



**MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE  
OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
OCTOBER 10, 2019 -- 10:30 A.M.  
OKI BOARD ROOM**

- Call to Order

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

**MEMBERS**

Judge/Executive Kris Knochelmann, Kenton County Fiscal Court, President  
Judge/Executive Gary W. Moore, Boone County Fiscal Court, First Vice President  
Mr. T. C. Rogers, Butler County Board of Commissioners, Past President  
Mr. Steve Pendery, Campbell County Fiscal Court  
Mr. Ed Humphrey, Clermont County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Ken Reed, Resident, Treasurer  
Mr. Andrew Aiello, TANK  
Mr. Robert Brown, Hamilton, Ohio  
Ms. Beth Fennell, Newport, Kentucky  
Mr. Josh Gerth, Anderson Township Board of Trustees  
Mr. Ted Hubbard, Hamilton County Engineers Office  
Ms. Christine Matacic, Butler County Assoc. of Township Trustees & Clerks  
Mr. David Okum, Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission  
Mr. Brian Painter, Campbell County Fiscal Court  
Mr. David Painter, Clermont County Board of Commissioners, Second Vice President  
Mr. Rick Probst, Dearborn County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Karl B. Schultz, Miami Township Board of Trustees  
Mr. Mark Welch, West Chester Township Board of Trustees  
Mr. Charlie Cleves, Bellevue, Kentucky  
Mr. Charles Tassell, Deer Park, Ohio  
Ms. Rosalind Moore, Forest Park, Ohio  
Mr. Jeffrey Aylor, Lebanon, Ohio  
Ms. Tracy Theis, Madeira Ohio  
Mr. Tom Peck, Clermont County Township Association  
Mr. Taylor Corbett, Clermont County Planning Commission  
Ms. Katherine Keough-Jurs, Cincinnati (City) Planning Commission  
Mr. Pete Metz, Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber

**Kris Knochelmann**  
President

**Mark R. Policinski**  
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**MEMBERS (continued)**

Mr. Tom Cahill, Jr., Erlanger, Kentucky  
Ms. Mary Burns, Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky  
Mr. Henry Menninger, Harrison, Ohio  
Mr. Steve Krehbiel, Indian Hill, Ohio  
Mr. Mike Gilb, Mason, Ohio  
Mr. Robert McGee, Union Township  
Mr. Jeffrey Anderson, Springdale, Ohio  
Mr. Bryan Miller, Union, Kentucky  
Mr. Dennis Andrew Gordon, PDS of Kenton County  
Mr. Greg Kathman, Fairfield Planning Commission  
Ms. Liz Hayden, Hamilton Planning Commission  
Mr. Craig Beckley, Resident Member  
Ms. Stephanie Summerow-Dumas, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Larry Maxey, Resident  
Mr. Neil Tunison, Warren County Engineer  
Mr. Robert Yeager, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

**GUESTS**

Mr. Tommy Arnold, Alternate For Tammy Campbell, ODOT  
Mr. John Brazina, Alternate For Mr. Greg Landsman, Cincinnati, Ohio  
Mr. Cory Wright, alternate for Mr. Robert K. McGee, Union Township Board of Trustees  
Mr. Geoff Milz, alternate for Mr. Unger, Colerain Township Board of Trustees  
Mr. Greg Orosz, alternate for Mr. Jonathan Sams, Warren County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks  
Mr. Jim Lukas, representing Kevin Hardman, Sharonville, Ohio  
Mr. Adam Goetzman, representing David Linnenberg, Green Township  
Ms. Fatima Ba, representing Denise Driehaus, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Ryan Cook, alternate for Mr. Stan Williams, Warren County Regional Planning Commission  
Mr. Jay Hamilton, MGAD & Hunt  
Mr. Greg Brown, DLZ  
Mr. Rob Hans, WSP  
Ms. Marilyn Hyland, I&O/CIND RR  
Mr. Skip Schulte, Citizen  
Mr. Kurt Seiler, Mason, Ohio  
Mr. Jeff Wallace, Barge Design

**LEGAL COUNSEL**

Mr. Ed Diller, Taft, Stettinius & Hollister

**STAFF**

Mr. Mark Policinski  
Ms. Regina Fields  
Ms. Summer Jones  
Mr. Brandon Rudd  
Ms. Lorrie Platt  
Ms. Purcy Nance  
Ms. Jessica Ondrovic

Mr. Bob Koehler  
Ms. Jenn Spreckelmeier  
Mr. Travis Miller  
Ms. Margaret Minzner  
Mr. Jim Pickering  
Ms. Suzanne Parkey

Ms. Marilyn Osborne  
Mr. Andy Meyer  
Ms. Florence Parker  
Mr. Liren Zhou  
Mr. Andy Reser  
Ms. Gabriela Waesch

Mr. Dennis Gordon led the Board of Directors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Announcements**

President Knochelmann 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**

President Rogers stated that he would like to appoint the following Board members to serve as the 2020 Nominating Committee: Karl Schultz, Chair, Mark Welch and Roger Kerlin. Mr. Humphrey moved to concur with the President's recommendations. Ms. Maticic seconded the motion; motion carried.

**B. Approval of September 12, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

President Knochelmann called for corrections and/or additions to the September 12, 2019 minutes of the Executive Committee meeting. There being none, Mr. Reed moved that the minutes be approved as mailed. Mr. Painter seconded the motion; motion carried.

**C. Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Policinski – stated that the Annual Luncheon was a huge success, with more than 350 people in attendance. Of the 350 he mentioned that approximately 50 were OKI Board members and thanked everyone for their support. Mr. Policinski stated that Lorrie Platt and half the OKI staff put a lot of hard work into the luncheon and that great teams do what is necessary to “make it happen.”

Mr. Policinski recognized 2 new staff members, Jenn Spreckelmeier and Suzanne Parkey, as well as the new HR consultant from HR Element, Jessica Ondrovic.

Mr. Policinski stated that he and Mr. David Shuey attended a conference in San Francisco in September for Uber. He mentioned the Cincinnati Mobility Lab which is a collective team of Uber

employees, the City of Cincinnati and OKI. He mentioned that Uber is coming out with a new app called Uber Transit. Mr. Policinski stated that this will provide citizens with a place to find all their transportation options in one location, from buses to ride share to bike to scooter, etc. Mr. Policinski stated that they presented a strong case for Cincinnati to be a testing city for the new software. He also stated that we may have a small chance; we will see if they give it to us.

Mr. Policinski mentioned that TANK and SORTA will be rolling out a new app this month and invited Andrew Aiello, from Tank, to speak on the subject. Mr. Aiello talked about the app, which is called Transit and is a worldwide app. Its capability allows users to purchase bus passes on their phone for both TANK and Metro rides. The user would simply have to show their phone screen to the bus driver to claim their seat. This system is linked with the ezip application so users can easily plan, pay and track their route. Mr. Aiello mentioned this will not only be able to be used with TANK and Metro, but also BCRTA. Not only will you be able to track your bus route in real time, but you will also have the ability to buy a day pass which will allow you to ride all day on all 3 bus systems without having to worry about transfer tickets and fees. Mr. Aiello stated that their roll out date is October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Judge Moore asked, "If an employer wanted to load money on the app for an employee or to cover fair for a guest, is there a way to do that?" Mr. Aiello responded, they are working on that ability for the next phase.

Judge Knochelmann asked, what is the app's name? Mr. Aiello responded, Transit.

A final question was asked, how does it work if you load up \$50 for a particular city and you use \$10? Does that money stay in your app forever? Do you eventually lose it? Can you use it in a different city? Mr. Aiello responded, if you load money on your app for a certain city, say where TANK would be, then you would have to use it for TANK rides, it cannot be transferred. The money will stay in your virtual wallet for 180 days.

#### **D. Legislative Update**

Ms. Lorrie Platt thanked all those who were a part of the Annual Luncheon and for the success of another event.

Ms. Platt stated that congress is out on recess and will return on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. She provided a brief update regarding the status of an infrastructure bill. "As you may recall, this administration talked about a massive bill, to the tune of a \$2 billion dollar package.

Just this past week, Leader McConnell was asked about its status and he responded that he thinks that a more traditional sized package would be most likely. In addition, that it will focus just on surface transportation, likely a 4-5 year package for about \$300 million."

She provided a flyer from CVG, stating they have created a new job portal, [jobs.cvgairport.com](http://jobs.cvgairport.com) – there are over 70 employers on the CVG campus. It is a one stop shopping for jobs in and around the CVG airport.

## **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 contains both July and August financial statements and she would be reporting on the more current August information.

Ms. Nance referred members to page 2 for the current information. As of October 4, OKI had \$631,067 in the PNC checking account, \$15,406 in the HSA/FSA checking account and \$704,076 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 August 31. She reported that Cash and Investments are up 110% from this time last year. Receivables are down 36% from this time last year due to competition of freight conference and the timing of routine invoice payments. At August 31, there were \$923,000 in receivables, \$794,000 associated with July and August invoices and \$129,000 outstanding from June and earlier. Payables are down 29%, or \$61,000, from this time last year due to completion of the freight conference offset by instillation of the final 2 Ohio River bridge count stations.

Ms. Nance stated that Revenue information is located on page 4. She reported that as of August 31, OKI is 17% of the way through the budgeted year. Overall, revenues are at 20%, which is ahead of budget. She noted the following items: Federal revenues are ahead budget due to the timing of FTA project activities; Local revenues are ahead of budget due to the timing of County funding payments; miscellaneous revenues are behind budget due to the timing of OKI's annual meeting, and Contributed Services are ahead of budget due to timing of FTA pass through project activities.

Ms. Nance stated that page 5 contains Expense information. She reported that Overall Expenses are at 16%, which is on budget. Ms. Nance noted the following items: Category 1, Salaries, is under budget due to open staff positions; Category 5, Other Expenditures, is ahead of budget due to timing of software maintenance renewals; Category 6, Contributed Services, is ahead of budget due to the timing of FTA pass through projects.

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 \$197,000 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 \$208,000 increase due to timing of county funding payments and a \$28,000 decrease due to application of negotiated fringe and indirect rates. The remaining \$17,000 increase is associated with year-to-date operations and timing of active projects, resulting in a year to date fund balance of \$1,674,000; of this amount, \$604,000 is committed to active projects.

There being no discussion, Mr. Humphrey moved that the Board of Directors accept and file the Finance Officer's Report dated October 11, 2018. Mr. Rogers seconded the motion; motion carried.

**ITEM #2: 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN PRESENTATION #3- PROJECT SCORING PROCESS AND PARTICIPATION PLAN UPDATE**

Mr. Koehler and Ms. Platt, OKI Staff, delivered an update of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, which covered scoring process, revenue picture and public outreach. Mr. Koehler presented the scoring process that has been adapted to evaluate a wide range of project modes using a separate process for roads, transit, freight and bike/pedestrian. He explained the total score is a 100-point system comprised of general criteria score and a mode specific score. The general criteria score will apply to all projects and the particular mode score will be applied depending on the predominant project type.

Next, the discussion was fiscal constraint and plans have to be grounded by revenues OKI can reasonably expect to be available; taking into account all costs (including O&M) and inflation. He estimated that about \$9 billion would be available for discretionary multimodal projects.

Ms. Platt, OKI Staff reported that OKI will provide multiple opportunities for stakeholders and the public to review plan-related information and provide feedback through a survey, by social media, direct email, public meetings and events in communities in OKI region, public libraries, environmental consultations, a public hearing, media coverage and eventually on the web 2050.oki.org.

**ITEM #3: INTERMODAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Andy Reser, staff, reported that the ICC met on Tuesday October 8th. Lorrie Platt and Jim Pickering of OKI staff presented the Legislative and Technology report and we heard from Bob about the 2050 Plan. The ICC approved TIP Administrative Modification #3. Mr. Reser stated that two Resolutions were recommended for Board approval; the funding recommendations for STBG, CMAQ and TA federal highway funds in Ohio and Kentucky and TIP Amendment #3.

**A. PRIORITIZATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR OHIO AND KENTUCKY STBG, CMAQ AND TA**

Mr. Andy Reser and Ms. Summer Jones, OKI Staff reported on Resolution 2019-26R that lists federal transportation funding awards for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Transportation Alternatives (TA) highway, transit and bicycle/pedestrian projects in Ohio and STBG projects in Kentucky that are to be included in the OKI FY 2021 – 2024 TIP. Applications were reviewed and ranked using a prioritization procedure

developed by the ICC. On September 10th, the Prioritization Subcommittee reviewed and ranked highway, transit and bicycle/pedestrian applications from Ohio and Kentucky.

OKI received 13 Kentucky STBG (SNK) projects applications. Mr. Reser provided a brief description of each project and the amount of federal funds requested. The Prioritization Subcommittee recommended five Kentucky SNK projects to be funded: TANK-Bus Replacements; City of Florence-US42/Mall Rd/Ewing Blvd Signals; City of Bellevue-Donnermeyer Dr. Roadway and Bike/Ped; City of Erlanger-KY236 Sidewalk and Boone County-KY20 turn lanes at Aviation.

Mr. Reser reported on the Ohio project applications for STBG/CMAQ. OKI received twenty-one Ohio STBG/CMAQ applications. OKI has \$53 million in Ohio STBG/CMAQ federal funds available for this round of applications. Mr. Reser provided a brief description of each project and reported the amount of federal funds requested. The Prioritization Subcommittee recommended 13 projects to receive Ohio STP/CMAQ funding: BCRTA-Oxford Multimodal Shared Services Facility; Butler County-Liberty Way Improvements; City of Cincinnati-OTR/West End Signals and Wasson Way; City of Hamilton-ITS/Traffic Signal Upgrade; Hamilton County-Western Hills Viaduct Construction; City of Lebanon-US42 & SR63 Paving; City of Mason-SR741 Cox-Smith to Spyglass; New Richmond-US52 Roundabouts and Path; City of Sharonville-US42 Shared Use Path; SORTA-SMART Bus Replacements; City of Springdale-Signal Replacement and Warren County-SR48 Improvements.

Ms. Jones reported on the TA Ohio project applications. OKI received seven applications. OKI has \$3.9 million in TA funds available for this round of applications. Ms. Jones provided a brief description of each projects and reported the amount of federal funds requested. The Prioritization Subcommittee recommended five projects to receive federal TA funding: City of Cincinnati Central Parkway Phase 2; Colerain Township Colerain Avenue sidewalks; Cincy Red Bike expansion; Green Township Colerain Avenue sidewalks and Village of Williamsburg Old SR 32 bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

Mr. Hubbard moved to recommend to Board of Directors approval of Resolution 2019-26R Concerning Prioritization of Ohio STBG/CMAQ Applications and TA Applications and Kentucky STBG Applications for Transportation Projects to be included in the FY2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Painter seconded the motion; motion carried.

**B. Amendment #3 of the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Andy Reser, OKI Staff, TIP Amendment #3 makes changes to 21 TANK transit project in Kentucky. TANK reviewed their 2020 program after learning what state matching funds were available, and this amendment includes a mix of changes; two new projects, seven deletions,

eleven changes to funding amounts and moving a bus replacement project from FY19 to FY 20. All projects are exempt from air quality conformity.

A draft of the TIP Amendment was placed on our website for comment since September 23rd, it was also sent to our Interagency Consultation Group, and we have received no comments.

Mr. Painter moved to recommend to Board of Directors approval of Resolution 2019-27 Concerning Amendment #3 of the Fiscal Years 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Maticic seconded the motion, motion carried.

**ITEM #4:      CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Humphrey moved that the Board of Directors approve the consent agenda as mailed. Mr. Reed seconded the motion; motion carried. There were no committee announcements.

**ITEM #5:      OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business for discussion.

**ITEM #6:      ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Reed moved to adjourn the Board of Directors. Ms. Maticic seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

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**KRIS KNOCHELMANN, PRESIDENT**

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**MARK R. POLICINSKI, SECRETARY**