermont County Planning Commission
Mr. Greg Kathman, Fairfield (City) Planning Commission
Ms. Denise Driehaus, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners
Mr. Pete Metz, Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber, Resident Member
Mr. Tom Voss, Resident Member

GUESTS

Ms. Emily McAfee, representing Edwin H. Humphrey, Clermont Co. Board of Commissioners
Mr. Jim Lukas, representing Kevin Hardman, Sharonville, Ohio
Ms. Lindsey Aranyos, representing David Painter, Clermont County Board of Commissioners
Ms. Kelly Everett, American Structurepoint
Ms. Jennifer Ekey, Middletown, Ohio
Mr. Doug Adkins, Middletown, Ohio
Ms. Jen Patterson, Monroe, Ohio
Mr. Skip Schulte, Citizen
Mr. Jay Hamilton, Mead & Hunt
Mr. Mark Wood, Uber
Mr. Jeff Wallace, Barge Design
Mr. Scott Lowry, HNTB
Ms. Amy O'Connell, KZF
Mr. Aaron Littman, HDR
Mr. Carl Ruf, Strand
Mr. Mike Yeager, Integrated
Mr. Gordon Perry, City of Blue Ash
Mr. Rob Hans, CT Consultants
Ms. Ashley Patrick, DLZ

LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Ed Diller, Taf., Stettinius & Hollister
Mr. Bogard led the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Announcements

President Rogers 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**

- Ken Bogard Retirement

President Rogers reported that after 22 years of service to OKI, this is the last meeting for Ken Bogard. He stated that Ken has served in many capacities in Oxford and Butler County and has been a member of the OKI Executive Committee and Board. He was a member of OKI’s Intermodal Coordinating Committee from 2004 to 2009 and served several times as a member of the OKI Nominating Committee. He also worked closely with OKI staff, serving as the Chair of the Northwest Butler Transportation Study which was completed in 2003. Many great projects resulting from that study are currently improving transportation and safety around Miami University. He commented that Mr. Bogard has been a good friend of OKI and to many of those around the table. In recognition of his long and outstanding service President Rogers presented Mr. Bogard with a Certificate of Appreciation.

- Appointment of Alternate

President Rogers stated that the City of Cincinnati has requested that Joe Vogel be appointed as Greg Landsman’s Executive Committee alternate. Mr. Welch moved to concur with the President’s appointment of Joe Vogel as an Executive Committee Alternate. Ms. Matacic seconded the motion, motion carried.

B.  **Approval of October 11, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

President Rogers called for corrections and/or additions to the October 11, 2018 minutes of the Board of Directors meeting. There being none, Mr. Reed moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Mr. Bogard seconded the motion; motion carried.
C. **Executive Director’s Report**

Mr. Policinski reported that last month, OKI lost two of our employees—Ashley Patrick of the Communications Department and Andrew Rohne, the Manager of Data Services and OKI’s chief modeler. He wished them both the very best. He explained that OKI is fortunate to have found a very qualified individual to take over Data Services. Dr. Liren Zhou will be joining OKI on January 7. He is from the DC area and has extensive experience in managing modeling programs and projects. It is anticipated that the Communications vacancy will be filled next month.

Mr. Policinski reported that earlier in the month, four members of the OKI staff went to the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute and visited MCity. The program was put together by the University of Cincinnati Research Office. The Chief Innovation Officer for CVG also joined the group. He explained that the visit was a direct outgrowth of the collaboration between OKI, CVG and UC.

Mr. Policinski explained that Michigan is the epicenter for connected vehicle development. MCity and the Institute are dynamic places driving research in autonomous and connected vehicles. There are 57 private partners in MCity, which has 50 acres of test facilities and 1,600 autonomous and connected vehicles. They plan to have 2,200 by March. He explained that the grounds are a network of any road type one may encounter.

He explained that the group was given presentations on many research items, but the one he found the most interesting was the use of data in simulation. He explained that the data can simulate 50 million people trips. Also, the data, unless it is for a specifically-funded project, is shared with all the companies involved with the institute.

Mr. Policinski stated that the best summary was by the Director of the Institute who said, “The challenges to an autonomous and a connected future are societal and behavioral; the technology has been solved.”

D. **Legislative Update**

Ms. Lorrie Platt, staff, provided an update on the 2018 BUILD grants, formerly known as TIGER grants. She reported that on Tuesday, DOT announced that 91 projects that are receiving the $1.5 billion dollars in grant funding. She explained that of the 91 projects selected, 62 are in rural parts of the nation. Secretary Chao said they tried to rebalance the under investment that has occurred in the past decade in these rural communities. She displayed a funding allocation by mode: road and bridge projects, more than $1 billion dollars; rail projects, $165 million; transit projects, $141 million; ports, $146 million.

Ms. Platt discussed the DriveOhio initiative that will take place in Marysville, Ohio. They plan to connect 1,200 privately-owned and government-operated vehicles to all traffic signals in the town by 2019. This will be the largest real-world test of connected cars in the U.S. She noted that Honda Research and Development has invested in creating the very first smart intersection in Marysville, where a system of cameras and artificial intelligence transmits a warning to a
dashboard display if a pedestrian is crossing out of sight around a corner or an emergency vehicle or a red-light runner is approaching. Of the 1,200 vehicles, 800 are government fleet vehicles and include Ohio DOT and Marysville police, fire and school district vehicles. The remaining 400 cars and trucks are owned by volunteers. These 1,200 vehicles are about 10 percent of the traffic there, making it the highest concentration of connected vehicles in the country.

Ms. Platt explained that the vehicles would communicate to one another and report speed, direction of travel and other vehicle data to roadside sensors that in turn report the data to the ODOT Traffic Management Center. The data is collected anonymously from the vehicle. They will use the data to make real-time adjustments. This project is part of the Rt. 33 Smart Mobility Corridor for connected and autonomous vehicles through portions of Ohio.

Ms. Platt reported that it is hoped that there will be a long-term, well-funded transportation bill in the coming year, as this remains one of the top bi-partisan matters.

E. Finance Officer's Report

Ms. Purcy Nance, steff, reported that the Finance Officer’s Report was distributed around the table. She explained that the report contains both September and October financial statements and she will be reporting on the more current October information.

Ms. Nance referred members to page 2 for the current information. As of December 10, OKI had $357,534 in the PNC checking account, $18,887 in the HSA/FSA checking account and $567,196 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 October 31. She reported that Cash and Investments are up 18% from this time last year. Receivables are down 5% from this time last year due to the timing of routine activities. Ms. Nance reported that as of October 31, there were $760,000 in receivables, $750,000 associated with September and October invoices and $10,000 outstanding from August and earlier. She further stated that payables are up 9%, or $12,000, from this time last year due to the Traffic Data Collection project.

Ms. Nance stated that Revenue information is located on page 4. She reported that as of October 31, OKI is 33% of the way through the budgeted year. Overall, revenues are at 33%, which is on budget. She noted the following items: Federal Revenues are ahead of budget due to the timing of FTA pass through activities; Local Revenues are ahead of budget due to the timing of County funding payments; Miscellaneous Revenues are ahead of budget due to the timing of OKI’s annual meeting; and Contributed Services are behind budget due to the timing of the RideShare outreach campaign offset by FTA pass through project activities.

Ms. Nance stated that page 5 contains Expense information. She reported that Overall Expenses are at 31%, which is on budget. Ms. Nance noted the following items: Category 3, Travel, Subsistence and Professional Development is behind budget due to the timing of Board travel and agency membership renewals; Category 4, Printing, Marketing and Contractual is behind
budget due to the timing of the Duke Energy project activities; Category 5, Other Expenditures is ahead of budget due to the timing of the Ohio Conference on Freight; and Category 6, Contributed Services are behind budget due to timing of the RideShare outreach campaign offset by FTA pass through project activities.

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 $107,000 year to date. The two components of this increase are timing differences and year to date activities. The timing differences include a $63,000 increase due to timing of county funding payments and a $39,000 decrease due to the application of negotiated fringe and indirect rates. The remaining $83,000 increase is associated with year to date operations and timing of active projects. Resulting in a year to date fund balance of $1,474,000, of this amount $320,000 is committed to active projects.

There being no discussion, Judge Knochelmann moved that the Executive Committee accept and file the Finance Officer’s Report dated December 13, 2018. Ms. Matacic seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #2: I-75 WORKLINK TRANSIT ROUTE PRESENTATION

Middletown City Manager Doug Adkins, Middletown Economic Director Jennifer Ekey, Monroe Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Patterson, and Butler County RTA Director Matt Dutkevicz presented a new public/private partnership with Atrium Medical Center to operate a new public transit route connecting Dayton, Middletown, Monroe and West Chester via the R-7 I-75 WorkLink. This route offers access to multiple job centers in Middletown and Monroe with connections to the Dayton (GDRTA) and Cincinnati (SORTA) transit systems. They explained how this service will help with a job force issue in the area.

ITEM #3: GREATER CINCINNATI AUTONOMOUS/CONNECTED VEHICLE AND SMART INFRASTRUCTURE SURVEY

Mr. Brad Mason, staff, explained that an email was sent out a few weeks ago from OKI promoting an Autonomous and Connected Vehicles survey. This survey was started to gauge the public’s perception of autonomous vehicles and use the findings in next year’s 2050 long Range Transportation Plan update. He reported that the survey has been out in the public for about three weeks and has received a good amount feedback.

He explained that the email out to OKI’s contacts, including the Board and Intermodal Coordinating Committee. In addition, it was sent to a large list of citizens that we have collected feedback from on various surveys throughout the past several years. The second part of the promotion was a social media release. The survey was sent out to over 18,000 Facebook users who identify that they live in the Greater Cincinnati area.

Mr. Mason reported that 1,571 people clicked a link, 573 of which began the survey. Of those 573, 90% completed the survey for a total of 11,284 total questions answered.
He explained that the first two questions ask familiarity and general opinion of autonomous and connected vehicles. The majority of respondents have heard of the technology but are not that familiar. However, over 50% of them either have a somewhat or very positive opinion of the technology.

The next question asks the likelihood of projected benefits. Overall, most people feel the benefits are very or somewhat likely. With fewer crashes and reduced severity of crashes being the most likely.

Next, the survey addresses common concerns. By a comparatively large margin, interacting with pedestrians and bicyclists is the greatest concern. This concern was followed by relying too much on the technology and system security. Interestingly, learning to use the technology is not much of a concern. Of the main areas that connected vehicles are expected to address, safety is overwhelmingly considered the most important. Around 60% of respondents would want this technology on a car they drive. And also around 60% would want the technology on a car that drives them.

Mr. Mason reported that, by a wide margin, most respondents feel that a nationally consistent set of rules created by the US DOT is needed to regulate autonomous vehicles.

Mr. Mason explained that the next steps are to do further promotion, followed by deeper analysis. Overall, the objective of the survey is to gauge the opinion of the public and their current acceptance of these emerging technologies and to include it as part of the 2050 long range transportation plan. The other goal is to gather as many contacts as possible and hoping that those who took this survey will participate in other parts of the 2050 plan update.

Mr. Mason encouraged everyone to share the survey. They can do so by forwarding the email they received, or through Facebook, Twitter, or OKI’s newly redesigned website at oki.org.

ITEM #4: INTERMODAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Andy Reser, staff, reported that the ICC met on Tuesday, December 11. Lorrie Platt and Brad Mason presented the Legislative and Technology report. Geoff Milz of Colerain Township presented information on Colerain’s testing of temporary chicanes to slow drivers down on a residential street. Brandon Rudd, OKI’s staff Demographer, provided data on county-level employment trends in the OKI region. The ICC approved TIP Administrative Modification #14 and recommended approval of TIP Amendment #12.

A. Amendment #12 of the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Reser reported that Amendment #12 to the FY 2018-2021 TIP includes four projects in Ohio and two projects in Kentucky and one in Indiana. It adds the new award amount and revises the local share for the SR 129/Liberty Way project in Butler County, revises the local share for the Montgomery Road sidewalk project in Sycamore Twp., and cancels the Kenwood Road at Montgomery intersection project, also in Sycamore. In Silverton, for the Montgomery Road
signals project, the FE-RWS phase is added and the construction amount reduced due to some items being ineligible for federal funds. In Kentucky, the amendment adds the Utilities and Construction phases for the Limaburg Road at KY 18 intersection project. There is also the addition of a low cost safety project for KY 17 in Kenton County and additional funding for an ADA study at rest areas and weigh stations in Dearborn County, Indiana.

Ms. Matacic moved that the Executive Committee approve Resolution 2018-32R regarding Amendment #12 of the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Welch seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #5:  CONSENT AGENDA

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

ITEM #6:  OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business for discussion.

ITEM #7:  ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Reed moved to adjourn the Executive Committee. Ms. Matacic seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

T.C. ROGERS, PRESIDENT

MARK R. POLICINSKI, SECRETARY

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