



Board of Directors

Meeting Materials for April 10, 2025

10:30 A.M.

OKI Regional Council of Governments

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ITEM #1B:

Approval of March 13, 2025, Executive
Committee Meeting Minutes

(Motion to approve and/or amend minutes)

March 13, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments

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

Item #1A - Administrative

OKI Board President Josh Gerth called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. President Gerth reminded everyone to sign in, silence cell phones and to state your name clearly when making a motion, second or comment. He noted this is an executive committee meeting, only those committee members or their named alternates may make a motion, second or vote. Hamilton County Engineer, Mr. Eric Beck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #1B - Approval of February 13, 2025, Board of Directors meeting minutes

President Gerth requested approval of the February 13th executive committee meeting minutes as distributed. Commissioner Denise Driehaus provided a motion with a second from Council member Mark Jeffreys; motion passed.

Item #1C - CEO's Report

OKI CEO Mark Policinski stated that through OKI's Prioritization Process, \$80 million in funding could be awarded to jurisdictions through federal grants. He stressed the importance of keeping OKI staff informed of applications along with using staff as a resource as they are very familiar with federal regulations, which could help save time and provide feedback regarding any red flags or provide a historical view of why some applications are successful or not. Additionally, he said this year's iteration of the rules and regulations and procedures has changed in a variety of ways.

He shared there has been very positive response to the pilot resurfacing program. It being a pilot, OKI welcomes any feedback you might have so we can improve it.

He next stated OKI will follow the mandates and dictates of our cognizant agents at U.S. DOT and other federal partners that provide funding. To date, most of the changes have involved language related to environmental justice. The Environmental Justice Committee will now be called the Community Assessment Committee. By removing the minority reference, OKI anticipates that we will still be able to cover 86% of all previous environmental justice communities and 80% of the minority population OKI has covered in the past. Mr. Policinski said OKI will continue to work hard in improving those percentages within the mandates of the federal direction.

Additionally, OKI's EPA climate pollution reduction grants have received guidance from EPA last Friday afternoon. OKI had paused the funding for 15 days because OKI was uncertain if we would be reimbursed for the funds that were extended, which is about half a million dollars. He further stated that OKI's traditional funding mechanisms, the \$80 million mentioned earlier has not been altered in any way.

In closing, he noted that OKI is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year and he thanked the board for contributions over the decades, the standard of cooperation and coordination is second to none. The support of the staff from the board is also remarkable. He noted that two OKI staff members have reached career milestones, Summer Jones and Regina Fields celebrated 30 years at OKI. Summer began as an intern and now manages the Transportation Alternatives program and Regina has tremendous administrative duties within the transportation department and beyond, including running the Intermodal Coordinating Committee, which is an advisory committee to the board of directors. He thanked them both for their dedicated service.

Item #1D - Finance Officer's Report

Director of Finance, Ms. Katie Hannum, stated copies of the Finance Officer's Report were distributed in advance with a printed copy at members' seats. Director Hannum reported on the Council's financing activities, as of March 7, 2025, OKI had:

\$710,153 - PNC Bank Commercial Checking Account

\$26,242 - PNC HSA/FSA Checking Account

\$1,012,959 - STAR Ohio Money Market Mutual Fund Account

Director 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 Gerth requested a motion to approve the financial report. Resident member, Mr. Tony Simms-Howell provided a motion with a second from Ms. Shannon Hartkemeyer, Butler Co. Association of Township Trustees and Clerks; motion passed.

Item #2 – Advanced Air Mobility Update and Resolution

Ms. Robyn Bancroft, OKI Staff, said OKI is conducting an extensive RFQ process to select a consultant team for the Advanced Air Mobility Electrical Infrastructure Plans for Southwest Ohio General Aviation Airports project. This item is to authorize the OKI CEO to execute a contract with the selected firm in an amount not to exceed \$105,000.

President Gerth requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2025-07. Resident member Mr. Karl Schultz provided a motion with a second from Mr. Ken Reed, treasurer, and Resident member; motion passed.

Item #3 – Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation (ODOT) for Urban Transportation Planning and Transportation Programs

OKI Deputy Executive Director, Bob Koehler stated every two years, the Council enters into an agreement with ODOT which establishes OKI as the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) for the Cincinnati and Hamilton-Middletown urbanized areas and defines the role and responsibilities of the Council as it relates to urban transportation planning process.

President Gerth requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2025-08. Commissioner Kevin Turner provided a motion with a second from Mr. Roger Kerlin, Resident member, motion passed.

Item #4 – 5310 Authorizing Resolution

OKI Deputy Executive Director, Bob Koehler stated this resolution allows OKI to be the designated recipient of Section 5310 federal funds which provides OKI the authority to accept and administer FTA funds.

President Gerth requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2025-09. Judge Executive Gary W. Moore provided a motion with a second from Council member Susan Vaughn; motion passed.

Item #5 - Authorizing the Filing of an Application with the Department of Transportation, United States of America, for a grant under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

OKI Deputy Executive Director, Bob Koehler stated this is a requirement of the KYTC Office of Transportation Delivery requires OKI to authorize the application for funds and commit to providing non-federal match. These FTA funds are commonly received by OKI and blended with Federal Highway funds for the purpose of conducting the metropolitan planning process.

President Gerth requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2025-10. Commissioner Julie Smith-Morrow provided a motion with a second from Commissioner Stephanie Summerow Dumas; motion passed.

Item #6 – Intermodal Coordinating Committee Report

OKI staff, Mr. Andy Reser provided a brief update of the ICC meeting held on March 11, 2025. He stated the committee approved a TIP administrative modification and recommended the resolution for Advanced Air Mobility. The committee heard a brief presentation on the draft FY26-29 TIP as well as a TIP amendment. He noted there was a workshop (after the ICC meeting) for 2025 Project Prioritization process for funding awards.

Item #7 – Draft FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program

OKI staff, Andy Reser stated the draft Fiscal Year 2026-2029 TIP is for information only. The TIP is the short-range component of OKI's long range 2050 Plan. The last new TIP was adopted in April 2023, OKI adopts a new TIP every two years. The TIP is fiscally constrained, meaning funds programmed in the TIP do not exceed the expected funding amount available.

The funding and projects listed are considered as funding commitments during the next four years, and the TIP provides details on the funding amount, the source of funding and FY, and project phases (i.e., design, right-of-way acquisition, or construction). Any project with federal funds or any project that is considered regionally significant must be listed in the TIP. Once adopted the OKI TIP becomes part of the Statewide TIP, or STIP, in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

He noted that the comment period has been open since March 10th. A public meeting will be held on April 1, 2025, at 4 p.m. at OKI offices, with a Teams option.

The TIP Adoption schedule is as follows:

3/10/25 – Start of Public Involvement Period
3/13/25 – presentation of Draft TIP to OKI Executive Committee
4/1/25 – Public meeting
4/10/25 – OKI Board of Directors approves TIP/End of Public Involvement
4/18/25 - Final TIP and Conformity documentation to ODOT, KYTC, INDOT
5/1/25-6/30/25 – USDOT Review and Approval
7/1/25 – Effective date of approved TIP

As noted, the approved TIP goes to U.S. DOT for review and approval and becomes effective July 1, 2025, which is the start of State FY26, a total of \$4.8 billion of federal, state, and local dollars are programmed in the TIP.

Mr. Reser said the FY26-TIP includes some new projects, including seven projects previously awarded OKI STBG and TA funds in Ohio. Additionally, there are many new ODOT, KYTC, and INDOT Grouped Projects, and these are basic maintenance projects such as routine road and bridge maintenance, and slide repair.

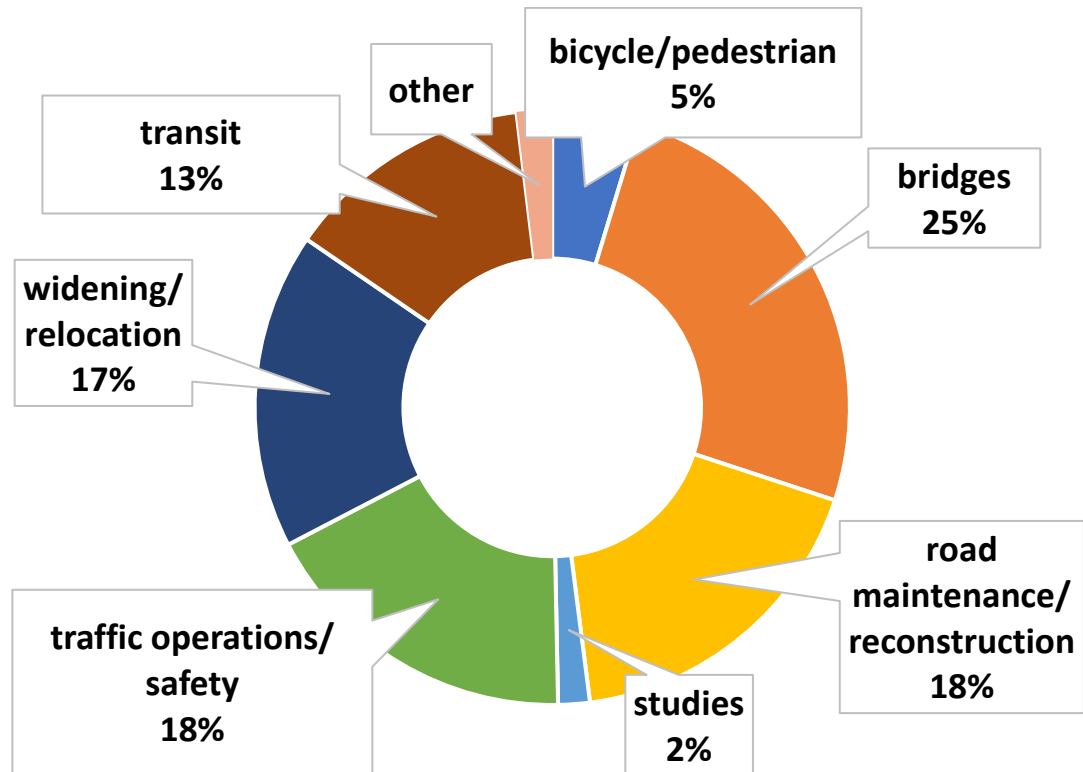
The TIP includes three Kentucky projects that are moving from the MTP to the TIP:

- I-275/KY 212 Interchange (RW only)
- Expand Boone County Rest Areas for more truck parking
- Widening KY 16 to KY 338 (RW/UT only)

And 43 Transit Projects are new for FY28 and FY29, and these include transit operating, preventative maintenance, replacement vehicles and equipment.

He shared a chart that shows the FY26-29 Federal Funds by Project Type. This includes:

- 25% Bridge expansion/preservation includes Brent Spence Bridge and Wester Hills Viaduct
- 18% Traffic operations/safety – road improvements like shoulder widening and traffic signal upgrades
- 18% Road maintenance/reconstruction
- 17% Widening / relocation I-75 in Hamilton County / KY BSB corridor
- 13% Transit



He closed his comments in sharing the [tip.oki.org](https://www.oki.org/transportation/transportation-improvement-program-tip/) website, <https://www.oki.org/transportation/transportation-improvement-program-tip/>. A complete draft document as well as instructions on how to provide comment are included.

Item #8 – Amendment 14 of the OKI Fiscal Years 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

OKI staff, Andy Reser said amendment #14 is two transit projects, both for the Clermont Transportation Connection. It adds projects for FY25 operating assistance at \$1.2million and a transportation study for \$100k.

President Gerth requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2025-11. Judge Executive Kris Knochelmann provided a motion with a second from Mr. Karl Schultz, Resident member; motion passed.

Item #9 – Other Business

There was no other business from the floor.

Item #8 - Adjournment

President Gerth requested a motion to adjourn. Treasurer and Resident member Ken Reed provided a motion with a second from Commissioner Kevin Turner; motion passed.

End of meeting 11:15 a.m.

2025 Attendance

Y=Attended E=Excused R=Represented (Board meetings are Jan., April, June and Oct.; blue dates are Executive Committee mtgs)

Executive Committee members (in blue) are permitted an Alternate; board-only members do not have alternates per Articles of Agreement.

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County Planning Commissions (9)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	Jan. 9 - Board	Feb. 13 - E.C.	Mar. 13 - E.C.	Apr. 10 - Board	May 8 - E.C.	June 12 - Board	Sept. 11 - E.C.	Oct. 9 - Board	Nov. 13 - E.C.
Boone Co. Planning Commission	Randy	Bessler		Y	Y	E						
Butler County Planning Commission	David C.	Fehr										
Campbell County Planning & Zoning Commission	Sharon	Haynes		Y	Y	Y						
Clermont County Planning Commission	Darrin	Hinners										
Dearborn County Planning Commission	Nicole	Daily		E	E	E						
Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission	David	Okum	Steve Goodin	Y	Y							
Kenton County Planning Commission	Gailen	Bridges		Y		Y						
PDS of Kenton County	Sharmili	Reddy	Andy Videkovich	Y	Y	Y						
Warren County Regional Planning Commission	Ryan	Cook	Cameron Goschinski	Y	E	Y						
Municipal Planning Commissions 40,000 + population (4)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	Jan. 9 - Board	Feb. 13 - E.C.	Mar. 13 - E.C.	Apr. 10 - Board	May 8 - E.C.	June 12 - Board	Sept. 11 - E.C.	Oct. 9 - Board	Nov. 13 - E.C.
City of Cincinnati Planning Commission	Emily	Ahouse		Y	Y	Y						
City of Fairfield Planning Commission	Greg	Kathman		Y								
City of Hamilton Planning Commission	Laura	Nelson		E	E							
City of Middletown Planning Commission	Claire	Fetters		Y	E							

Voting Ex-Officio Members (3)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	Jan. 9 - Board	Feb. 13 - E.C.	Mar. 13 - E.C.	Apr. 10 - Board	May 8 - E.C.	June 12 - Board	Sept. 11 - E.C.	Oct. 9 - Board	Nov. 13 - E.C.
Indiana Department of Transportation	Chris	Wahlman	Terry Summers		Y	R						
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet	Robert	Yeager	Mike Bezold	Y	Y	E						
Ohio Department of Transportation	Doug	Gruver	Scott Brown	Y	Y	R						
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Butler County RTA	Christopher	Lawson	Matthew Dutkevicz		Y							
SORTA (Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority)	Darryl	Haley	Khaled Shammout	Y	Y	R						
TANK (Transit Authority of Northern KY)	Gina	Douthat	TBA	Y	Y	Y						
Resident Members (20)												
Resident member	Craig	Beckley		Y	E	E						
Resident member, The Port	Laura N.	Brunner		Y								
Resident member	Jeff	Earlywine		Y	Y	Y						
Resident member, Boone County Engineer	Rob	Franxman		Y	Y	E						
Resident member, Warren County Board of Commissioners	Shannon	Jones										
Resident member	Liz	Keating		E		Y						
Resident member	Roger	Kerlin	Chris Reinersman	E	Y	Y						
Resident member, Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce	Eric	Kranz		Y								
Resident member	Henry (Hank) E.	Menninger, Jr.		Y	Y	Y						
Resident member, Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber	Pete	Metz		Y	Y	Y						

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<u>Guests</u>
Scott Falkowski, City of Forest Park
Jennifer Haley, Clermont BCC
Dan Pozniak, DSD Advisors
Lauren O'Brien, Verdantas
Stanislav Beresford, Trenton
Jeff Wallace, Woolpert
John Jarman, Environmental Design Group
Veronica Hazelwood, City of Mason
Doug Briggs, Environmental Design Group
Victoria Strawbridge, Commissioner Driehaus
Lilah Foley, Commissioner Driehaus

<u>OKI Staff</u>	
David Shuey	Lorrie Platt
Regina Fields	Summer Jones
Andy Meyer	David Rutter
Jenny Newcomb	Liren Zhou
Timothy Stautberg	Brett Porter
Julia Brossart	Jim Pickering
Michael Outrich	Hui Xie
Gaby Waesch	
Robyn Bancroft	
Suzanne Parkey	
Toni Gleason	
Travis Miller	

ITEM #4:

Fiscal Year 2026 Unified Planning Work Program

Resolution OKI 2025-12

ITEM #4:

FISCAL YEAR 2026 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

BACKGROUND:

The enclosed exhibit, Unified Planning Work Program FY 2026 - 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 2026 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 2025-12

EXHIBIT:

Resolution OKI 2025-12

OKI FY 2026 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 2026

WHEREAS, the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments has prepared a Unified Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2026 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 2026 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 2026 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 10, 2025, hereby approves the OKI Unified Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2026.

JOSH GERTH, PRESIDENT

ITEM #5:

Certification of the Urban Transportation
Planning Process

Resolution OKI 2025-13

ITEM #5: **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 October 2024 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 2025-13

EXHIBIT: Resolution OKI 2025-13 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 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 programs or 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 October 2024, and issued a subsequent finding 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 10, 2025 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.

JOSH GERTH, PRESIDENT

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ITEM #6:

SFY 2026 Ohio Water Quality Areawide Funding
Agreement 604(B)

Resolution OKI 2025-14

ITEM #6: **FFY 2024 OHIO WATER QUALITY AREAWIDE FUNDING AGREEMENT 604(b)**

DESCRIPTION: This is a request for authorization to accept federal pass-through funding from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to carry out OKI's water quality program in the Ohio portion of the region, and to execute the grant for FFY 2024.

BACKGROUND: The FFY 2024 Ohio EPA areawide water quality planning agreement includes federal pass-through funds in an amount of \$107,314.29 under Section 604(b) of the federal Clean Water Act. OKI will develop a scope of services which details the water quality management planning activities that it will undertake in Ohio during SFY2026. The total cost for these activities would not exceed \$107,314.29.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Adoption of Resolution 2025-14

EXHIBIT: Resolution 2025-14

RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN
SECTION 604(B) SUB GRANT AWARD
WITH THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (OHIO EPA)

WHEREAS, the governors of Ohio designated OKI as the areawide agency to carry out the planning requirements of Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 for Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, and Warren Counties in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, OKI has prepared a regional water quality management plan in accordance with applicable law; and

WHEREAS, OKI's Executive Committee adopted OKI's regional WQM Plan at its public meeting of February 23, 1978; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the regional WQM plan needs to be updated from time to time to accommodate and reflect the ever-changing circumstances resulting from urban activities and stemming from local, state, and federal policies and/or directives: 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 10, 2025, hereby authorizes and directs the Executive Director to file and execute a State Fiscal Year 2026 agreement with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for an award of federal monies for areawide planning services in an amount of \$107,314.29; and

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

Josh Gerth, President

ITEM #7:

SFY 2026 Ohio Water Quality Areawide Funding
Agreement TIPBUD

Resolution OKI 2025-15

ITEM #7: SFY 2026 OHIO WATER QUALITY AREAWIDE FUNDING AGREEMENT TIPBUD

DESCRIPTION: This is a request for authorization to accept state pass-through funding from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to carry out OKI's water quality program in the Ohio portion of the region, and to execute the grant for SFY 2026.

BACKGROUND: The SFY 2026 Ohio EPA areawide water quality planning agreement includes \$75,000 of state pass-through funds from the state Biennium Budget. OKI will develop a scope of services which details the water quality management planning activities that it will undertake in Ohio during SFY2026. The total cost for these activities would not exceed \$75,000.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Adoption of Resolution 2025-15

EXHIBIT: Resolution 2025-15

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

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN
AREAWIDE WATER QUALITY PLANNING GRANT AWARD
WITH THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (OHIO EPA)

WHEREAS, the governor of Ohio designated OKI as the areawide agency to carry out the planning requirements of Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 for Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, and Warren Counties in Ohio; and

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments at its regular public meeting of April 10, 2025, hereby authorizes and directs the Executive Director to file and execute a State Fiscal Year 2026 agreement with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for an award of state monies for areawide planning services in an amount of \$75,000.00; and

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

Josh Gerth, President

ITEM #9:

Adoption of FY 2026-2029 Transportation
Improvement Program (TIP)

Resolution OKI 2025-16

ITEM #9: **ADOPTION OF THE OKI FISCAL YEARS 2026-2029
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

DESCRIPTION: Adoption of the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program

BACKGROUND: The OKI FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a four-year listing of surface transportation projects proposed for federal, state and local funding within the OKI region. The TIP is a prerequisite for the use of federal funds and represents the short-range programming document to complement OKI's 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. A new TIP is adopted every two years.

The TIP includes projects for improving highways, bus service and facilities for bicycles and pedestrians. The TIP also identifies the funding necessary to maintain highways and transit service, as well as making travel by people and goods more efficient and safer with improved roadway designs and advanced technologies. In total, nearly \$4.3 billion in federal, state and local funds are identified in the TIP.

The TIP meets the same requirements for the MTP in that it meets air quality and fiscal constraints. Details on fiscal constraint and the air quality conformity process and results can be found in the TIP document. The development of the TIP meets all U.S. Department of Transportation requirements for content, process and public involvement and is paid for with OKI federal planning funds.

AUTHORITY: 23 CFR, §450.324.

FUNDING: The TIP is a fiscally constrained document containing funding amounts and sources for all regional projects received federal transportation funding.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Adoption of Resolution OKI 2025-16

EXHIBIT: Resolution OKI 2025-16

RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
CONCERNING ADOPTION OF THE
FY 2026 – 2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

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 for the counties of Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren in the State of Ohio; Boone, Campbell and Kenton in the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and Dearborn County in Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the MPO has, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5323 (k), 23 U.S.C. 135, and 23 CFR 450.220, developed the OKI Fiscal Years 2026 – 2029 Transportation Improvement Program as a short-range element of the OKI 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP); and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati ozone maintenance area consists of the Ohio counties of Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren; a portion of the Kentucky counties of Boone, Campbell and Kenton; a portion of the Indiana county of Dearborn; and OKI's OKI Fiscal Years 2026 – 2029 Transportation Improvement Program and MTP are subject to transportation conformity rules; and

WHEREAS, the OKI Fiscal Years 2026 – 2029 Transportation Improvement Program includes the addition of projects, as well as other project changes, that are subject to transportation conformity requirements and that projects have 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 OKI Fiscal Years 2026 – 2029 Transportation Improvement Program and OKI 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan conform to all applicable U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved State Implementation Plans for air quality; and demonstrates fiscal constraint; and

WHEREAS, the OKI Fiscal Years 2026 – 2029 Transportation Improvement Program has met the requirements of OKI's Public Participation Process; and

WHEREAS, the OKI Fiscal Years 2026 – 2029 Transportation Improvement Program will become effective concurrent with US DOT approval of the State Transportation Improvement Programs for Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana: 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 10, 2025, hereby adopts the OKI Fiscal Years 2026 – 2029 Transportation Improvement Program as the short range element of the OKI 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and recommends that its members incorporate these projects into their planning for transportation improvements in their governmental units;

JOSH GERTH, PRESIDENT

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4/10/25

ITEM #10:

Resolution Authorizing a Contract with
Consultant for Surveying Residents of
Select Areas and Populations - FY25 (OH)
Revised

Resolution OKI 2024-33R

ITEM #10:	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH CONSULTANT FOR SURVEYING RESIDENTS OF SELECT AREAS AND POPULATIONS – FY25 (OHIO) Revised
DESCRIPTION:	This resolution updates approval for the OKI CEO to execute a contract with a consultant to survey residents from select areas and populations to understand their transportation needs and preferences.
BACKGROUND:	OKI received authorization from the state of Ohio to use some FY 25 PL funding to conduct a 1 st -of-its-kind survey of residents in select Ohio populations on their transportation needs and preferences. The survey aims to ensure OKI stays on the cutting edge as a transportation service agency for all the region's residents. The survey is of elderly, low income, disabled, and zero car Ohio residents. OKI plans to have the consultant begin work in April of 2025 and complete work by December 31, 2025. The maximum contract amount is \$185,000. This revision updates from previous EJ language and redefines the survey to ELD0 communities, expanding the work timeframe to end of year due to the changes.
AUTHORITY:	The By-Laws permit the Council to engage the service of consultants to assist in accomplishing the objectives of the Council.
ACTION RECOMMENDED:	Approval of Resolution 2024-33R
EXHIBITS:	Resolution OKI 2024-33R

RESOLUTION

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH CONSULTANT FOR SURVEYING
RESIDENTS OF SELECT AREAS AND POPULATIONS – FY25 (OHIO) Revised**

WHEREAS, OKI is seeking professional services to conduct a survey and collect data from residents of select areas and populations to understand their transportation needs and preferences; and

WHEREAS, an understanding of the transportation needs and preferences of elderly, low income, disabled, and zero car populations is critical to OKI staff, OKI partner agencies, and practitioners in the region; and

WHEREAS, OKI released a nationwide Request for Qualifications in January of 2025 with a deadline of March 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a selection committee reviewed all proposals and selected a preferred consultant with which to begin negotiation. 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 10, 2025, hereby reauthorizes and directs the Executive Director to contract with the selected consultant in an amount not to exceed \$185,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CEO is authorized to take any other action necessary to fulfill the intent of this Resolution.

JOSH GERTH, PRESIDENT

4/10/25
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