

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

*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. Trustee Ann Becker, of West Chester led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Gerth 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 Gerth began the meeting stating he was honored to be a part of the OKI board of directors and serving as its president. He thanked board members Shannon Hartkemeyer, Butler Co. Association of Township Trustees and Clerks and Sharmili Reddy, Planning and Development Services of Kenton Co. for providing their advice to members during board orientation, which was held prior to the meeting.

**Item #1B - Approval of January 9, 2025, Board of Directors meeting minutes**

President Gerth requested approval of the January 9<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting minutes as distributed. Shannon Hartkemeyer, Butler Co. Association of Township Trustees and Clerks provided a motion with a second from Council member, Susan Vaughn, City of Hamilton; motion passed.

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

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

He celebrated the opening of the I-471 bridge, which opened a month earlier than scheduled. He thanked ODOT, the City of Cincinnati and the crews that worked relentlessly on the project.

He mentioned President Trump's recent actions addressing environmental justice policies and practices which includes rescinding the Clinton-era EO 12898 that first directed federal agencies to identify and address disproportionate effects of programs, policies, and activities on minority and low-income populations; along with rescinding the Biden-era Justice40 program that targeted funding to disadvantaged communities.

Since OKI is a federally designated organization, we are awaiting final guidance regarding EJ practices and will keep the board informed of such. He noted that OKI's Environmental Justice Committee has been an active and decorated committee.

### **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. Ms. Hannum reported on the Council's financing activities, as of February 7, 2025, OKI had:

\$542,666 in the PNC Bank Commercial Checking Account

\$29,124 in the PNC HSA/FSA Checking Account

\$1,009,629 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 Gerth requested a motion to approve the financial report. Judge Executive Kris Knochelmann, Kenton County provided a motion with a second from Shannon Hartkemeyer, Butler Co. Association of Township Trustees and Clerks; motion passed.

### **Item #2 – OKI Project Prioritization Process Update – For Information Only**

Deputy Executive Director, Bob Koehler shared that there are some changes he wished to share with the executive committee about the Project Prioritization Process. He noted that this process is used to decide on the funding of transportation projects in the region. However, for it to be robust and effective, OKI evaluates the process after every cycle and makes necessary updates.

The changes are for Surface Transportation Block Grants (STBG), Congestion Management and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Transportation Alternatives (TA) grants. He stated the most significant changes are:

- OKI will not award new funding to any applicant that has 3 or more OKI funded projects that have slipped past their original programmed construction year (to incentivize more timely project delivery).
- STBG OH - Reduce maximum award from \$8M to \$6M
- SNK – Reduce maximum award from \$6.5M to \$5M
- Add considerations for flooding and landslides
- New **Pilot** Repaving Program

The Repaving Pilot Program will fund low-cost simple resurfacing projects with a maximum per project amount of \$800,000 (including a 20% contingency) for repaving projects for roads functionally classified within the urbanized boundary. Mr. Koehler provided a summary of the program overview approved by the ICC. They identified the number of jurisdictions that maintain arterials and collectors in the region, there are 80 in Ohio and 26 in Kentucky. OKI will target up to \$10M in Ohio and \$4M in Kentucky for the program. OKI will provide toll revenue credits for

Ohio projects. He noted, consistent with all our programs, this will be a competitive program and include modal factors and planning factors. The Repaving Pilot Evaluation Factors:

- Function Class
- Average Daily Traffic
- Existing Pavement Conditions
- Complete Streets
- History of Project Delivery
- Environmental Justice

Mr. Koehler said the next steps for staff include the updating of the application and guidance in preparation for the **Workshop on March 11**, which kicks off the application cycle. Applications will be due June 6. He also shared the Schedule as follows:

1/7/25	ICC presentation for discussion of proposed changes. No action requested
1/9/25	Land Use Committee meets. Includes directions on Local Planning and perhaps SRPP
2/11/25	Request concurrence on changes from ICC
2/13/25	Present to the Executive Committee
2/14/25	Staff prepares updated application and guidance documents
3/11/25	Workshop, Initiation of Call for Projects
6/6/25	Applications Due
7/7/25	Send Share file link to applications to ICC and EJ Committee
9/9/25	Prioritization Committee meets following ICC Meeting to discuss draft scores and develop recommended list of projects
10/7/25	Staff presents draft recommended list of projects to ICC
10/9/25	Staff presents recommended list of projects to Board for adoption

### **Item #3 – OKI Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan**

Mr. Brett Porter, OKI staff said Oki has been developing a Coordinated Plan since adoption in 2007 with subsequent updates including today's. The Plan guides decisions on the use of federal funding for enhanced mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities. The program invests approximately \$2.1M per year. The key elements of the Plan are to assess transportation needs of disabled individuals and seniors, conduct an inventory of available transportation services, develop strategies to address gaps in service, coordinate efforts amongst specialized transportation providers to eliminate or reduce gaps in service and to prioritize implementation strategies.

He noted that the process for completing the update to the Coordinated Plan included establishing an oversight team to help review survey findings, complete a data assessment (of available services and identifying current transportation providers), complete agency profiles and agency perspective surveys to understand the needs of the transportation providers to enhance or expand services. OKI administered a mobility survey in the summer and fall of 2024 (both

online and paper copies) and received 381 responses from all 8 counties in the region (Hamilton Co. was where most responses were from).

From the survey, agency feedback and public meetings, OKI created a summary of Major Gaps in service. They included:

- A need for a resource library of transportation providers to help social service agencies and riders secure rides to appointments.
- Geography is a barrier to providing adequate transportation, including service outside of the I-275 loop and trips crossing county boundaries.
- There is a need for expanded hours of service during the week and on weekends to meet demand from riders.
- The costs associated with alternate forms of transportation such as Uber/Lyft are prohibitive.
- Passenger drop-off and pickup at medical facilities has become an encumbrance due to valet services.

Mr. Porter included a list of Identified Needs:

- Expand transportation availability.
- Improve transportation service through more coordination among providers.
- More service for people who use wheelchairs or who need physical assistance to travel.
- Operate transportation services for target populations during late nights and weekends.
- Increase the types of destinations offered.
- Integrate new technologies that improve mobility service accessibility and/or reduce operating costs.
- Establish a mobility manager in each county to improve awareness of mobility options and promote collaboration amongst transportation providers throughout the OKI region.
- Improve public perception of both public and private transportation.

President Gerth requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2025-04. A motion was provided by Tom Peck, Clermont County Township Association with a second from Susan Vaughn, City of Hamilton, motion passed.

**Item #4 – Support of Transportation Safety Performance Measure Targets for the State of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana and Update to KYTC Infrastructure Performance Targets**

Mr. Brett Porter, OKI Staff, stated per the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21) and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (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 as well as adjusted targets for the KYTC bridge conditions.

MPOs have 180 days following the establishment and reporting of State safety targets to determine whether to support those safety targets or establish their own targets. As in years past, OKI has elected to support each State's safety targets for the 2025 calendar year. Ohio's target for non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries has gone down, as have Kentucky's targets for total fatalities and fatality rate, total serious injuries, and four of five safety targets in Indiana.

During the mid performance period (2022-2026) states are eligible to adjust 4-year targets for infrastructure and congestion and system performance measures. Both Ohio and Indiana elected not to adjust their performance measures and Kentucky has elected to adjust 4-year targets for percentage of NHS bridges classified in both good and poor condition. They have elected to slightly decrease the target for bridges in good condition and slightly raise the target for bridges in poor condition.

President Gerth requested a motion for OKI Resolution 2025-05. Commissioner Bonnie Batchler, Clermont County provided a motion with a second from Roger Kerlin, Resident Member; motion passed.

#### **Item #5 – Intermodal Coordinating Committee Report**

OKI staff, Mr. Andy Reser provided a brief update of the ICC meeting held on February 11, 2025. He noted that the committee discussed and approved changes to the Project Prioritization Process for 2025. Additionally, an update on the draft FY26-29 TIP was provided and the committee approved a TIP administrative modification. Mr. Reser stated three resolutions were recommended for executive committee approval: 1). Coordinated Public Transit & Human Services Plan, 2). the Performance Measures and Targets and 3). Tip Amendment #13.

#### **Item #6 – Amendment 13 of the OKI Fiscal Years 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program**

Andy Reser stated Amendment 13 reflects all the Kentucky SNK and TA funded projects (will have design funds available in FY25).

Boone Co.: Adds the Weaver Rd. sidewalk and Conrad Ln. multi-use path

Campbell Co: Adds the Highland Heights US 27 multi-use path

Kenton Co.: Adds Ft. Wright Dixie Hwy sidewalk, Villa Hills Rogers Rd. pedestrian bridge and the Crestview Hills Thomas More Parkway resurfacing.

Transit: Increases the funding for a 2026 SORTA bus replacement grant from ODOT. Mr. Reser said all seven projects are exempt from air quality conformity requirements and he noted the draft amendment has been posted at oki.org since Jan. 29 with no public comments received to date.

President Gerth requested a motion to approve OKI Resolution 2025-06. Commissioner Stephanie Summerow Dumas provided a motion with a second from Mr. Karl Schulz, Resident member; motion passed.

**Item #7 – Other Business**

There was no other business from the floor.

**Item #8 - Adjournment**

President Gerth requested a motion to adjourn. Judge Executive Gary Moore, Boone County provided a motion with a second from Shannon Hartkemeyer; motion passed.

End of meeting 11:32 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.

Member Counties (8)	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 County Fiscal Court	Gary W.	Moore	Matthew Webster	Y	Y						
				Butler County Board of Commissioners	T.C.	Rogers	David Fehr	Y	E						
				Campbell County Fiscal Court	Steve	Pendery	Matt Elberfeld	E	E						
				Clermont County Board of Commissioners	Bonnie J.	Batchler	David Painter	Y	Y						
				Dearnborn County Board of Commissioners	Kevin	Turner	TBD	Y	E						
				Hamilton County Board of Commisioners	Denise	Drieause	Stephanie Sumerow Dumas	Y	Y						
				Kenton County Fiscal Court	Kris	Knochelmann	Spencer Stork	R	Y						
Warren County Board of Commissioners	David G.	Young	Martin Russell	E	E										
Municipalities w/Population over 5,000	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.			
				Alexandria, KY	Patrick	Blair		Y							
				Bellevue, KY	Charlie	Cleves	Y								
				Blue Ash, OH	Brian	Gath	Y	Y							
				Cheviot, OH	TBD										
				Cincinnati, OH	Mark	Jeffreys	Greg Long	Y	R						
				Cold Spring, KY	TBA										
				Covington, KY	Ron	Washington	Y	Y							
Dayton, KY	Ben	Baker		R											
Deer Park, OH	Natasha	Kohorst	Y	Y											
Edgewood, KY	Rob	Thelan													

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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							
Butler County Planning Commission	David C.	Fehr										
Campbell County Planning & Zonning Commission	Sharon	Haynes		Y	Y							
Clermont County Planning Commission	Darrin	Hinners										
Dearborn County Planning Commission	Nicole	Daily		E	E							
Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission	David	Okum	Steve Goodin	Y	Y							
Kenton County Planning Commission	Gailen	Bridges		Y								
PDS of Kenton County	Sharmili	Reddy	Andy Videkovich	Y	Y							
Warren County Regional Planning Commission	Ryan	Cook	Cameron Goschinski	Y	E							
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							
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							
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet	Robert	Yeager	Mike Bezold	Y	Y							
Ohio Department of Transportation	Doug	Gruver	Scott Brown	Y	Y							
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Butler County RTA	Christopher	Lawson	Matthew Dutkevicz		Y							
SORTA (Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority)	Darryl	Haley	Khaled Shammout	Y	Y							
TANK (Transit Authority of Northern KY)	Gina	Douthat	TBA	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							
Resident member, Boone County Engineer	Rob	Franxman		Y	Y	E						
Resident member, Warren County Board of Commissioners	Shannon	Jones										
Resident member	Liz	Keating		E								
Resident member	Roger	Kerlin	Chris Reinersman	E	Y							
Resident member, Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce	Eric	Kranz		Y								
Resident member	Henry (Hank) E.	Menninger, Jr.		Y	Y							
Resident member, Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber	Pete	Metz		Y	Y							

Resident member	Pamela E.	Mullins		Y								
Resident member	Rick	Probst		Y	Y							
Resident member	Kenneth	Reed		Y	E							
Resident member	Sal	Santoro		E	Y							
Resident member	Karl B.	Schultz	Joe Braun	Y	Y							
Resident member	V. Anthony	Simms-Howell	Juliet Simms	Y	Y							
Resident member, Kenton Co. Public Works	Spencer	Stork		R	E							
Resident member	Thomas	Voss	Charlie Cleves	Y	Y							
Resident member, Southbank Partners	Will	Weber		E	Y							
Resident member, CVG Airport Authority	Melissa	Wideman		Y								
Other Elected Officials and Persons Responsible to Elected Officials from Special Purpose Districts (10)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	<div>Jan. 9 - Board</div> <div>Feb. 13 - E.C.</div> <div>Mar. 13 - E.C.</div> <div>Apr. 10 - Board</div> <div>May 8 - E.C.</div> <div>June 12 - Board</div> <div>Sept. 11 - E.C.</div> <div>Oct. 9 - Board</div> <div>Nov. 13 - E.C.</div>								
Hamilton County Engineer	Eric	Beck		Y	Y							
Clermont Co. Board of Commissioners	Claire	Corcoran										
Clermont Co. Engineer	Jeremy	Evans										
Warren Co. Board of Commissioners	Tom	Grossman										
Dearborn Co. Engineer	J. Todd	Listerman			Y							
Clermont Co. Board of Commissioners	David	Painter		Y	E							
Hamilton Co. Board of Commissioners	Alicia	Reece		Y								
Hamilton Co. Board of Commissioners	Stephanie	Summerow Dumas			Y							
Warren County Engineer	Kurt	Weber										
Butler County Engineer	Gregory	Wilkens										

## Guests

Jennifer Haley, Clermont BCC  
Lauren O'Brien, Verdantas  
Jeff Wallace, Woolpert  
Andrew Aiello, SORTA  
Victoria Strawbridge, Commissioner Driehaus  
Veronica Hazelwood, City of Mason  
Jay Fossett, Dayton, KY  
Tim Acri, Covington, KY

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Katie Hannum  
Toni Gleason  
Samantha Sheppard  
Liren Zhou  
Travil Miller  
Brett Porter  
Hui Xie  
Summer Jones  
Robyn Bancroft  
Andy Meyer