



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2021
ITEMS**

10:30 A.M.

**OKI REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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ITEM 1B:

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

(Motion to approve and/or amend minutes)



**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 -- 10:30 A.M.
OKI BOARD ROOM**

- Call to Order

President Painter, noting there was a quorum called the meeting to order at 10.35 a.m. with the following members in attendance.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. David L. Painter, Clermont County Board of Commissioners, President
Judge Executive Gary W. Moore, Boone County Fiscal Court, First Vice President
Mr. Andrew Aiello, TANK
Mr. Tommy Arnold, Alternate for Ms. Tammy Campbell, ODOT
Ms. Ann Becker, West Chester Township
Mr. John Brazina, Alternate for Mr. Greg Landsman, Cincinnati, Ohio
Mr. Adam Goetzman, Alternate for Mr. David Linnenberg, Green Township
Mr. Darryl Haley, SORTA
Mr. Roger Kerlin, Resident Member
Mr. Chris Lawson, Butler County Regional Transit Authority
Ms. Mary Makley Wolf, Miami Township
Ms. Christine Maticic, Butler County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks
Mr. Robert K. McGee, Union Township Board of Trustees
Mr. Geoff Milz, alternate for Mr. Unger Colerain Township Board of Trustees
Mr. Talbott Moon, Middletown, Ohio
Mr. Brian Painter, Campbell County Fiscal Court
Mr. Rick Probst, Dearborn County Board of Commissioners
Ms. Sharmili Reddy, PDS of Kenton County
Mr. T. C. Rogers, Butler County Board of Commissioners
Mr. Karl B. Schultz, Miami Township Board of Trustees
Mr. Joe Shriver, Alternate for Judge Executive Kris Knochelmann, Kenton County Fiscal Court
Mr. Thomas G. Voss, Resident Member

BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Jeffrey Anderson, Springdale, Ohio
Ms. Bonnie Batchler, Clermont County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner David L. Painter
President

Mark R. Policinski
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BOARD MEMBERS CONTINUED:

Mr. Ken Bowman, Ft. Thomas, Kentucky
Mr. Charlie Cleves, Bellevue, Kentucky
Mr. Taylor Corbett, Clermont County Planning Commission
Ms. Claire Corcoran, Clermont County Board of Commissioners
Ms. Denise Driehaus, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners
Ms. Cathy Flaig, Boone County Fiscal Court
Mr. Robert Franxman, Boone County Engineer
Ms. Kathy Grossmann, Mason, Ohio
Ms. Liz Hayden, Hamilton City Planning Commission
Ms. Katherine Keough-Jurs, Cincinnati (City) Planning Commission
Mr. Mike Mains, Harrison, Ohio
Mr. Christopher Reinersman, Independence, Kentucky

GUESTS

Ms. Tracie Braun, Clermont County Board of Commissioners
Ms. Shannon Hartkemeyer, Butler County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks
Mr. Steve Kraft, ORCalan
Mr. Jim Lukas, Sharonville, Ohio
Mr. Ram Rajadhyaksha, DLZ
Ms. Colleen Reynolds, DSD Advisers
Ms. Dee Stone, Anderson Township
Mr. Jeff Wallace, Barge Design

LEGAL COUNSEL

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

STAFF

Mr. Mark R. Policinski	Mr. Robert W. Koehler	Ms. Hui Xie
Ms. Regina Fields	Ms. Melissa Jones	Ms. Lorrie Platt
Mr. Andy Reser	Mr. David Shuey	Mr. Travis Miller
Ms. Robyn Bancroft		

Ms. Christine Matacic led the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #1: **ADMINISTRATIVE**

A. **Announcements**

President Painter welcomed everyone to the Executive Committee and said he was pleased to see everyone's faces and meet in person, a significant milestone for all. He reminded everyone that this is an Executive Committee and that alternates can vote. He reminded everyone to sign in for attendance purposes and state your name when making a motion and or second.

B. Approval of June 10, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

President Painter called for corrections and/or additions to the June 10, 2021, Board of Directors meeting minutes. There being none, Mr. Rogers moved that the minutes be approved as mailed. Mr. Probst seconded the motion, motion carried.

C. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Policinski, OKI CEO, said welcome back and it is a pleasure to see everyone in-person. He said since we last met, the bipartisan Federal Infrastructure bill has moved through the Senate and is now in the House. The bipartisan nature of the bill came with hard work from Senator Portman and Senator Sinema of Arizona. The bill is notable for its size of \$1.2 trillion and with it comes a lot of politics before it becomes law. He said with this bill, there will be an abundance of dollars flowing to the states and localities for traditional infrastructure since the bill is 3-4 times the size of previous transportation bills.

Mr. Policinski said this bill will provide a path for the Brent Spence Bridge to be built by giving the bridge a higher federal participation from several sources, which means the project will qualify for several large, distinct pots of money, with local share being less of a commitment. Since federal government did away with earmarks, projects like the Brent Spence Bridge would have been a 20% match, now the new legislation is 80% up to 90% federal match. It is a wait and see situation right now.

Mr. Policinski said the enthusiasm for legislative and need for bipartisan of infrastructure is important for the country and OKI.

Mr. Policinski said since the pandemic began, OKI has been tracking traffic in the region. He said in this slide it shows comparing May 31, 2021 to May 31, 2019. Did not compare to 2020 due to the pandemic. He said as you can see on the slide, the chart shows the latest of what is happening with traffic. As you can see, it shows traffic was down 45% in the region but is now down under 4%. Car traffic is down 6% but for the past 17 months truck traffic is larger than what it was pre-pandemic, truck traffic is up 14%.

Mr. Policinski said the ability to measure AM rush hour is solely aimed at the Big Mac bridge. He said rush hour is showing 11% less traffic on those roads and traffic is currently depressed. He said OKI will continue to monitor in the future to see if this pattern continues and if this does persist how it will have an impact on roads and on congestion. He said most likely traffic patterns will depend on people working remotely and hybrid work schedules. All of this will have an impact on how go forward with spending money. He thanked Dr. Liren Zhou, OKI staff, who runs our traffic demand model and puts the figures together for him.

Mr. Policinski said we had a change in OKI with our staff. This historic staff change is that Marilyn Osborne after 42 years of service, retired from OKI in late August. She was the Board Administrator and your direct contact to this Board. She is OKI's greatest ambassador who loved working with the Board and Executive Committee. At Marilyn's request she asked not to have a retirement party. In her place, I have asked Lorrie Platt to become the new Board Administrator and my Executive Assistant. Lorrie will continue to be the interim manager of Communications and Legislative Affairs. OKI is very fortunate during this period that Regina Fields is with us and has been with OKI for many years. Regina has run the ICC every month, so she will help with the transition of the Board meetings over to Lorrie by November. Any emails from Regina or Lorrie are basically coming from Marilyn, your past Board Administrator.

Mr. Policinski said he does not like to bring resolutions before the board on such a short notice, but circumstances could not be controlled in this matter. This is a housekeeping item that has risen in the last few days that needs your attention. The issue involves regulations that govern how the federal government pays for OKI expenses.

Mr. Policinski said the matter centers on the board giving the CEO authority to make changes in the employee handbook to reflect day-to-day operational changes for OKI. He said OKI's attorneys believe that the board has given the CEO this authority to make changes. In connection with the release of federal funding for basic operational cost reimbursements, the feds are increasingly requiring board approval for even the most mundane matters. It appears the Feds will require specific board approval with a resolution of the addition of Juneteenth as a paid holiday following Congress's establishment of it as a federal holiday.

Mr. Policinski said OKI cannot operate if the CEO must bring even the most obvious, needed changes to the Board every month. He said the feds penalty for acting without authority could be that all those expenses would fall on local jurisdictions. He said though OKI's attorneys believe the board has given the CEO this authority, in an overabundance of caution, the attorneys strongly recommend that the OKI board should reiterate that it has granted to the CEO the authority to make operational decisions in the normal course of OKI's business.

Mr. Policinski asked that the board reiterate granting the CEO the authority to make changes to the Employee Handbook reflecting day-to-day operational changes for OKI, including the addition of Juneteenth as a paid holiday.

Mr. Rogers moved to recommend approval of Resolution 2021-28 Concerning Approval of Certain Administrative Updates to the OKI Employee Handbook including Juneteenth as a Paid Holiday. Ms. Maticic seconded the motion, motion carried.

D. Finance Officer's Report

Ms. Melissa Jones, OKI Staff, said the Finance Officer's Report was distributed to you electronically and a hard copy was also provided. She said this report contains both May and June financial statements and she will be reporting on the more current June information along with current cash information.

Ms. Jones said please turn to page 2 for current information, as of September 3rd, OKI had:

- \$ 456,861 in the PNC checking account
- \$ 20,489 in the HSA/FSA checking account
- \$ 312,196 in the STAR Ohio money market mutual fund

She said there has been no recent activity on OKI's line of credit and there is no out-standing balance at report date. OKI renewed the line of credit with PNC for a reduced amount of \$300,000 with the same terms, for a nominal fee of \$275 to OKI.

Ms. Jones said as a result of cash flows, OKI has funds available for short term very liquid assets, and therefore seeks to maximize interest rates rather than realize gains. OKI's Cash Management and Investment Policy was restated in 2015 to reflect changes in section 135 of the Ohio Revised Code. At that time STAR Ohio money market mutual fund, which currently offers higher interest rates than banks, was added as an investment option.

Ms. Jones said please turn to page 3 - Balance sheet on June 30th the cash and investments are up 1% and stable compared to this time last year, \$13,000. Receivables are down 5% from this time last year due to the timing of routine invoice payments. On June 30th there were \$928,000 in receivables all associated with May and June invoices. Payables are up 16% or \$20,000 from this time last year due to annual membership dues billed later in the year and transition of helpdesk and IT support to a managed contract.

Ms. Jones said please turn to page 4 for Revenue information, at June 30th OKI is 100% of the way through the budgeted year. Overall revenues are at 91% which is on budget. She said some items she would like to note: State funded contracts are under budget due to suspension of Rideshare outreach activities and delay of transportation traffic counts to FY22. Local government contracts are over budget due to local match on FY19, 5310 pass through project vehicle purchases. Miscellaneous revenue are under budget due to cancellation of the 2020 OKI annual meeting. Contributed services are under budget due to local cash match on FY19, 5310 pass through project vehicle purchases rather than contributed services; also due to the suspension of Rideshare outreach campaign because of COVID-19.

Ms. Jones said please turn to page 5 for Expense information, overall expenses are at 89.4%, which is under budget. She said some items she would like to note include category 3 – travel, subsistence and professional development is under budget: due to the cancellation of professional development activities and employee and board travel due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. Category 4 – printing, marketing and contractual is under budget due to the COVID-19 related delay of traffic counts and household survey; suspension of Rideshare outreach activities; and change in direction of STP FIAM activities offset by increased 5310 pass through project activities. Category 6 – contributed services are under budget due to FY19 5310 pass through project vehicle awards; also due to COVID-19 impact to Clean Air and Rideshare outreach campaigns.

Ms. Jones said please turn to page 6 for General Fund Balance information, the general fund balance has a net decrease of approximately \$4,000 year to date; resulting in a year-to-date fund balance of \$1,496,000 – of this amount, \$374,000 is committed to active projects (which leaves OKI with reserves of \$1,122,000). During FY21, \$71,000 was used to match carryover projects resulting in a \$67,000 increase in fund balance associated with FY21 project activities to date.

Ms. Jones said OKI will need approximately \$54,000 to match FY21 projects carrying into FY22. After all, FY21 projects are completed, we anticipate a fund balance increase of \$13,000 from FY21 activities.

There being no discussion, Ms. Maticic moved that the Executive Committee accept and file the Finance Officer's Report dated September 9, 2021. Mr. Voss seconded the motion; motion carried.

ITEM #2: 2020 CENSUS UPDATE

Mr. Brandon Rudd, OKI Staff, gave an update on population, housing and demographic changes in the OKI region. He said the census bureau has released the first results from the 2020 decennial census and among Ohio's largest cities, Cincinnati saw the second most growth, adding over 12,000 residents. Hamilton surpassed Youngstown as the 10th most populous city.

He said the OKI region saw steady growth, led by Warren County with over 29,000 new residents and Hamilton County with over 28,000 new residents. In percentage terms, Boone County led the way with 14.4% growth. He said of the 127,000 new residents in the metro area, 121,000 were in the OKI core eight counties and within each county, suburban and urban areas saw growth, while rural areas lost population.

Mr. Rudd said the City of Cincinnati grew for first time since 1950 and Hamilton County grew for first time since 1970.

He said many of our urban areas lost housing units, while still adding population, meaning vacancy rates fell significantly. He also said that population losses in some communities were due to smaller household sizes.

ITEM #3: INTERMODAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Andy Reser, OKI Staff, updated the Executive Committee on the Intermodal Coordinating Committee which met in person on Tuesday September 7th. He said Mr. Frank Busofsky, of TANK, presented on the transit EZfare app and improvements to the passenger experience. Mr. Brett Porter of OKI, summarized results from OKI's Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture Stakeholder Survey. The ICC approved an Administrative Modification to the OKI FY21-24 TIP. Four resolutions were recommended for your approval; the first was acceptance of the FY21 Transportation Planning and Performance Expenditure Report. The second, was a resolution to enter into a consultant services contract for traffic data collection; and two resolutions on TIP Amendments.

A. FY21 Transportation Planning Performance and Expenditure Report

Mr. Bob Koehler, OKI Staff, presented OKI's Year End Performance and Expenditure Report. The report requires Executive Committee approval. The report lists staff activities and expenditures during the past year on work elements for FY2021.

Judge Moore moved to recommend approval of Resolution 2021-24 Concerning Acceptance of the FY 2021 Transportation Planning Year End Performance and Expenditure Report. Mr. Schultz seconded the motion, motion carried.

B. Consultant Services for Traffic Data Collection

Ms. Hui Xie, OKI Staff, reported OKI has a history of collecting traffic counts when UPWP allows. She reported through a quality-based selection process, DLZ Corporation has been chosen to conduct the traffic data collection project. The budget is \$125,000 and with Board approval, DLZ will start data collection on September 13 with a completion date of November 5, and process and submit all data by December 3, 2021.

Ms. Maticic moved to recommend approval of Resolution 2021-25 Authorizing a Contract for Professional Services for Traffic Data Collection. Mr. Voss seconded the motion, motion carried.

C. FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program/Amendment #7A

Mr. Andy Reser, OKI Staff, TIP Amendment 7 has been split into 7A and 7B because one project is non-exempt, meaning it is subject to air quality conformity requirements and additional federal review. The amendment was posted to the OKI website for review, and we have received no comments. TIP Amendment 7A has one project in Hamilton County, reconstruction of I-75 from Findlay Street to Marshall Avenue. This is the northern end of the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. This non-exempt project is relying on a previous regional analysis for air quality conformity and adds TRAC PE-Detailed Design funds and moves the existing PE-Environmental funds to Detailed Design. Funds for construction remain as uncommitted.

Mr. Voss moved to recommend approval of Resolution 2021-26 Concerning Amendment #7A of the Fiscal Years 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Becker seconded the motion, motion carried.

D. FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program/Amendment #7B

Mr. Andy Reser, OKI Staff, Amendment 7B adds four projects in Kentucky and makes a funding change to one Indiana project. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has identified state design funds for KY 237 Gunpowder Road reconstruction, KY 18 conversion to a super-street, KY 3060 Frogtown Road and KY 236 Stevenson Road reconstruction. The remaining phases are unscheduled and uncommitted at this time and when additional funds are identified, OKI will need another TIP Amendment. In Indiana, additional federal funds are being added to the State Line Road at US 50 intersection project. This project also includes Ohio funds.

Amendment 7B also includes twenty-four transit projects. ODOT has awarded federal flex funds to the City of Cincinnati Streetcar for software, parking lot expansion and operating assistance. In Clermont County, FTA is extending a project for fare collection equipment, to avoid lapse of funds. For TANK, this is the time of year that they learn of KYTC state funding commitments for this fiscal year and nineteen projects have funding modifications, deletions, or additions. And one additional project for Warren County is a bus replacement project using ODOT-controlled CMAQ funds.

Judge Moore moved to recommend approval of Resolution 2021-27 Concerning Amendment #7B of the Fiscal Years 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Rogers seconded the motion, motion carried.

ITEM #4: OTHER BUSINESS

President Painter said the OKI luncheon will be held September 17, 2021 in Clermont County and is sold out! The keynote speaker is Senator Rob Portman. He said this is going to be a grand event

with over 400 tickets sold. He also mentioned that the event will present colors, bag pipes and the star-spangled banner will be performed.

ITEM #5: ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Matic moved to adjourn the Executive Committee. Mr. Rogers seconded the motion; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

DAVID PAINTER, PRESIDENT

MARK R. POLICINSKI, SECRETARY

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Andrew Aiello TANK	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y					
Jeffrey P. Anderson City of Springdale	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y					
Robert Ashbrock City of Reading												
Amber Bailey City of North College Hill												
Bonnie Batchler Clermont county Brd of Comm	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y					
Eric Beck, PE Hamilton County Engineer's Off	Y		Y		Y	Y						
Ann Becker West Chester Township	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y					
Craig Beckley Sparta Township	Y			Y								
Dan Bell City of Taylor Mill	Y			Y	Y							
Ken Bowman City of Fort Thomas	E	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y					
John Breadon City of Norwood			Y			Y	E					
Gailen Bridges Kenton Co. Planning Comm.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Robert M Brown City of Hamilton	Y	Y	Y			Y						
Laura N. Brunner The Port				Y								
Mary Burns City of Ft. Mitchell						Y						
Tammy Campbell ODOT	R	R	R	R		R	R					
Jeff Capell City of Blue Ash	Y			Y		Y						

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Cindy Carpenter Butler County Board of Commiss													
Charlie Cleves City of Bellevue	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y						
Ashley Combs City of Middletown	Y	Y											
Brent Cooper Northern Kentucky Chamber of C													
Taylor Corbett Clermont County Planning Comm	Y		Y			Y	Y						
Claire Corcoran Clermont County Brd of Comm.	Y	Y	Y				Y						
Edward D. Diller Taft Stettinius & Hollister, L	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y						
Chris Dobrozsi City of Montgomery	Y		Y	Y			E						
Denise Driehaus Hamilton County Brd of Comm.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y						
Jeremy Evans, P.E.,P.S. Clermont County Engineers Offi													
David C. Fehr Butler County Planning Commiss													
Beth Fennell City of Newport	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	E						
Mark Fette City of Lawrenceburg	Y	Y		Y									
Jessica Fette City of Erlanger	Y				R	Y							
Cathy Flaig Boone County Fiscal Court	Y	E	Y		Y	Y	Y						
Rob Franxman Engineer/Public work					Y	Y	Y						
Brian Garner City of Union	E	Y	Y	Y	Y		E						

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Josh Gerth Anderson Township	Y	Y	Y	Y			E					
Kathy Grossman City of Mason							Y					
Tom Grossmann Warren County Commissioners												
Darryl Haley SORTA	R	Y	Y	E		R	R					
Jennifer Harris City of Trenton		Y										
Liz Hayden City of Hamilton	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y					
Sharon Haynes Campbell Co. Plann.& zoning												
Jude Hehman City of Ft. Mitchell	Y			Y								
Nick Hendrix Kenton County	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Todd Hickman City of Monroe												
Chris Hilberg City of Madeira	Y											
Edwin H. Humphrey Clermont County Board of Comm.			Y									
Shannon Jones Warren County Board of Commiss				Y								
Greg Kathman Fairfield (City) Planning Comm	Y			Y								
Eric H. Kearney African American Chamber of Co												
Katherine Keough-Jurs Cincinnati(City) Planning	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Roger L. Kerlin, AIA	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y					

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Kris Knochelmann Kenton County Fiscal Court	Y	Y	R	R		Y	R					
Mary Koenig City of Villa Hills												
Eric Kranz Dearborn County Chamber of Com				Y		Y						
Steve Krehbiel Village of Indian Hill		Y	Y									
Greg Landsman City of Cincinnati	R	R	R	Y		R	R					
Christopher Lawson	Y	R	Y	Y		Y	Y					
David Linnenberg Green Township	R	Y	Y	Y		Y	R					
Charles Lippert City of Sharonville	Y	R	R	Y		R						
J. Todd Listerman, PE Dearborn County	E	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	E					
Mike Mains City of Harrison	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y					
Mary Makley Wolff, MS Coalition for a Drug Free Cler	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y					
Christine L. Maticic Liberty Township Board of Trus	Y	R	R	Y		Y	Y					
Larry H. Maxey	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	E					
Mark McCormack Dearborn County Plan Commissio	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Robert K. McGee Union Township	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y					
Candace S. McGraw Kenton County Airport Board	E	E	E	Y								
Pete Metz Cincinnati USA Reg. Chamber	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						

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Joseph U. Meyer City of Covington		Y	Y	Y								
Jennifer Moody City of Mt. Healthy												
Talbott Moon City of Middletown	R	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y					
Gary W. Moore Boone County Fiscal Court	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y					
Rosalind Moore City of Forest Park		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Pamela E. Mullins	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y						
James T. O'Reilly City of Wyoming	Y	Y				Y	E					
David L. Okum			Y	Y		Y						
Brian Painter Campbell County Fiscal Court	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y					
David L. Painter Clermont County Board of Commi	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y					
Kim Patton Boone County planning Commissi												
Tom Peck Monroe Township	Y				Y							
Steve Pendery Campbell County Fiscal Court	E	Y	E	Y								
David Penque City of Cold Spring												
Ted Phelps City of Loveland	Y											
Mark R. Policinski OKI Regional COG	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y					
Rick Probst Dearborn County Brd of Comm.	Y	Y	Y	Y		R	Y					

ITEM 3A:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE
UPDATE TO THE OKI TITLE VI PLAN**

ADOPTION OF THE UPDATE TO THE OKI TITLE VI PLAN

- DESCRIPTION:** The OKI Title VI Plan describes the program and activities implemented by staff to ensure that OKI meets the legal requirements and responsibilities of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) as a recipient of Federal financial assistance. The Plan also includes maps identifying the location of Minority and Non-Minority Population groups, the location of Transit Service Areas and the location of Transportation Improvement Projects (TIP) in OKI's 8-county region and a copy of the OKI Participation Plan.
- BACKGROUND:** OKI staff regularly reviews the Title VI Plan to ensure equal opportunity to all persons to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, disability, age, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation.
- ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Adoption of Resolution OKI 2021-29
- EXHIBIT:** Resolution (OKI 2021-29) Authorizing Adoption of the Update to the OKI Title VI Plan

RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE UPDATE TO THE
OKI TITLE VI PLAN

WHEREAS, the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments has adopted a Title VI Plan that meets the legal requirements and responsibilities of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) as a recipient of Federal financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Title VI Plan continues to be reviewed by OKI staff on an on-going basis to ensure consistency with federal regulations and guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the update is consistent with USDOT guidance; Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments, at its regular public meeting of October 14, 2021, hereby approves the update to the OKI Title VI Plan as recommended by OKI staff.

DAVID PAINTER, PRESIDENT

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ITEM 3B:

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING SELECTION OF OHIO STBG/CMAQ/TA
AND KENTUCKY STBG/TA PROJECTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE FY
2021 – 2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**SELECTION OF OHIO STBG/CMAQ/TA AND KENTUCKY STBG/TA PROJECTS USING
OKI-ALLOCATED FEDERAL FUNDS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE OKI FY 2021 – 2024
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

- DESCRIPTION:** The attached exhibit, in resolution form, identifies highway, transit and bicycle/pedestrian projects located in Ohio and Kentucky selected to use OKI-allocated Federal Funds and will be included in the OKI FY 2021 – 2024 TIP.
- BACKGROUND:** OKI is responsible for preparing biennially a four-year program of projects in this region that will make use of available Federal-Aid Highway funds and Federal Transit Administration funds. Inclusion in this program is a prerequisite for such federal assistance. The current program is the FY 2021 – 2024 TIP.
- OKI is responsible for soliciting transportation projects eligible for OKI-allocated federal transportation funds to be included in the TIP. A Prioritization Subcommittee of the ICC developed a rating procedure for new projects and reviewed and ranked highway, transit and bicycle/pedestrian applications from Ohio and Kentucky to be considered for inclusion in the OKI FY 2021 – 2024 TIP. The resolution lists the projects selected, along with their associated federal funding award and local match requirement.
- Prior to presentation to the Board of Directors, the proposed additions are reviewed by staff and presented to the Intermodal Coordinating Committee. The Intermodal Coordinating Committee considers the issue, and makes a recommendation to the Board of Directors.
- AUTHORITY:** 23 CFR, §450.324.
- FUNDING:** The items proposed for addition to the FY 2021 – 2024 TIP have an associated funding amount and local sponsor identified. Staff has determined there is adequate Federal and local funding available, or anticipated to be available, to fund these projects.
- ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Adoption of Resolution OKI 2021-30.
- EXHIBIT:** Resolution (OKI 2021-30) concerning the selection of Ohio STBG/CMAQ/TA and Kentucky STBG/TA projects for highway, transit and bicycle/pedestrian projects to be included in the FY 2021 – 2024 TIP.

RESOLUTION

**OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
OHIO-KENTUCKY INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**CONCERNING SELECTION OF
OHIO STBG/CMAQ/TA AND KENTUCKY STBG/TA PROJECTS TO BE INCLUDED
IN THE FY 2021 – 2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the Governors of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and in cooperation with locally elected officials in the OKI region; and

WHEREAS, the development of the MPO's TIP shall conform to all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and guidance including the following: 23 USC 134 and 135, 23 CFR 450/1410, and 49 CFR 613/621; and

WHEREAS, the Intermodal Coordinating Committee (ICC), as the technical advisory committee to OKI, established a Prioritization Subcommittee to determine process and procedures for highway, transit, alternative transportation, and non-highway freight applications to be considered for federal funding; and

WHEREAS, OKI solicited transportation projects in Ohio to be considered for funding with OKI-allocated Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) or Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Transportation Alternative (TA) federal funds, and solicited transportation projects in Kentucky to be considered for STBG and TA federal funds, with selected projects to be added to the OKI FY 2021 - 2024 TIP; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Statewide Urban CMAQ Committee has developed procedures for selecting projects for CMAQ federal funding in Ohio and has asked the large urban Metropolitan Planning Organizations such as OKI to rank and submit project applications arising from the MPO's prioritization process; and

WHEREAS, the ICC has identified Ohio projects that may be eligible for CMAQ funding and forwarded the applications and rankings to the Ohio Statewide Urban CMAQ Committee for funding consideration; and

WHEREAS, all STBG, CMAQ and TA projects which may be non-exempt will be included in air quality conformity determination at the time those projects are amended into the TIP; Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments at its regular public meeting on October 14, 2021 hereby approves the following projects to be funded with OKI sub-allocated federal funds:

Ohio STBG/CMAQ federally funded projects:

Project Name	Federal Funds	Local Match
BCRTA-E.P.I.C. Bus Replacements	\$5,000,000	20%
Cincinnati-Victory Parkway-Park Avenue-Eden Park Drive Safety Improvement	\$6,000,000	34%
Forest Park-Forest Park Traffic Controls Improvements	\$278,235	30%

Great Parks-Glenwood Gardens to Winton Woods Shared Use Path	\$6,000,000	21%
Green Twp-Hutchinson & Ebenezer Road Improvements	\$887,261	50%
Green Twp-Werk & Westbourne Improvements	\$923,451	50%
Hamilton County-Western Hills Viaduct Replacement	\$1,000,000	20%
Oxford-Oxford Area Trail-Phase 5	\$2,763,730	40%
Sharonville-Kemper Road and US 42 Signal Improvement	\$685,523	40%
Silverton-Plainfield at Montgomery Road Corridor Modernization Project	\$5,058,929	20%
SORTA-Bus Fleet Sustainability & Mobilization	\$5,822,993	30%
SORTA-North College Hill Transit Center	\$3,531,118	30%
The Banks-The Banks Variable Message Signs Phase 3	\$4,420,113	20%

Ohio TA federally funded projects:

Project Name	Federal Funds	Local Match
Anderson Twp-New Sidewalk and Crosswalk Improvement on Clough Pike	\$245,095	50%
Cincinnati-Dutch Colony Sidewalk	\$97,243	50%
Colerain Twp-Springdale Road Colerain to Loralinda Sidewalk	\$262,615	50%
Lebanon-Bowman Multi-Use Trail	\$750,000	52%
Milford-Main Street/Lila Avenue Corridor Improvements	\$750,000	50%

Kentucky STBG (SNK) federally funded projects:

Project Name	Federal Funds	Local Match
Bellevue-Fairfield Avenue Sidewalk Improvements	\$616,541	20%
Boone County-CVG Trail East KY 236 Donaldson	\$1,132,026	50%
Boone County-CVG Trail North Multi-Use Path	\$1,306,461	50%
Elsmere-KY 1829/Industrial Road at Foundation Drive Capacity Improvements	\$1,099,112	20%
Highland Heights-Sunset Drive Road Improvement	\$1,311,594	20%
TANK-Replacement of Four Diesel Fixed Route Buses	\$2,191,658	20%

Kentucky TA (SNK) federally funded projects:

Project Name	Federal Funds	Local Match
Bellevue-Bellevue Safe Routes to School	\$288,493	20%
Edgewood-Caywood Elementary/Turkeyfoot Middle/Tichenor Safe Routes to School	\$324,482	20%

DAVID PAINTER, PRESIDENT

10/14/2021

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ITEM 3C:

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING AMENDMENT #8 OF THE FISCAL
YEARS 2021 – 2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

AMENDMENT #8 OF THE OKI FISCAL YEARS 2021-2024
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- DESCRIPTION:** The attached exhibit, in resolution form, describes the specific revision proposed.
- BACKGROUND:** OKI is responsible for preparing biennially a four-year program of projects in this region that will make use of available Federal-Aid Highway funds and Federal Transit Administration funds. Inclusion in this program is a prerequisite for such federal assistance. Because the scope, cost, and timing of the included projects are subject to periodic change, and because new projects are continually being developed, the TIP is periodically amended as needed.
- The amendment reflected in the proposed resolution includes four transit projects in Ohio. All projects are exempt from air quality conformity requirements.
- Prior to presentation to the Board of Directors, the proposed amendment is posted to the OKI website for at least 14 days and public comments are accepted. Staff presents the amendment to the Intermodal Coordinating Committee (ICC), the ICC considers the issue, and makes a recommendation to Board of Directors. Any public comments will be presented to the Board of Directors prior to scheduled action.
- AUTHORITY:** 23 CFR, §450.324.
- FUNDING:** The fiscally constrained items proposed for the amendment have an associated funding amount and source specified. Staff has determined that there is adequate funding available, or anticipated to be available, and the funding amounts are shown in year of expenditure figures for this project.
- ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Adoption of Resolution OKI 2021-31.
- EXHIBIT:** Resolution (OKI 2021-31) Concerning Amendment #8 of the OKI Fiscal Years 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program.

RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
CONCERNING AMENDMENT #8 OF THE
FISCAL YEARS 2021 – 2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the Governors of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and in cooperation with locally elected officials in the OKI region; and

WHEREAS, the Intermodal Coordinating Committee (ICC), as the technical advisory committee to OKI, has reviewed and recommended the projects listed in the resolution and recommend that they be added/amended into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, all federally funded transit and highway projects in the Ohio Counties of Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren, the Kentucky Counties of Boone, Campbell and Kenton and the Indiana County of Dearborn must be included in the TIP prior to the expenditure of federal funds and be listed with year of expenditure dollars; and

WHEREAS, the amendments are consistent with the *OKI 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* as amended on September 10, 2020 and the OKI Regional ITS Architecture adopted on September 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, all projects included in *Amendment 8 – Fiscal Years 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program* are exempt from transportation conformity requirements for air quality; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity for public participation has been provided per OKI’s Public Participation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the environmental justice impacts of these amendments have been considered with “Executive Order 12898 Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations”; and

WHEREAS, this amendment will result in a TIP that remains fiscally constrained: Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments at its regular public meeting on October 14, 2021 hereby amends the Fiscal Years 2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program as shown in the attached Amendment #8 project table:

DAVID PAINTER, PRESIDENT

TRANSIT - PROPOSED ACTIONS - Amendment #8 October 14, 2021

Project Description

FY	TIP ID	FTA ALI Code	Type	Project Name	Quantity	Fund Type	Programmed cost
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Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority

2022 115556 11.42.20 Capital SORTA Automatic Passenger Counters Automatic Passenger Counters FY22 OTP2

Add Project:
OTP2 2021 Award

Federal Flex Funds-STBG	875,000
Local	375,000

Total Project Cost: \$1,250,000

2022 115556 11.52.20 Capital SORTA Replacement Batteries for Hybrid Buses 12 Replacement Batteries for Hybrid Buses FY22 OTP2

Add Project:
OTP2 2021 Award

Federal Flex Funds-CMAQ	532,000
Local	133,000

Total Project Cost: \$665,000

2022 115556 11.62.02 Capital SORTA Modernization of Fleet Communications Modernization of Fleet Communications FY22 OTP2

Add Project:
OTP2 2021 Award

Federal Flex Funds-STBG	1,160,000
Local	290,000

Total Project Cost: \$1,450,000

2022 115556 11.71.11 Planning SORTA Alternative Energy Strategy 1 Alternative Energy Strategy FY22 OTP2

Add Project:
OTP2 2021 Award

Federal Flex Funds-STBG	125,000
Local	50,000

Total Project Cost: \$175,000