



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING  
April 11, 2024**

**10:30 A.M.**

**OKI REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
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# **ITEM #1B:**

**Approval of March 14, 2024 Executive  
Committee Meeting Minutes**

**(Motion to approve and/or amend minutes)**

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments**  
**March 14, 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 10:34 a.m. He 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 committee members or their alternates may make a motion, second or vote. Trustee Michael Logue led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Item #1B - Approval of the February 8, 2024 Executive Committee meeting minutes**

President Moore requested approval of the February 8<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting minutes as distributed. Mr. Ken Reed, Treasurer moved that the minutes be approved as presented with a second from Commissioner T.C. Rogers; motion passed unanimously.

**Item #1C - CEO's Report**

Mr. Mark Policinski began his remarks by sharing the sudden news of Red Bike's announcement it was shutting down operations. In the announcement, Red Bank executives have mentioned the possibility of selling its assets. OKI has invested \$3.6million for this mode of transportation. He noted that Red Bike cannot sell those assets without negotiation with the federal government's agent, in this case ODOT. ODOT would be paid back for some of OKI's investment. He mentioned that Councilman Mark Jeffreys along with others are trying to find a solution that keeps Red Bike operating. Mr. Policinski said that he wished them well and OKI is glad to provide data and support. He also noted that future funding of Red Bike will be up to the OKI Board of Directors. He wanted to assure the Board that their investments have legal protection and will make that known to the operators of Red Bike.

He next mentioned that the Board will be hearing from the independent auditor, Mr. Kyle Dougherty, on OKI's FY 2023 audit. He noted that OKI remains in sound fiscal stature and are good shepherds of the taxpayer's money. He next complimented OKI's finance staff in meeting every financial and accounting test of OKI's fiscal operations. Having federal, state, and local dollars from three distinct states is a remarkable challenge. He asked the finance staff to stand and be recognized for their hard work in meeting the various layers of government accounting.

Mr. Policinski concluded his remarks focusing on the Martin Luther King interchange in Uptown. He shared that in 2013, the OKI Board made a revolutionary investment on an interchange that has regional impacts. Such as:

- The Uptown area is the region's second largest employment center outside of downtown Cincinnati. Of the 55,000 jobs, twenty thousand were held by persons from outside of Hamilton County
- Tens of thousands of students from the region and beyond attend University of Cincinnati
- A large majority of patients in Uptown's hospitals are from outside the city of Cincinnati

OKI helped craft a radical funding scheme to build the interchange projects on a historically fast schedule. OKI's BOD agreed to take on a payment of \$25million loan to the city from the Ohio State Infrastructure Bank. The solution was innovative for several reasons: the loan size was up to 250 times the size of a normal SIB loan. No other MPO had even been responsible for such a massive SIB loan and lastly, the Board ensured paying the loan over 25 years at a payment of \$1million per year for decades from OKI funds.

He thanked the Board for their visionary solution in 2013 and was proud to share that the loan will be paid off in July of 2024, fifteen years early due to the hard work of our partners at ODOT and the City of Cincinnati, the actual loan amount was less and because the Board year after year voted to honor the \$1million commitment. He said he has been told that the investment in Uptown over the past decade is over \$1billion, all related to investment of the interchange.

#### **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 March 14, 2024, OKI had:

\$487,053 in the PNC Bank Commercial Checking Account  
\$26,626 in the PNC HSA/FSA Checking Account  
\$668,631 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. Commissioner David Painter provided a motion, Councilmember Mark Jeffreys seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

#### **Item #2 - USA EPA Climate Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) Update**

Mr. Travis Miller, OKI staff reminded members that OKI is in Phase 2 of the program with the implementation funding grant due April 1<sup>st</sup>. The awarded grants can be between \$2million and \$500million. The purpose is to develop and implement locally driven actions that reduce Green House Gas emissions. He reminded members that on March 1<sup>st</sup>, a Priority Climate Action Plan

was submitted. He highlighted GHG Inventory which showed that 70% of the region's emissions are produced in three counties: Hamilton, Butler, and Boone. The region's top emissions are industrial (35%), followed by transportation emissions (30%). He further elaborated the engagement process, which includes a 70+ member steering committee that generated over 100 project ideas (to reduce GHG emissions).

Next, he provided a summary of the grant proposals' six 'pillars' to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the 16-county OK-KY-IN MSA. The pillars, with examples are:

1. Residential Household Energy Reduction Program – such as weatherization, efficient appliances/HVAC
2. Local Govt. Public Building Reduction – solar and LED light conversion
3. Industrial Equipment Replacement Program – stationary equipment, mobile equipment
4. Transit Service Enhancement – targeted zone free fare, fleet replacement expansion
5. Landfill Stream Reduction – curb side recycling, regional organics facilities, food reuse refrigeration
6. Afforestation – Tree for Me distributions, 30,000 trees to 60 communities

Mr. Miller reminded members that OKI is the grant administrator and next steps are to finalize program details and grant components along with program budgets.

### **Item #3 - Selection of Projects for the Carbon Reduction Program – Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure**

Mr. Andy Reser, OKI staff reminded members these awards are for the installation of publicly accessible EV charging infrastructure. The focus is on DC Fast Charging equipment in high density residential and/or employment with adequate demonstrated dwell times along with the commitment to operate and maintain electric vehicle service equipment for five years. He shared that Ohio has \$13 million available, received 8 applications, requesting a total of \$375k. He noted that Ohio Toll Revenue Credits can be used as the non-federal share, for this round, this saves \$138k in match. There will be a Round 2 of projects in Ohio due to funds remaining (applications due June 7<sup>th</sup>). Mr. Reser then shared that Kentucky has \$3 million available, received 6 applications requesting a total of \$2.8 million. A slide presentation included the following information on the awards (see next page).

OHIO

Anderson Township	Anderson Center	2 Level 2 Chargers, \$50,854
City of Cincinnati-Mt. Washington	Neighborhood Business District	1 Dual Port DCFC, \$196,000
City of Fairfield	Lane Library	2 Level 2 Single Port Chargers
	Waterworks Park	2 Level 2 Single Port Chargers
	Harbin Park	2 Level 2 Single Port Chargers
		Total funds for Fairfield \$126,945
City of Forest Park	City Municipal Campus	3 Level 2 Chargers, \$32,413
City of Trenton	City Hall	2 Level 2 Chargers, \$54,545
MetroParks of Butler County	Voice of America MetroPark	1 Level 2 Charger, \$17,794

KENTUCKY

Boone County	Boone County Parks Dept.	3 DC Fast Chargers
	Burlington Commons Washington Street	3 DC Fast Chargers
	287 Richwood Rd. Walton, KY	3 DC Fast Chargers
		Total funds \$320,000
CVG Airport	CVG Centre	10 Level 2 Chargers, 2 DC Fast Chargers
	Rental Car Facility	2 DC Fast Chargers
	Terminal 2 Garage	16 Level 2 Chargers, 1 DC Fast Charger
		Total funds for CVG \$3,214,286

President Moore requested a motion to approve OKI Resolution 2024-06, which was provided by Commissioner Steve Hayden. Judge Knochelmann seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

**Item #4 - Environmental Consultation for the Update to OKI’s 2050 Plan**

Dr. Margaret Minzner, OKI staff provided an update of the environmental consultations for the 2024 update to the 2050 Plan. She explained the consultations are prepared because transportation and related development can adversely affect environmental and historic resources. She noted a survey on environmental concerns was completed along with a workshop discussing survey results with the opportunity of environmental experts to weigh in.

Additionally, they hosted an engineer’s workshop to learn more about the feasibility of mitigation measures from their perspective. All data will be compiled on the Greenspace webpage and incorporated in the Plan update.

**Item #5 - Presentation of Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Report via Teams**

Mr. Kyle Dougherty, partner-in-charge at Zupka & Associates provided an overview of OKI’s annual audit report for fiscal year 2023. He stated there were no deficiencies, no issues of internal controls and assured members of the solid financial standing of the agency.

President Moore requested a motion to accept and file the auditor’s report. A motion was provided by Mr. Ken Reed with a second from Commissioner Painter; motion passed unanimously.

**Item #6 - Intermodal Coordinating Committee Report**

OKI staff, Mr. Andy Reser provided a brief update on the ICC meeting held on March 12, 2024. He noted the Committee heard about the following topics, Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program Update and a 2050 Plan Environmental Consultations. The Committee recommended three Resolution for executive committee approval, the Carbon Reduction Program EV Vehicle Charging Projects as well as TIP Amendments #6A and #6B. He last shared there was a workshop held after ICC meeting to discuss the upcoming round of transportation funding opportunities.

**Item #7 - Amendment #6A of the OKI Fiscal Years 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program**

OKI staff, Mr. Andy Reser stated that TIP Amendment 6 has been split into 6A and 6B. He shared this is done sometimes to separate the exempt and non-exempt projects because an Amendment with a non-exempt project is subject to air quality conformity and gets bumped to FHWA and FTA to review and that review can take an additional 4-6 weeks before the Amendment can be added to the STP.

He stated that Amendment 6A includes the addition of 17 highway projects that are all exempt from air quality conformity; 14 of these projects come from last year’s Prioritization Process that were awarded OKI STBG/CMAQ or TA Funds in October 2023. The new projects are Butler County MetroParks for the new portion of the Great Miami River Trail, Butler County TID North Hamilton Crossing Phase 1, City of Fairfield’s extension of the Miami River Trail and the Pleasant Avenue Multi-Use Path.

In Hamilton County, City of Springfield Northland Blvd and Kemper Road realignment, City of Loveland’s Loveland-Madeira Road, Cincinnati Lick Run Connector multi-use paths and Reading and Azmann sidewalk and Colerain Springdale Road sidewalks. In Warren County, City of Mason signals and Warren County TID SR63 improvements. In Campbell County, City of Alexandria East Main Street sidewalk. In Kenton County, Crestview Hills Horsebranch Road, and Park Hills Amsterdam Road. OKI funded projects for transit include new battery electric buses for SORTA, BRT and TANK hybrid-electric buses.

Non-OKI projects in this amendment are a new structure demolition project for the Wester Hills Viaduct and a 2023 Federal RAISE grant to Bellevue and Southbank Partners for use on planning and designing of Riverfront Commons. Other transit projects are also added for BCRTA, Clermont County, SORTA and TANK. He noted that the Amendment was sent to the Interagency Consultation Group for review and posted on oki.org since February 28<sup>th</sup>. No adverse comments were received.

President Moore requested a motion to approve OKI Resolution 2024-07. A motion was provided by Judge Executive Knochermann with a second from Trustee Michael Logue; motion passed unanimously.

**Item #8 - Amendment #6B of the OKI Fiscal Years 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Andy Reser, OKI staff stated that Amendment 6B includes one non-exempt highway project, PID 114606, the Fields Ertel Road widening project between Snider and Wilkens. Hamilton and Warren County requested 10% additional OKI STBG funds, and the local funding amount is also increasing. He stated it is about a \$5million increase over the previous estimate and they hope to go to bid soon. The Amendment, as well as OKI's short conformity report based on a previous regional emissions analysis were sent to the Interagency Consultation Group for review. The Amendment was posted to oki.org with no adverse comments received.

President Moore requested a motion to approve OKI Resolution 2024-08. A motion was provided by Commissioner T.C. Rogers with a second from Mr. Roger Kerlin; motion passed unanimously.

**Item #9 - Other Business**

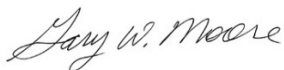
President Moore reminded everyone the next meeting is April 11, a Board of Director's meeting starting at 10:30 a.m.

**Item #10 - 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 11:46 a.m.

Submitted by Lorrie Platt



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Gary W. Moore, President



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Mark R. Policinski, Secretary















**Guests**

Jennifer Haley, Clermont BCC  
Veronica Hazelwood, Mason  
Steve McDevitt, Burgess & Niple  
Dan Bell, Taylor Mill  
Scott Falkowski, Forest Park  
Jeff Wallace, Woolpert  
Chris Harding, Hamilton County  
Bob Hill, Lochner  
Brandon Setzer, KCPW  
Matthew (illegible last name)  
James Lukas, Sharonville

**OKI Staff**

Lorrie Platt  
Andy Meyer  
Florence Parker  
Suzanne Parkey  
Travis Miller  
Jenny Newcomb  
Summer Jones  
Jersson Pachar  
Liren Zhou  
Jim Pickering  
Katie Hannum

# **ITEM #2:**

**Selection of Projects to be Funded with Section 5310 Federal Funds Allocated to the Cincinnati Urban Area**

**RESOLUTION OKI 2024-09**



**ITEM #2: SELECTION OF PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED WITH SECTION 5310 FEDERAL FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE CINCINNATI URBAN AREA**

**DESCRIPTION:** Resolution 2024-09 would provide funding for qualified applicants seeking funding from the federal Section 5310 Grant Program using funds allocated to the Cincinnati urban area.

**BACKGROUND:** Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5310 authorizes the formula assistance program for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program and provides formula funding to states and designated recipients to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

OKI was appointed the Designated Recipient for the Cincinnati urbanized area by the Governors of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. The agency held a competitive application process and received completed applications from qualified applicants in February 2023.

The 5310 Oversight Team, identified by the OKI Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan, reviewed Section 5310 grant applications on March 22, 2024 and recommends the following agencies receive Section 5310 federal funds:

- Cancer Justice Network
- Cincinnati Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- Clermont Senior Services
- Community Services of Northern Kentucky
- Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio
- Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky
- University of Cincinnati Impact Innovation
- Warren County Community Services
- Wesley Community Services

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Adoption of Resolution OKI 2024-09

**EXHIBIT:** Resolution OKI 2024-09

**RESOLUTION**

**OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE**

**OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**CONCERNING SELECTION OF PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED WITH SECTION 5310 FEDERAL FUNDS**

**ALLOCATED TO THE CINCINNATI URBAN AREA**

**WHEREAS**, Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5310 authorizes the formula assistance program for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program and provides formula funding to states and designated recipients to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, as enacted in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, includes a regional apportionment for the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program administered by the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governors of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana have designated the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) as a designated recipient for Section 5310 federal funds allocated to the Cincinnati urban area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Designated Recipient is responsible for the selection of projects and may use a competitive selection process; and

**WHEREAS**, OKI publicized the Section 5310 competitive application process through mailing lists and information on the OKI website, distributed and presented detailed information to potential qualified applicants at an OKI-sponsored grant workshop on December 5, 2023, provided assistance to organizations with their applications, and used OKI's evaluation criteria to score applications; and

**WHEREAS**, the 5310 Oversight Team, identified by the OKI Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan, reviewed Section 5310 grant applications on March 22, 2024, and recommends funding the projects listed below: 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 April 11, 2024 approves \$2,063,222 for Section 5310 applications from qualified recipients in the Cincinnati urbanized area: Cancer Justice Network, Cincinnati Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Clermont Senior Services, Community Services of Northern Kentucky, Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio, Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky, University of Cincinnati Impact Innovation, Warren County Community Services and Wesley Community Services; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that due to the timing of orders and annual updates to vehicle and equipment prices, there may be a variance from the awards in this resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Executive Director is authorized to initiate and execute contracts in excess of \$30,000 for the purchase of the 5310 program and to amend the OKI Unified Planning Work Program and Overall Agency Budget to accommodate this Resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Executive Director is authorized to take any other actions necessary to fulfill the intent of this Resolution.

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**GARY W. MOORE, PRESIDENT**

# **ITEM #5:**

**Fiscal Year 2025 Unified Planning Work Program**

**RESOLUTION OKI 2024-10**

**ITEM #5:**

**FISCAL YEAR 2025 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

**BACKGROUND:**

The provided exhibit, OKI FY25 Unified Planning Work Program Executive Summary describes each of the main categories of planning activity to be undertaken by OKI in the coming year, along with a budget for accomplishing the work.

In order to obtain the funding necessary to operate for the coming year from the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the Indiana Department of Transportation, OKI prepares an annual program of work activities consistent with mandated functions and emphasis areas defined by the various funding agencies.

The draft work program for FY 2025 has been reviewed by appropriate state and federal agencies. Approval of the work program by the OKI Board of Directors is necessary for OKI to be funded for the coming year.

**ACTION**

**RECOMMENDED:**

Approval of Resolution OKI 2024-10

**EXHIBIT:**

Resolution OKI 2024-10

*OKI FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program Executive Summary*

**RESOLUTION**  
**OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE**  
**OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**CONCERNING APPROVAL OF THE**  
**OKI UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025**

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments has prepared a Unified Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2025 in defining a scope of work to meet the needs of this region for which funding can be sought from the United States Department of Transportation, the State of Ohio, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and the State of Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the Unified Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2025 has been reviewed by appropriate state and federal agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, Applicant is authorized by KRS 96A to apply for and accept grants of money to assist in the implementation of a transit system or for transportation planning in Boone, Campbell and Kenton; and

**WHEREAS**, the Unified Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2025 hereby certifies that all requirements of 23 CFR, Part 450 relating to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process have been met; 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 April 11, 2024, hereby approves the OKI Unified Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2025.

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**GARY W. MOORE, PRESIDENT**

# **ITEM #6:**

**Certification of the Urban Transportation  
Planning Process**

**RESOLUTION OKI 2024-11**

**ITEM #6: CERTIFICATION OF THE URBAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS**

**DESCRIPTION:** Each year OKI is required to affirm that the regional transportation planning process is being carried out in conformance with all applicable federal regulations.

**BACKGROUND:** Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) must remain certified in order to be able to continue to receive federal funding to conduct the necessary regional transportation planning called for as part of the Federal-Aid Transportation Program. This activity is what maintains the region's eligibility for federal funding assistance for highway and transit projects. The planning process is governed by many federal regulations, and each year the OKI Board of Directors is asked to endorse staff's affirmation that OKI efforts satisfy all such requirements. In addition, every fourth-year representatives from the applicable federal agencies must conduct an on-site, in-depth review of the MPO's adherence to all statutory and regulatory requirements. In November 2020 such a review concluded that OKI was meeting or exceeding all such requirements of the metropolitan planning regulations as proscribed in 23 CFR 450.

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Adoption of Resolution OKI 2024-11

**EXHIBIT:** Resolution OKI 2024-11 Concerning Certification of the Urban Transportation Planning Process

**RESOLUTION**

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

**CONCERNING CERTIFICATION OF THE**  
**URBAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS**

**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 Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) in cooperation with locally elected officials in the OKI Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) as evidenced in the Agreement, number 3206, between ODOT and OKI dated July 1, 1979 and the Agreement between KYTC and OKI dated July 1, 1983 encompassing the Counties of Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren in the State of Ohio, and Boone, Campbell and Kenton in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and Dearborn County, Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal regulations pertaining to Urban Transportation Planning, published as 23 CFR 450.334, require the MPO, ODOT, KYTC and INDOT to certify that the transportation planning process cooperatively conducted is in conformance with the regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal regulations also require that the metropolitan transportation planning process be carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements including:

1. 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 USC 5303, and 23 CFR Part 450.300;
2. Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)) and 40 CFR Part 93;
3. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR Part 21;
4. 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age in employment or business opportunity;
5. Section 1101(b) of the FAST ACT (Pub. L 114-357) and 49 CFR Part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in US DOT funded projects;
6. 23 CFR Part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
7. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR Parts 27, 37, and 38;
8. The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting the discrimination on the basis of age in program and activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
9. Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
10. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR Part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.



**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Transportation conducted a certification review of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments in November 2020, and issued a subsequent finding, including ten commendations, that the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments was fully certified as meeting all pertinent requirements: 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 April 11, 2024 certifies, in consideration of the requirements listed herein and to the degree appropriate for the size of the area and the complexity of its transportation problems, that the urban transportation planning process is being carried out in conformance with all the applicable federal requirements.

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**GARY W. MOORE, PRESIDENT**

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# **ITEM #8:**

**Amendment #7 of the OKI Fiscal Years 2024-2027  
Transportation Improvement Program**

**Resolution OKI 2024-12**

**ITEM #8: AMENDMENT #7 OF THE OKI FISCAL YEARS 2024-2027  
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 change, and because new projects are continually being developed, the TIP is periodically amended as needed.

The amendment reflected in the proposed resolution includes two highway projects. One project is subject to air quality conformity requirements and OKI is relying on a previous regional emissions analysis to demonstrate conformity.

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 the 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 2024-12

**EXHIBIT:** Resolution (OKI 2024-12) Concerning Amendment #7 of the OKI Fiscal Years 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.

## RESOLUTION

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTSCONCERNING AMENDMENT #7 OF THE  
FISCAL YEARS 2024 – 2027 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 and phases listed in the resolution and recommend that they be 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 amendment is consistent with the *OKI 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* as amended on September 14, 2023 and the OKI Regional ITS Architecture adopted on September 8, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cincinnati ozone maintenance area consists of the Ohio counties of Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren, the Kentucky counties of Boone, Campbell and Kenton, and a portion of the Indiana county of Dearborn; and OKI's Transportation Plan and TIP are subject to transportation conformity rules; and

**WHEREAS**, *Amendment 7 – Fiscal Years 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program* includes one project subject to transportation conformity requirements and the project has been previously analyzed, and the conformity determination is relying on a previous regional emissions, and OKI has engaged in interagency consultation with federal, state and local partners, including the U.S. Department of Transportation, and those partners have concurred with the methodology used by OKI to determine conformity; and

**WHEREAS**, the amended OKI FY 2024-2027 TIP conforms with all applicable U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved State Implementation Plans 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 April 11, 2024 hereby amends the Fiscal Years 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program as shown in the attached Amendment #7 project table:

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GARY W. MOORE, PRESIDENT

## PROPOSED ACTIONS - TIP Amendment #7 April 11, 2024

TIP ID	MTP ID	Facility	Location	Description	AQ conformity			Sponsor	Award/ Let Date
					Programmed costs				
			Fund Type	Phase	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FUTR

## Ohio

## Butler County

113647	9965	BUT IR 75 8.50	In the area of I-75 & Millikin Road in Liberty Twp	Evaluate and implement transportation improvements including new full I-75 interchange in the vicinity of Millikin Rd and associated I-75 widening	Non-exempt	Butler County TID	UNSC
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Add PE-Right of Way Services (RWS), PE-Detailed Design (DD), and Right-of-way (RW) phases.

Program	Phase	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FUTR
Major Programs	PE-RWS	130,420	0	0	0	0
State	PE-RWS	32,605	0	0	0	0
Major Programs	PE-DD	0	400,000	0	0	0
State	PE-DD	0	100,000	0	0	0
Major Programs	RW	0	7,069,580	0	0	0
State	RW	0	1,767,395	0	0	0
Uncommitted	CO	0	0	0	42,800,000	0

## Indiana

## Dearborn County

2301597	O/M	Bells Branch Road Bridge	Location is approximately 0.2 miles north of Clay Miller Rd. on Bells Branch Rd.	Bridge Replacement	Exempt	Dearborn County	FY30
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Add Project

Program	Phase	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FUTR
Local Bridge	PE	0	190,000	0	190,000	0
Local	PE	0	47,500	0	47,500	0
Local Bridge	RW	0	0	0	0	28,000
Local	RW	0	0	0	0	7,000
Local Bridge	UT	0	0	0	0	60,000
Local	UT	0	0	0	0	15,000
Local Bridge	CO	0	0	0	0	1,280,000
Local	CO	0	0	0	0	320,000
Local Bridge	CE	0	0	0	0	192,000
Local	CE	0	0	0	0	48,000

O/M - Non capacity projects are consistent with the operations/maintenance aspects of the MTP. See OKI 2050 MTP, <http://2050.oki.org> .