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OKI Awards Nearly \$63M For Transportation Projects Across Region

Cincinnati, Ohio – Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) Board President and Kenton County Judge Executive Kris Knochelmann announced today the award of \$62.8 million for 23 transportation projects in the region.

“Unanimously, the OKI board has delivered a nearly \$63 million infrastructure package that will enhance a number of areas throughout our eight-county region,” Knochelmann said. “Today’s awards are a major investment in our multi-modal transportation network. These projects will improve mobility and safety for drivers, transit riders, cyclists and pedestrians. Overall, they will raise the quality of life for our citizens.”

The funds were allocated to Ohio and Kentucky projects through two federal programs: the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program and the Transportation Alternatives (TA) program.

STBG funding will assist 13 Ohio projects and five Kentucky projects, many designed to ease traffic congestion, improve air quality and enhance safety at various areas and cities throughout the region. Ohio initiatives include the Western Hills Viaduct Replacement project; the Cincinnati-Wasson Way trail project; and upgrades to the city of Hamilton’s signal systems. Kentucky projects include adding sidewalks and other upgrades along Commonwealth Avenue in Erlanger; signal technology upgrades to Mall Road, US 42 and Ewing Boulevard corridors in Florence; and bike and pedestrian improvements in Bellevue between Riviera Drive and Berry Avenue.

The TA funding will benefit five bike and pedestrian projects in Ohio, including expanding the Cincy Red Bike program, extending Cincinnati’s Central Parkway Bikeway to Ludlow Avenue; replacing sidewalks along Colerain Avenue in Green and Colerain townships; and adding a bike/pedestrian path in the Village of Williamsburg.

“OKI supports a transportation network that integrates diverse modes, and these projects advance this mission,” said OKI’s CEO Mark Policinski. “For the communities we serve, these projects mean safer walks to school, less congested trips to work and increased connection to one another. For the region we represent, these projects signify a more vibrant economy that retains talent while attracting residents and visitors alike.”

OKI is a council of local governments, business organizations and community groups committed to developing collaborative strategies, plans and programs to improve the quality of life and economic development potential of the Tri-State.

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