

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments
February 8, 2024 – 10:30 a.m.

Attendance record for OKI board members along with guests and staff follows the minutes.

Item #1A - Administrative

OKI Board President Gary Moore called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. Judge Executive Steve Penderly led with the Pledge of Allegiance. President Moore reminded everyone to sign in, silence cell phones and to state your name clearly when making a motion, second or comment. He also noted that since this is an executive committee meeting, only those members or their alternates may make a motion, second or vote.

President Moore shared that the 2024 OKI Board of Directors received a few more appointments since the last meeting from member jurisdictions. They are as follows:

- Councilmember Doug Abrams, City of Harrison, OH
- Councilmember Kim Chamberland, City of Milford, OH
- Mayor Elizabeth Slamka, City of Middletown, OH
- Councilmember Michael Smith, City of Oxford, OH

He welcomed them all to the Board of Directors.

Item #1B - Approval of the January 11, 2024 Board of Directors meeting minutes

President Moore requested approval of the January 11th Board of Directors meeting minutes as distributed. Mr. Ken Reed, Treasurer moved that the minutes be approved as presented with a second from Mr. Karl Schultz; motion passed unanimously.

Item #1C - CEO's Report

Mr. Mark Policinski began his comments thanking members for their support and attendance at the OKI Annual Luncheon at Turfway Park.

He next noted that Mr. Steve Anderson from SORTA will provide a presentation about a funding opportunity which made him think about OKI's relationship with the local transit agencies. He went on to share that the leadership for those agencies is extraordinarily strong and cooperative. OKI hosts listening sessions for the transit agencies where we learn of common issues and potential solutions are discussed along with data sharing. He shared that OKI has long been a supporter of transit and has provided approximately \$150 million from 2010-2017 to the transit agencies (20% of all OKI grants), despite that transit provides 7% of all trips in the region.

He noted that the purpose of sharing this information is due to deliberate misinformation on the subject and wished to provide facts to members.

Next, he provided an update on the Carbon Reduction Grant funding which is aimed for EV charging stations (applications were due 2/1/24). OKI received Kentucky applications totaling nearly \$3million and Ohio submitted \$343,000 in requests. Staff will provide recommendations at the March executive committee meeting. If all the applications are approved, the remaining balance of funds would be \$1.3million in Kentucky and \$13.5million in Ohio. Funds to expend by June 2026. He shared that we expect Kentucky to spend its dollars, but Ohio has quite a way to go. He reminded members that OKI is here to help you build out an EV network in your communities, however he does realize there are obstacles such as local match, lack of obvious locations or uncertainty of which technology to use. Lastly, he noted that OKI develops projects from the jurisdiction-up but if efforts do not yield sufficient results, he advised members that OKI may need to consider more regional solutions that will be agency initiated.

Item #1D - Finance Officer's Report

Director of Finance, Ms. Katie Hannum, stated copies of the Finance Officer's Report were distributed to all in advance with a printed copy at their seats. Ms. Hannum reported the Council's financing activities, as of February 8, 2024, OKI had:

\$340,690 in the PNC Bank Commercial Checking Account

\$26,327 in the PNC HSA/FSA Checking Account

\$865,340 in the STAR Ohio Money Market Mutual Fund Account

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.

President Moore requested a motion to approve the financial report. Councilmember Mark Jeffrey's provided a motion, Councilmember Susan Vaughn seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Item #2 – Metro Transit Infrastructure Fund 2024

Guest presenter, Mr. Steve Anderson (Sr. Director of Transit Development & Innovation for SORTA) shared MTIF's upcoming Call for Projects (March 1, 2024). The Fund assists Hamilton County localities to improve transportation infrastructure. He reminded members that Hamilton County voters passed Issue 7 in 2020, which increased sales tax to .8%, of that .2% to be used for public infrastructure projects administered by SORTA/Hamilton County Integrating Committee. Eligible projects must be in Hamilton County and within $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of a Metro route excluding highways. Proposals that must be submitted by May 31, 2024. More information found at <https://www.go-metro.com/transit-infrastructure-fund> .

Item #3 – 2050 Metropolitan Plan Update

In the on-going 2050 Plan update to members, Mr. Bob Koehler, Deputy Executive Director, provided a brief status report, an overview of the Fiscal Constraint and the draft project list. OKI staff used the Prioritization Process to score nearly 300 projects which will be available for review on February 12th (a link will be emailed to members and posted at www.oki.org). He asked comments to be submitted by February 29th. Next steps include a public meeting on June 10 and Adoption will occur at the June Board of Director's meeting.

Item #4 – Authorizing the Filing of an Application with the Department of Transportation, United States of America, for a Grant Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

Deputy Executive Director Bob Koehler noted that FTA allocates Section 5303 funds to OKI for transit planning activities. The KYTC Office of Transportation Delivery requires the MPO Policy Board to authorize the application of funds and commit to providing non-federal match. These FTA funds are commonly received by OKI and blended with FHWA PL funds for the purpose of conducting the metropolitan planning process. President Moore requested a motion, which was provided by Judge Executive Kris Knochelmann with a second from Councilmember Serena Owen; motion passed unanimously for OKI Resolution 2024-04.

Item #5 – Intermodal Coordinating Committee Report

OKI staff, Mr. Andy Reser provided a brief update on the ICC meeting held on February 6, 2024. He noted that they heard presentations on the following topics: Metro Infrastructure Fund, 2050 Plan update along with the Prioritization Process Update and the 2023 OKI Vehicle Occupancy Survey. The committee approved a TIP Administrative Modification, and one Resolution was recommended for member approval, which was 2024-05 Safety Performance Targets.

Item #6 – Support of Transportation Safety Performance Measure Targets for the States of Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana

OKI staff, Mr. Brett Porter shared that per Map-21 and the FAST ACT, States are mandated to establish a performance and outcome-based program for transportation decisions. He said targets for five transportation safety performance measures are required, they are:

- 1.) number of fatalities,
- 2.) number of serious injuries
- 3.) fatalities rate
- 4.) serious injury rate
- 5.) number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries.

MPO's have 180 days following the establishment and reporting of the State transportation safety targets to decide whether to support each State's targets or establish their own.

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Mr. Porter said this resolution states OKI's support of each State's transportation safety performance measure targets and OKI agrees to plan and program projects, so they contribute toward the accomplishment of each State's transportation safety performance measure.

President Moore requested a motion to approve OKI Resolution 2024-05. A motion was provided by Commissioner Rick Probst with a second from Mr. Roger Kerlin; motion passed unanimously.

Item #7 – Other Business

President Moore reminded everyone the next meeting is March 14th, an executive committee meeting starting at 10:30 a.m.

Item #8 - Adjournment

President Moore requested a motion to adjourn, which was provided by Treasurer Ken Reed with a second from Commissioner David Painter; motion passed unanimously.

End of meeting 11:22 a.m.

Submitted by Lorrie Platt

Gary W. Moore

Gary W. Moore, President

Mark R. Policinski

Mark R. Policinski, Secretary

Guests

Steve Anderson, SORTA

Jeff Wallace, Woolpert

Brandon Setter, KCPW

Bob Hill, Lochner

Steve Hartke, City of Mason

Declan

Chris Harding, Hamilton County

OKI Staff

Lorrie Platt

David Shuey

Andy Meyer

Margaret Minzner

Rebecca Bauer

Jenny Newcomb

Suzanne Parkey

Regina Fields

Michael Outrich

Toni Gleason

Taylor O'Rourke

Summer Jones

Florence Parker

Liren Zhou

Timothy Stautberg

Katie Hannum

Robyn Bancroft

Brett Porter