



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OF THE
OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
OCTOBER 8, 2020 -- 10:30 A.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING**

Vice President Moore called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

The following were in attendance:

BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. T.C. Rogers, Butler County Board of Commissioners
Mr. Gary Moore, Boone County Fiscal Court
Mr. David Painter, Clermont County Board of Commissioners
Mr. Kenneth F. Reed, Resident Member
Mr. Andrew Aiello, TANK
Mr. Eric Beck, Hamilton County Engineer's Office
Ms. Ann Becker, West Chester Township
Mr. Craig Beckley, Resident Member
Mr. Robert Brown, Hamilton, OH
Mr. Jeff Capell, Blue Ash, OH
Mr. Charlie Cleves, Bellevue, KY
Mr. Chris Dobrozi, Montgomery, OH
Ms. Denise Driehaus, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners
Mr. Jeremy Evans, Clermont County Engineer's Office
Ms. Beth Fennell, Newport, KY
Me. Jessica Fette, Erlanger, KY
Ms. Cathy Flaig, Boone County Fiscal Court
Mr. Josh Gerth, Anderson Township
Mr. Daryl Haley, SORTA
Ms. Liz Hayden, Hamilton County Planning Commission
Mr. Ed Humphrey, Clermont County Board of Commissioners
Mr. Greg Kathman, City of Fairfield Planning Commission
Mr. Roger Kerlin, Resident Member
Ms. Katherine Koeough-Jurs, Cincinnati, OH
Mr. Mike Mains, Harrison, OH
Ms. Christine Matacic, Butler County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks
Mr. Larry Maxey, Resident Member

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Mr. Mark McCormack, Clermont Count Board of Commissioners
Mr. Robert McGee, Union Township
Mr. Pete Metz, Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber
Mr. Talbott Moon, Middleton, Ohio
Ms. Pamela Mullins, Resident Member
Mr. James O'Reilly, Wyoming, OH
Mr. Roger Peterman, Fort Thomas, KY
Mr. Ted Phelps, Loveland, OH
Mr. Rick Probst, Dearborn County Board of Commissioners
Mr. Sharmili Reddy, PDS of Kenton County
Mr. Karl Schultz, Miami Township
Ms. Stephanie Summerow Dumas, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners
Ms. Traci Theis, Madeira, OH
Mr. Tom Voss, Resident Member
Mr. Thomas Weidman, Sycamore Township

GUEST

Mr. Tom Arnold, representing Ms. Campbell, Ohio Department Of Transportation, District 8
Mr. John Brazina, representing Mr. Greg Landsman, Cincinnati, OH
Mr. Matt Dutkevicz, representing Christopher Lawson, BCRTA
Mr. Jim Lukas, representing Mr. Charles Lippert, Sharonville, OH
Mr. Terry Summers, representing Mr. Chris Wahlman, INDOT
Mr. Ryan Cook, representing Mr. Stan Williams, Warren County Regional Planning Commission

LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Ed Diller, Taft, Stettinius & Hollister
Mr. Luke Blocher, Taft, Stettinius & Hollister

STAFF

Mr. Mark Policinski	Mr. Robert Koehler	Ms. Marilyn Osborne
Ms. Jenn Spreckelmeier	Ms. Regina Fields	Ms. Purcy Nance
Mr. David Shuey	Ms. Melissa Jones	Mr. Jim Pickering
Ms. Ting Zou	Ms. Suzanne Parkey	Ms. Robyn Bancroft
Mr. Brandon Rudd	Ms. Jessica Ondrovic	Ms. Summer Jones
Ms. Margaret Minzner	Mr. Nathan Ziegler	Mr. Brandon Flessner
Ms. Gaby Waesch	Mr. Liren Zhou	Ms. Florence Parker

Vice President Moore led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #1: ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Announcements

Vice President Moore announced the appointments for the 2021 Nominating Committee. He appointed Mr. Roger Kerlin and Mr. Tom Voss as members of the committee and Mr. Karl Schultz as the committee chair.

Mr. Humphrey moved to concur with the Vice President's nominations. Ms. Maticic seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. Approval of September 10, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Vice President Moore called for corrections and/or additions to the September 10, 2020 minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting. There being none, Mr. Humphrey moved that the minutes be approved as mailed. Ms. Fennell seconded the motion; motion carried.

C. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Mark Policinski, Executive Director, began his report by thanking Judge Moore for stepping in to lead the meeting last minute as Judge Knochelmann was unable to attend.

Mr. Policinski stated that the Board could see from the meeting's agenda, the OKI staff is fulfilling its mandate for excellence. He said OKI is set to approve \$40 million dollars in projects for the OKI region's comminutes. He said the OKI process to deliver these recommendations to the Board has been judged best practice by the FHA. That is a monumental designation and one in which OKI is extremely proud of.

Mr. Policinski mentioned that this work is done under the direction of Mr. Bob Koehler, but, every department and almost every employee at OKI has a hand in providing you with the scores of the various projects that are being recommended today.

Mr. Policinski stated that there was great news on the funding grants this past month. Kenton County received a \$9.5 million grant for 536. This will realign and expand SR 536 as it connects to I-71/75. This project has been a priority for Northern Kentucky for many years and it is a project that OKI's 536 study recommended. He congratulated Kenton County, Judge Knochelmann and everyone who worked on the grant.

Mr. Policinski informed the board that OKI itself was a recipient of two CRISI Grants, which are federal grants for rail projects that involve freight and provide safety as well as boon to the economy. He said the applications were put forward under the direction of Ms. Robyn Bancroft who came up with the idea, shepherded the application through and worked very closely with our two private sector partners,

Cincinnati Bulk Terminals and Benchmark River and Rail. He said that at next month's Board meeting, Robyn will provide a summary of these grants and what they mean to the OKI region.

Mr. Policinski mentioned that we have a new addition to our staff, Mr. Jackson Shiffert. Mr. Shiffert joins us in our GIS department. Mr. Policinski mentioned that the spot that Mr. Shiffert is filling was previously held by Mr. Tim Maltry, who served OKI for 44 years, which is the longest serving OKI employee ever. Mr. Shiffert graduated from OSU in May and is one of the youngest people employed by OKI.

In closing, Mr. Policinski introduced Mr. David Shuey to discuss Electronic Vehicle updates and the EV app that he and his staff created.

- OKI Electronic Vehicle Activities Update--David Shuey, Director of Information Services & Analytics

Mr. Shuey, OKI staff, discussed Electronic Vehicles and the efforts that OKI has been working on over the last several months. He started by talking about OKI's interest in the adoption of EV's. He said the primary reason is clean air. The OKI region is currently considered marginal non-attainment for Ozone and will likely be categorized as moderate non-attainment by 2022. He stated that three of our 11 monitors are not meeting current ozone level standards. Possible EPA mandates for our region include new source review with increased offsets. He also said if we remain in moderate non-attainment until 2026, vehicle inspections could be mandated again for our region.

Mr. Shuey said a second reason is, EV's are now a viable option for fleets. The EV market is within a couple of years of purchase price parity with non-EV's and when you consider total cost of ownership, EV's are more cost effective due to the lower cost of operation and Fleet EV's have the potential to improve our air quality to a greater extent than personally owned EVs due to their high usage patterns.

Mr. Shuey mentioned that the EV market is maturing. He said there are expected to be nearly 100 EV models available by 2022. Many EV SUV & Truck options are on the horizon and these segments represent the majority of U.S. vehicle sales. He said meanwhile, battery costs have decreased from \$663 per kWh in 2013 to \$156 per kWh at the end of 2019 making EV's far more affordable.

Mr. Shuey said the first EV project he would like to introduce is the "EV Charging Station Locator" app. He said OKI staff developed this app to help with locating EV charging stations across the OKI region and to assist VW Settlement fund applicants with the application process. He mentioned that you can access the app by going to gis.oki.org/ev or by visiting the OKI website and navigating to the maps & apps section. He then did a short walkthrough of some of the apps features.

Mr. Shuey said the next initiative was an OKI hosted 2 hour information packed, EV Funding Workshop on July 29th, the workshop included 110 participants from across our region. Mark Policinski kicked off the meeting with an overview of the EV Market. He stated that registered participants were surveyed prior

to the workshop regarding their opinions on EV's and EV adoption in their communities. The results of the survey were provided to them during the webinar.

Mr. Shuey said next, an update on VW Settlement Funding for EV Chargers was presented. Both Indiana and Ohio had active calls for funding and details on each process were provided. Mr. Shuey provided the audience with an overview of our EV Charger Locator app and details on how it could be used to support their VW grant applications. The next topic dealt with private sector partnership opportunities and Mr. Kevin Kushman, Electrada's CEO, presented a no-cost, turnkey EV Charger option for local jurisdictions.

Mr. Shuey said in the next segment, an update on Duke Energy's proposed incentive programs in Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio was detailed.

Mr. Shuey said the final presentation was provided by OKI TIP manager Andy Reser. Mr. Reser provided the audience with an overview of OKI funding opportunities that could be used to help fund the electrification of fleets in our region. Mr. Shuey gave a quick update on the VW programs: In Ohio, we are aware of requests for 34 Level 2 charging ports across Butler, Clermont & Hamilton Counties for the OEPA grant; In Indiana, OKI provided a letter of support for a DC fast charger installation in Greendale from Indiana VW settlement funds. He said we should know by January of 2021 how many EV charging ports will receive funding in our region from these programs.

The final EV initiative that Mr. Shuey covered was signage for Alternative Fuel Corridors. I-71, I-75 & I-275 within the OKI region have been designated by FHWA as Alt Fuel Corridors for EVs. He said each of our three states has developed a unique approach for Alt Fuel corridor signage. In Kentucky, KYTC will allow Alternative Fuel Corridor signage along corridor routes, including at starting and ending points and signage for alt fuel type. OKI is making recommendations to KYTC for sign placement.

Mr. Shuey stated that in Indiana, INDOT is permitting installation of only Alt Fuel Corridor signs along designated Alternative Fuels Corridors. At interchanges, charging stations will be noted using the logo-signing program.

Mr. Shuey stated that in Ohio, ODOT does not intend to install any Alternative Fuels Corridor signing. Rather, ODOT will direct interested parties to the logo signing program for public EV charging stations. OKI is identifying interchanges which have public EV charger availability and will make interested parties aware of the ODOT logo signing program. OKI is ready to partner with all three state departments of transportation to implement Alt Fuel Corridor Signage.

Ms. Krista Wyatt asked about Warren County. She mentioned she knew that Lebanon applied for an EV charging station grant.

Mr. Shuey replied that the ones mentioned were all the OKI knew about at this time, but he would reach out to her for follow up conversation.

D. Finance Officer's Report

Ms. Purcy Nance, OKI staff, reported that the Finance Officer's Report was distributed via Constant Contact. She explained that the report contains both July and August financial statements and she would be reporting on the more current August information along with current cash information.

Ms. Nance referred members to page 2 for the current information. As of October 2, OKI had \$628,574 in the PNC checking account, \$15,790 in the HSA/FSA checking account and \$262,268 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 down 40% from this time last year. Receivables are up 44% from this time last year due to the timing of year-end invoicing and invoice payments. At August 31, there were \$1,332,000 in receivables, \$863,000 associated with July and August invoices and \$469,000 outstanding from June and earlier. Payables are down 5%, or \$7,000, from this time last year.

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 16%, which is on budget. She noted the following items: Federal revenue is under budget due to the timing of FTA 5310 Pass Through project activities; State revenue is under budget due to timing of OEPA contract execution and Transportation PL project activities; Local revenue is ahead of budget due to the timing of County funding payments; Miscellaneous revenue is under budget due to the cancellation of OKI's annual meeting, and Contributed Services is ahead of budget due to timing of the Clean Air Outreach Campaign; offset by timing of FTA 5310 Pass Through project activities.

Ms. Nance stated that page 5 contains Expense information. She reported that Overall Expenses are at 14%, which is under budget. Ms. Nance noted the following items: Category 1, Salaries, is under budget due to an open staff position at the beginning of the year; Category 3, Travel, Subsistence and Professional Development, is under budget due to the COVID related cancellation of staff and Board activities requiring travel combined with timing of agency membership renewals; Category 4, Printing, Marketing and Contractual, is under budget due to timing of FTA 5310 pass through project activities, and timing of traffic counts off-set by the seasonal nature of the Clean Air Outreach Campaign; Category 5, Other Expenditures, is ahead budget: due to timing of software subscriptions and maintenance contracts and Category 6, Contributed Services, is ahead of budget due to timing of the Clean Air Outreach Campaign; offset by timing of FTA 5310 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 \$100,000 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 \$209,000 increase due to timing of county funding payments and a \$128,000 decrease due to application of negotiated fringe and indirect rates. The remaining \$19,000 increase is

associated with year-to-date operations and timing of active projects, resulting in a year to date fund balance of \$1,599,000; of this amount, \$490,000 is committed to active projects.

There being no discussion, Ms. Maticic moved that the Board of Directors accept and file the Finance Officer's Report dated October 8, 2020. Mr. Haley seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #2: INTERMODAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Andy Reser, staff, reported that the ICC met on Tuesday, October 6th. Ms. Robyn Bancroft presented information on OKI's rail infrastructure awards. The ICC approved TIP Administrative Modification #4. Mr. Reser stated that he and Ms. Summer Jones presented the funding recommendations for STBG, CMAQ and TA federal highway funds in Ohio and Kentucky.

A. Selection of Ohio and Kentucky STBG and TA Highway, Transit and Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects Using Oki-Allocated Federal Funds to be Included in the OKI FY 2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mr. Andy Reser and Ms. Summer Jones, OKI Staff, presented the applications for Ohio and Kentucky STBG and TA.

Mr. Reser began with the STBG applications.

Mr. Reser mentioned on March 10 a Funding Workshop kicked off the process and applications were available. Applications were due June 5th and from there staff reviewed and scored the applications and presented the projects to the Environmental Justice Committee for the EJ score on July 30th and 31st. On September 8, the Prioritization Subcommittee reviewed the submittals and recommended to the ICC in October and Board for approval.

He said 13 applications were received requesting \$49 million dollars in STBG with \$30 million available, 11 applications were received requesting \$7 million dollars in OHTA with \$2.5 million available, 11 KYSNK applications were received requesting \$11.8 million with \$7 million available and finally 4 KYTA applications received requesting \$800,000 with \$800,000 available.

Mr. Andy Reser presented the STBG applications received with the final recommendations:

Project Name	Federal Funds	Local Match
Cincinnati-Wasson Way Phase 7	\$3,762,000	20%
Clermont County Engineer-SR 32/Glen-Este Withamsville Ramps and CD Road	\$5,400,000	40%
Fairfield-South Gilmore Road Improvements - Mack Road to Planet Drive	\$2,457,806	20%
Hamilton County Engineer-Western Hills Viaduct Replacement	\$1,000,000	20%

Lebanon-US 42 and SR 123 Improvements	\$672,822	40%
SORTA-START Program Bus Replacements	\$4,961,704	30%
Springdale-Northland Boulevard Reconstruction	\$5,340,949	20%
Warren County Engineer – Fields Ertel Road Improvement Project between Snider Road and Wilkens Boulevard	\$5,400,000	50%

Ms. Summer Jones, presented the applications received for OH TA and final recommendations:

Project Name	Federal Funds	Local Match
Anderson Twp-Little Miami Scenic Trail Elstun Road Connector	\$750,000	45%
Deerfield Twp-Irwin-Simpson Shared Use Path	\$750,000	20%
Great Parks of Hamilton County-Glenwood Gardens to Winton Woods Shared Use Trail Ph 1	\$352,697	21%
Hamilton-The Hamilton Beltline - North B Street	\$720,000	20%

Mr. Andy Reser presented applications received for KYSNK with final recommendations:

Project Name	Federal Funds	Local Match
Bellevue-Resurfacing and Sidewalk Improvements	\$216,000	20%
Bellevue-Riverfront Commons	\$760,000	20%
Elsmere-New Buffington Bridge Replacement	\$672,000	20%
Elsmere-Garvey Road Resurfacing, Drainage Improvements, and Multi-use Path Improvements	\$240,000	20%
Newport-Riverfront Commons Trail at Newport Festival Park	\$2,428,428	20%
NKU-3 Mile Road Sidewalk and Drainage Improvements	\$692,000	20%
TANK-Maintenance and Operations Facility Repair and Renovation	\$1,623,517	20%

Ms. Summer Jones presented applications received for KYTA with final recommendations:

Project Name	Federal Funds	Local Match
Bellevue-Van Voast Pedestrian Bridge	\$124,000	20%
Boone County-Sam Neace Drive Sidewalk	\$420,000	20%
Elsmere-Garvey Avenue Sidewalk	\$188,000	20%
Union-Sweet Harmony Sidewalk	\$68,000	20%

Mr. Painter asked when the funds for STBG would be available.

Mr. Reser responded that they will be available July 1st of 2023.

Mr. Painter moved that the Board approve Resolution 2020-33 concerning Selection of Ohio and Kentucky STBG/TA Projects to be included in the FY2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Probst seconded the motion, motion carried.

ITEM #4: OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business for discussion.

ITEM #5: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Painter moved to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Wiedman seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.



GARY W. MOORE, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT



MARK R. POLICINSKI, SECRETARY