

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.

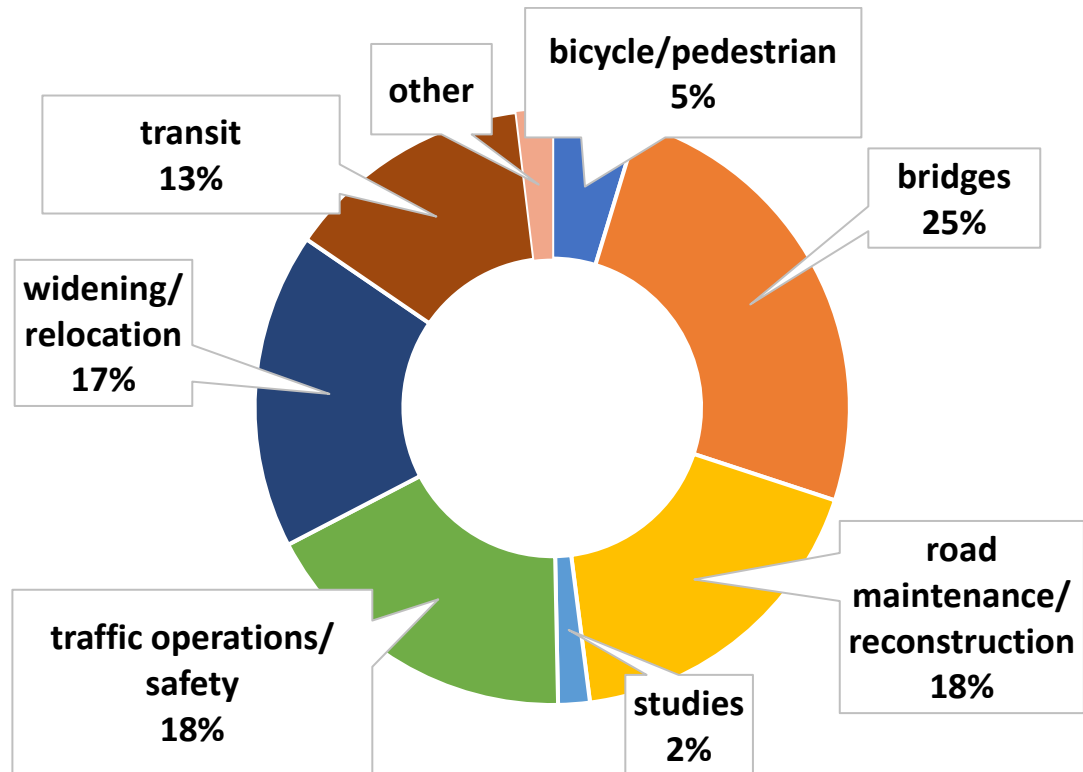
The TIP includes three Kentucky projects that are moving from the MTP to the TIP:

- 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	