

Executive Committee Minutes
Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments
May 11 , 2023 – 10:30 a.m.
OKI Boardroom

OKI Board President Gary Moore called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. President Moore noted that this is an executive committee meeting and reminded everyone that only executive committee members or their alternates may make a motion, second or vote. Commissioner Denise Driehaus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

See attendance chart for OKI board members, guests, and staff.

Item #1A - Administrative

President Moore noted there was one update to the board of directors. He requested a motion to have Mr. Charles Lippert replace Mr. Paul Culter for the city of Sharonville's seat. A motion was provided by Mr. Ken Reed, with a second from Mr. David Okum; motion carried.

Item #1B - Approval of the April 13, 2023 meeting minutes

President Moore requested approval of the April 13th board of directors meeting minutes as distributed. Council member Susan Vaughn moved that the minutes be approved as presented with a second from Mr. Darryl Haley; motion passed.

Item #1C - CEO's Report

Mr. Mark Policinski began his remarks sharing that Mr. David Shuey from OKI staff will provide an update on the Carbon Reduction Funds, about \$20 million dollars in a 5-year period for EV charging stations. He noted that the adoption of EVs across the country is at a far faster rate than anticipated. He noted that only data will aid OKI in how to address and assess the EV environment.

Next, Mr. Policinski shared that he has been in negotiations with OKI's lease space for the past 6 months with the aid of board members Mr. Ed Diller and Trustee Josh Gerth. OKI wishes to stay in the Sawyer Point Building; however, the square footage will decrease because the boardroom (5,100 square feet) will no longer be considered part of OKI's suite. OKI will continue to have use of the boardroom for our monthly meetings. There will be an expansion of an existing conference room within OKI's office to hold about 40 people for other meetings. Other changes to the new lease will result in savings of \$1.1 million over the next seven years.

President Moore requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2023-18. A motion was provided from Commissioner David Painter with a second from Commissioner T.C. Rogers; motion carried.

Item #1D - Finance Officer's Report

Director of Finance, Ms. Katie Hannum, stated copies of the Finance Officer's Report were distributed via a Constant Contact email to all in advance with a printed copy at their seats.

Ms. Hannum reported the Council's financing activities, as of May 11, 2023, OKI had:

\$942,948 in PNC Bank Commercial Checking

\$22,584 in PNC Bank - HSA/FSA Checking

\$731,962 in the STAR Ohio Money Market Mutual Fund

Ms. Hannum reported there has been no recent activity on OKI's line of credit, and that there is no outstanding balance at report date. She further reported on Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expense information.

The report concluded with the general fund balance information and the total funds committed to active projects. OKI Treasurer Mr. Ken Reed provided a motion to approve the financial report; Council member Mark Jeffreys seconded the motion; motion passed.

Item #2 – Intermodal Coordinating Committee Report

Mr. Andy Reser, OKI staff stated the ICC met on Tuesday, May 9th. He shared the meeting summary included:

- Mr. Bob Koehler and Mr. Michael Outreach, both OKI staff provided information regarding the 2050 Plan update
- The committee approved a TIP Administrative Modification
- Three resolutions were recommended for board approval:
 - 1.) Amendment #1 to the FY24-27 TIP
 - 2.) Selection of projects to be funded with 5310 funds, presented by Ms. Summer Jones, OKI staff
 - 3.) Adoption of Adjusted Infrastructure and Congestion Performance Targets for Kentucky, presented by Mr. Brett Porter, OKI staff

Item #3 – Amendment #1 of the OKI FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Andy Reser stated Amendment #1 includes funding for three projects due to the March announcement of new Ohio TRAC construction funding commitments, they are as follows:

1. Clermont County – State Route 32 interchange at Glen Este Withamsville has \$8.4 million additional construction funds in FY24
2. Western Hills Viaduct – has \$25 million new funds for construction in FY26
3. Phase 4 Through-the-Valley to replace a railroad bridge prior to the widening of I-75

He did note there is one project in Dearborn County, IN – the Conrady Road Bridge replacement with construction in FY29. All projects are exempt from air quality conformity and the

amendment was posted at www.oki.org since 5/26/23 with no comments received. A motion for OKI Resolution 2023-13 was provided by Judge Executive Kris Knochelmann with a second from Commissioner Rick Probst; motion carried.

Item #4 – Electric Vehicle Charging Activities Update

Mr. David Shuey provided a brief overview of EV adoption rates that OKI have been tracking for the past three years. He noted there are 3 levels of EV charging – Level 1 is 120 volts, typical in most homes where you would plug something in. This is the slowest and would take days to recharge an EV car. Level 2 is 240 volts, comparable to a dryer – this level would take hours to charge an EV car. This could cost \$500-\$1500 to have that installed in a home garage. The final level is DC fast charge – this is the fastest charging where it takes minutes and typically available for commercial charging and fleet charging.

He moved on to data and noted that the first data point that OKI is tracking is EV registration. At the end of 2022, there were approximately 10,000 registered EV vehicles. The top three zip codes where these cars are registered are Mason followed by Loveland, then Blue Ash/Montgomery area. He did note that while EVs are increasing, the region's fleet numbers are still relatively small.

The next data point is the tracking of existing public EV infrastructure via a map (that is updated quarterly) which provides a visual of existing public chargers as well as gaps in coverage. The map provided information that there is a lack of DC fast charging infrastructure along I-75, and in northern Kentucky, there is a lack of level 2 charging equipment and finally in Dearborn County, there is both lack of fast and level 2 charging. The final data point is the utilization of existing public EV infrastructure. OKI has begun tracking utilization rates which when sufficient data is secured, OKI will build a model that will predict utilization of charging infrastructure at a given location.

Mr. Shuey continued on with an update of the Carbon Reduction Program, which was established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to provide funds for projects designed to reduce transportation emissions from on-road highway sources. He stated an EV charging pilot program was launched in February 2023 with applications due May 5th. There are 2 applicants requesting \$1.25m in Kentucky and 5 in Ohio requesting \$1.27m. OKI staff recommendations will be presented at the June meeting.

Item #5 – 2050 Metropolitan Update

Mr. Bob Koehler, OKI Deputy Executive Director, shared the plan's prerequisites to which OKI must adhere, in order for OKI to receive and invest federal funds for regional transportation improvements. OKI is required to update the Plan every 4 years; the Plan must contain a minimum 20-year planning horizon; the Plan must exhibit both fiscal constraint and air quality conformity; the Plan must be multi-modal; the Plan must seek to provide safe and efficient movement of people and goods – thus reducing crash rates and congestion. It is important to note that although the plan is updated every four years, OKI does have the ability to amend it as needed. He also noted the 10 transportation planning factors and the addition of new factors related to tourism and resiliency.

The schedule is for staff to begin data collection this Summer with scenario testing in the Fall. He asked that projects be submitted for consideration in the plan by November 1 to rkoehler@oki.org. A draft list of projects would be available to ICC in February 2024 with adoption at June ICC and Board meetings in 2024. The Participation Plan will be a combination of techniques that provide and obtain information from both transportation stakeholders as well as the public with monthly updates to the ICC and Board, and a dedicated 2050 website page. He mentioned social media platform Facebook and Twitter providing surveys and community events provided from ICC and board members. A public hearing will also be held for public input before adoption in June, 2024.

Mr. Koehler introduced Mr. Michael Outrich, OKI Senior Planner/Demographer, to give an update to ICC on the OKI Regional Population Trends.

Mr. Outrich provided information on existing and projected population estimates. He also noted that the OKI region has not recovered all the jobs lost from the Pandemic, but employment is trending up. Fertility rates have decreased, and overall, the population in the region is aging. The majority of population growth is inward migration.

In summary, the OKI region continues to gain population and jobs, but the rate of growth has been reduced. The region's population and workforce continue to age with declining birth rates, less children, and elevated mortality.

Mr. Outrich invited input from the members related to projections of population and employment. He specifically requested information from communities where new construction on industrial, commercial or office locations will have greater than 100 jobs.

Item #6 – Selection of Projects to be funded with Section 5310 Federal Funds Allocated to the Cincinnati Urbanized Area

OKI staff, Ms. Summer Jones stated the goal of the 5310 program is to improve the ability for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding transportation mobility options. She shared that they received 11 applications and have enough funding to award all 11 applicants with over \$2 million in funding. The funding was able to provide six light transit vehicles, five modified minivans, three accessible bit vans, some mobility management programs, camera equipment, operating costs software and preventative maintenance for some 5310 vehicles. President Moore requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2023-14, which was provided by Commissioner T.C. Rogers. A second was provided by Mr. Daryl Haley; motion passed.

Item #7 – SFY 2024 Ohio Water Quality Areawide Funding Agreement TIPBUD

OKI staff, Mr. David Rutter stated this resolution funds OKI’s water quality work for the four SW counties in Ohio. The funding is through Ohio EPA up to \$75,000. President Moore requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2023-15. A motion was provided by Mr. Ken Reed with a second from Commissioner David Painter; motion passed.

Item #8 – SFY 2024 Ohio Water Quality Areawide Funding Agreement 604(b)

Mr. Rutter stated this resolution reflects federal pass-through dollars targeted to water quality and management in the amount of \$98,457.14. President Moore requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2023-16 which was provided by Council member Susan Vaughn with a second from Council member Mark Jeffreys.

Item #9 – Adoption to Support the Adjusted Infrastructure and Congestion Performance Targets for the State of Kentucky

OKI staff Mr. Brett Porter shared that the FAST Act mandates that States and MPOs establish and maintain a performance and outcome-based program to guide transportation decisions. They are required to establish transportation performance measures and targets for certain goal areas including safety, infrastructure condition, and congestion and system performance. He shared that there are 12 areas that the States and MPOs must establish 2 and 4-year targets. KYTC has decided to revise targets. for 9 of the 12 performance measures. OKI has elected to support Kentucky’s revised targets. Judge Moore requested Adoption of Resolution OKI 2023-17. Judge Executive Kris Knochelmann provided the motion with a second from Mr. Brian Painter; motion passed.

Item #10 - Other Business

There was no other business noted.

Item #11 - Adjournment

President Moore noted the next meeting is June 8, 2023, it will be a Board of Directors meeting starting at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting adjournment was motioned by Mr. Ken Reed with a second from Judge Executive Steve Penderly David; motion carried.

Gary W. Moore

Gary W. Moore, President

Mark R. Policinski

Mark R. Policinski, Secretary