

April 10, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.
Board of Directors 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 10:30 a.m. He reminded everyone to sign in, silence cell phones and to state your name clearly when making a motion, second or comment. First vice president, Commissioner Bonnie Batchler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

President Gerth requested approval of the March 13 executive committee meeting minutes as distributed. Trustee Shannon Hartkemeyer provided a motion with a second from Council member Mark Jeffreys; motion passed.

Item #1C - CEO's Report

OKI CEO Mark Policinski stated that at last month's meeting, OKI staff, Ms. Robyn Bancroft provided a presentation of Advanced Air Mobility (AAM). AAM is often electric and automated aircraft that provides efficient and sustainable transportation for both people and goods, particularly in underserved areas. No runways are required. He noted that the Ohio House of Representatives included a requirement for ODOT to create a Division of Advanced Air Mobility, which will be charged to integrate AAM capabilities into the existing public service networks within Ohio, such as law enforcement, fire departments and emergency medical services.

Mr. Policinski provided an update on the current federal transportation bill (named Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act signed in 11/21) which expires at the end of 2026. The authorization process is underway by Congress. He noted that funding of the bill is the most important issue because the Highway Trust Fund cannot meet the demands of the many transportation infrastructure needs across the country. He will update members as information comes in regarding the bill.

Mr. David Shuey, OKI's Director of Information Systems and Analytics, was invited to the podium to talk about RAVEN911. It is a web-based GIS platform developed for emergency management and first responders that integrates real-time data, mapping tools, and critical infrastructure information to support decision-making during disasters and emergencies. The system serves as a collaborative tool for multiple agencies to share location-based information, access pre-planned data, and coordinate response efforts more effectively during incidents.

He shared how the tool was used recently regarding the recent flooding of the Ohio River. He noted that there was an increase in demand for RAVEN911 access from police/fire/public health from City of Cincinnati, Duke Energy, Hamilton County, and the National Weather Service.

Mr. Shuey encouraged members to consider becoming a subscriber to RAVEN911 (pricing is 1-4 users at \$250 per year).

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 April 10, 2025, OKI had:

\$640,987 - PNC Bank Commercial Checking Account

\$6,752 - PNC HSA/FSA Checking Account

\$1,016,798 - 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. Judge Executive Gary Moore provided a motion with a second from Council member Susan Vaughn; motion passed.

Item #2 – Access Ohio 2050 State Long-Range Transportation Plan

Mr. Randy Lane, Statewide Planning Manager shared that ODOT is updating its Access Ohio statewide transportation plan, the long-range vision for the next 25 years. He provided an overview of the plan and encourage members to participate in the public stakeholders open house at OKI on Wednesday, May 7th.

He stated that Access Ohio 2050 has four goals: Safety, Preservation, Efficiency/Reliability and Mobility & Access

Additionally, Mr. Lane shared that there are key components of Access Ohio 2050.

- Seek input for how we can create a transportation system that will better serve Ohioans in the future.
- Recommend investments that align with other statewide and regional plans under way – this is a key emphasis on the 2050 version – compared to previous Access Ohio plans.
- Evaluate our current performance and project future transportation needs to prioritize investments.

The Plan will also include an update of the Strategic Transportation System, a 10-year investment plan, long-term implementation plan and a capital investment strategy.

He encouraged members to learn more and stay update on AO50 at

<https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/programs/accessohio>

Item #3 – Presentation of FY24 Audit Report via Teams

Mr. Jeff Rhinehart, audit manager, Zupka & Associates stated that OKI's FY2024 financial and compliance audit was a clean opinion, which is the best you can get per Mr. Rhinehart. He stated there were no issues in getting the financial information from OKI staff and there were no financial comments or any findings, thus a very clean audit. President Gerth requested a motion to accept and file the report. A motion was provided by Commissioner David Painter with a second from Commissioner Kevin Turner; motion passed.

Item #4 – FY26 Unified Planning Work Program

OKI Deputy Executive Director, Bob Koehler shared highlights from the Unified Planning Work Program for FY26. The executive summary document was provided in advance to members. He noted this program starts at the beginning of FY2026, which is July 1 and will run until June 30, 2026. The summary describes the planning activity OKI will undertake along with the related budgets. The draft was submitted to state and federal agencies to reach the final report. He then proceeded to highlight some of the work programs with brief overviews.

President Gerth requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2025-12. Resident member Karl Schultz provided a motion with a second from Resident member Roger Kerlin; motion passed.

Item #5 – Certification of the Urban Transportation Planning Process

OKI Deputy Executive Director, Bob Koehler stated that in between the years of the federal certification review (occurs every 4 years), OKI is required to self-certify that OKI the regional transportation planning process is conducted in conformance with all applicable federal regulations. He noted that OKI has not yet received the final report from the Federal Highway Administration but when it is available, a representative will present the summary report at a future board meeting.

President Gerth requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2025-13. Council member Mark Jeffreys provided a motion with a second from Resident member Karl Schultz; motion passed.

Item #6 – SFY 2026 Ohio Water Quality Areawide Funding Agreement 604(B)

OKI staff, Mr. David Rutter stated that OKI is the designated 208 areawide management agency for the Ohio counties in the region (Section 208 of the Clean Water Act). The federal pass-through funds in the amount of \$107,314.29 allows OKI to enter into an agreement with Ohio EPA.

President Gerth requested a motion for OKI 2025-14 which was provided by Council member Susan Vaughn with a second from Commissioner David Painter; motion carried.

Item #7 – SFY 2026 Ohio Water Quality Areawide Funding Agreement TIPBUD

OKI staff, Mr. David Rutter stated \$75,000 is from the Ohio Biennium budget for FY26 Ohio EPA areawide water quality planning agreement. OKI will develop a scope of services which details the water quality management planning activities.

President Gerth requested a motion for OKI 2025-15. Commissioner David Painter provided a motion with a second from Commissioner Bonnie Batchler; motion carried.

Item #8 – Intermodal Coordinating Committee Report

OKI staff, Mr. Andy Reser provided a brief update of the ICC meeting held on April 8, 2025. He stated that the committee approved a TIP administrative modification and recommended the resolutions for FY26 UPWP, Certification of the Urban Transportation Planning Process and Adoption of FY26-29 TIP to the executive committee.

Item #9 – Adoption of FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program

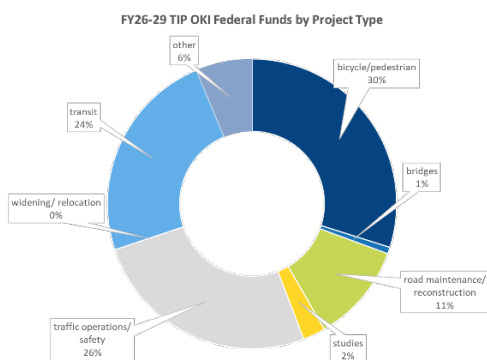
OKI staff, Mr. Andy Reser stated that the TIP is a short-range component of OKI's 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. OKI adopts a new TIP every 2 years and the TIP is fiscally constrained, meaning that the funds programmed in the TIP do not exceed the expected funding amount available.

The funding and projects listed are considered as funding commitments during the next 4 years, and the TIP provides details on the funding amount, the source of funding and FY, and project phases (like Design, RW acquisition, or Construction). Any project with federal funds or any project that is considered regionally significant and must be listed in the TIP. Once adopted the OKI TIP becomes part of the Statewide TIP, or STIP, in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

Mr. Reser shared the timeline with July 1, 2025, being the effective date with the start of State FY2026.

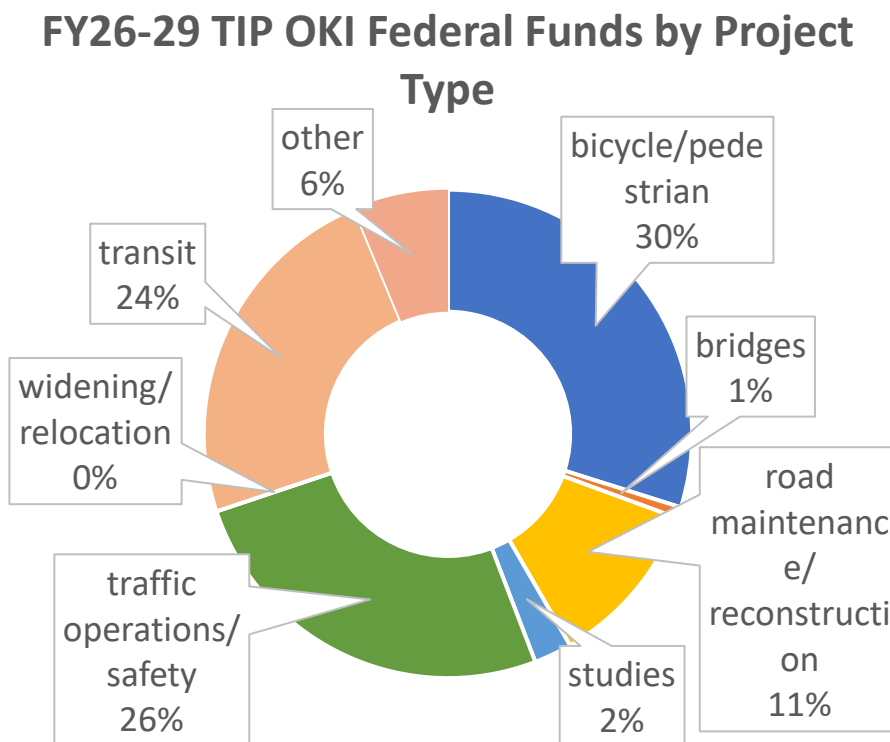
As for funding amounts, he said a total of \$4.8 Billion of which, federal (\$2B), state and local dollars are programmed in the TIP. OKI sub-allocated federal funds awarded to local governments is \$243 million.

The following chart shows federal funds by project type.



A second chart was shared on the breakdown of **OKI's awarded Federal Funds** by Project Type. Mr. Reser noted the following breakdown:

1. 30% for bicycle and pedestrian projects
2. 26% traffic operations / safety
3. 24% transit
4. 11% road maintenance and reconstruction
5. 6% other – mostly EV Charging projects
6. 0% for widening projects



Mr. Reser stated that OKI received over 75 comments during the comment period. Several of the most common themes were increasing funding for transit and bicycle/pedestrian projects; delaying or removing funding for the Brent Spence Bridge and I-75 widening; and more focus on climate and sustainability goals.

President Gerth requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2025-16. Commissioner Stephanie Summerow Dumas provided a motion with a second from Resident member Will Weber; motion passed.

Item #10 – Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Consultant for Surveying Residents of Select Areas and Populations – FY25 (OH) Revised

OKI staff, Julia Brossart shared there was an update of the title, scope and timeline on a survey that was previously approved, thus needing to update OKI Resolution 2024-33R (using Ohio FY25 PL funds). As a reminder, the survey is for ELD0 residents in Ohio regarding their transportation needs. ESD0 = elderly, low income, disabled and zero car. OKI plans to have consultant begin their work this month and complete it by Dec. 31, 2025.

President Gerth requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2024-33R. Hamilton Co. Engineer, Eric Beck provided a motion with a second from Council member Susan Vaughn; motion passed.

Item #11 – Other Business

There was no other business from the floor.

Item #12 - Adjournment

President Gerth requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner David Painter provided a motion with a second from Judge Executive Steve Pendery; 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	Y						
Butler County Planning Commission	David C.	Fehr											
Campbell County Planning & Zonning Commission	Sharon	Haynes		Y	Y	Y	Y						
Clermont County Planning Commission	Darrin	Hinners											
Dearborn County Planning Commission	Nicole	Daily		E	E	E	E						
Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission	David	Okum	Steve Goodin	Y	Y		Y						
Kenton County Planning Commission	Gailen	Bridges		Y		Y							
PDS of Kenton County	Sharmili	Reddy	Andy Videkovich	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Warren County Regional Planning Commission	Ryan	Cook	Christian Pajo	Y	E	Y	Y						
Municipal Planning Commissions 40,000 + population (4)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate										
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City of Cincinnati Planning Commission	Emily	Ahouse		Y	Y	Y	Y						
City of Fairfield Planning Commission	Greg	Kathman		Y			Y						
City of Hamilton Planning Commission	Laura	Nelson		E	E		Y						
City of Middletown Planning Commission	Claire	Fetters		Y	E		Y						

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	Y					
Ohio Department of Transportation	Doug	Gruver	Scott Brown	Y	Y	R						
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Butler County RTA	Christopher	Lawson	Matthew Dutkevicz		Y		Y					
SORTA (Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority)	Darryl	Haley	Khaled Shammout	Y	Y	R	Y					
TANK (Transit Authority of Northern KY)	Gina	Douthat	TBA	Y	Y	Y	E					
Resident Members (20)												
Resident member	Craig	Beckley		Y	E	E	E					
Resident member, The Port	Laura N.	Brunner		Y			Y					
Resident member	Jeff	Earlywine		Y	Y	Y	Y					
Resident member, Boone County Engineer	Rob	Franxman		Y	Y	E	E					
Resident member, Warren County Board of Commissioners	Shannon	Jones										
Resident member	Liz	Keating		E		Y	Y					
Resident member	Roger	Kerlin	Chris Reinersman	E	Y	Y	Y					
Resident member, Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce	Eric	Kranz		Y								
Resident member	Henry (Hank) E.	Menninger, Jr.		Y	Y	Y	E					

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Guests

Mike Bezold, KYTC
Emily Lauder milk, Commissioner
Batchler's office
Tracie Braun, Clermont BCC
Kyle McMahon, KYTC
Lauren O'Brien, Verdantas
Brandon Setzer, KCPW

Edwin King, Fort Mitchell
Frank Busofsky, Benesch

Andrew Aiello, SORTA
Matthew Kremer, City of Ft.
Thomas
Lilah Foley, Hamilton Co.

John W, Newport
Jill Cole, Blue Ash
Taylor DeGroote, ODOT D8
Arious Dules D, City of North
College Hill

Christian Pajo,

OKI Staff

L. Platt

David Shuey
Regina Fields
Julia Brossart
Gaby Waesch
Katie Hannum
Timothy
Stautberg
Summer Jones

Suzanne Parkey

David Rutter
Andy Meyer

Taylor O'Rourke
Travis Miller
Elizabeth Niese

Michael Outrich
Samantha
Sheppard
Brett Porter
Toni Gleason
Liren Zhou