

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments
October 10, 2024 – 10:30 a.m.

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

Item #1A - Administrative

First Vice President Josh Gerth called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. Trustee Tom Peck led the Pledge of Allegiance. FVP Gerth noted that the 2025 OKI Board of Directors nomination forms are due December 1st. After this morning's meeting, members and jurisdictions will receive an email with a board nomination form link from Lorrie Platt. He added that the nominating committee members include Ken Schultz, as Chair and Trustee Shannon Hartkemeyer, Roger Kerlin, Resident member and Tom Voss, Resident member.

Item #1B - Approval of the September 12, 2024 Executive Committee Board Meeting Minutes

FVP Gerth requested approval of the September 12th executive committee meeting minutes as distributed. Trustee Tony Rosiello provided a motion with a second from Karl Schultz, Resident member; motion passed unanimously.

Item #1C - CEO's Report

Mr. Mark Policinski shared that OKI is updating the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan and will host a virtual public meeting on Nov. 13 (2pm) at the OKI offices. OKI is gathering input from transportation providers, seniors, people with disabilities and the general public on ways to improve specialized transportation in the region. He asked members to promote the meeting on their social media channels (flyers were made available with a URL and QR code and shown on the screen).

Mr. Policinski also stated that approximately \$50 million in new projects will be presented later for Board of Directors approval. He commended the transportation team at OKI for their dedication and expertise along with recognizing the jurisdictions for their efforts in submitting projects that best enhance their communities. OKI remains a service organization aimed at building partnerships, not gathering power.

He lastly noted that on October 29, OKI will go through a Federal Certification Review (every 4 years). He said that the review is necessary for OKI to expend federal funds to member jurisdictions. The federal review team consists of representatives from Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration from the three states in our region. It is an all-day session that reviews all of OKI's programs and processes to ensure OKI meets federal requirements. The last review was in 2020 and concluded with OKI receiving 10 commendations and recognized nationally for best practices. The findings of the certification will be presented at the November 14th Executive Committee by the lead FHWA representative. Following this meeting, FHWA will host a public meeting at OKI regarding certification, all board members and the public are invited.

Item #1D - Finance Officer's Report

Director of Finance, Ms. Katie Hannum, stated copies of the Finance Officer's Report were distributed all in advance with a printed copy at their seats. Ms. Hannum reported on the Council's financing activities, as of October 4, 2024, OKI had:

\$251,153 in the PNC Bank Commercial Checking Account

\$26,023 in the PNC HSA/FSA Checking Account

\$994,114 in the 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.

FVP Gerth requested a motion to approve the financial report. Mr. Ken Reed, Treasurer, provided a motion with a second from Trustee Tom Peck; motion passed.

Item #2 – Presentation of the New OKI Housing Data Dashboard

OKI staff, Andy Meyer, shared that OKI along with Blume Community Partners developed a housing data dashboard for the OKI region. The dashboard will launch shortly, and he invited all members to the launch event at the OKI offices on Wednesday, 10/23 at 9 a.m. Mr. Meyer proceeded with a demonstration of the type of data that can be found in the dashboard for local jurisdictions, additionally all information is free to access. He noted that housing data can help jurisdictions with local planning and policy development around land use and housing. The data dashboard is found at [oki.org](https://www.oki.org/data-maps/view-data-maps/regional-housing-data-dashboard/) in the Maps & Apps section: live link here <https://www.oki.org/data-maps/view-data-maps/regional-housing-data-dashboard/>

Item #3 – Intermodal Coordinating Committee Report

OKI staff, Andy Reser provided a brief update on the ICC meeting held on October 8, 2024.

He shared that Mr. Patrick Carpenter of Federal Highway-Indiana Division presented information on the FHWA safety initiative and the upcoming OKI federal certification review. The ICC committee approved TIP Administrative Modification, and two resolutions were recommended to the executive committee, they were 1.) Selection of OH & KY STBG/TA Projects using OKI allocated federal funds in the FY2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program and 2.) Selection of Projects (Round 2) for the Carbon Reduction Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Program.

Item #4 – Selection of Ohio STBG/TA and Kentucky STBG/TA Projects Using OKI Allocated Federal Funds to be included in the OKI FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Andy Reser, OKI staff said OKI is responsible for soliciting transportation projects eligible for OKI-allocated federal transportation funds to be included in the TIP. He reviewed the awarded

STBG projects for Ohio and Kentucky. Ms. Summer Jones, OKI staff, covered the OH/KY TA project awards. The awarded projects along with their federal funding award and local match follows:

Ohio STBG federally funded projects:

Project Name	Federal Funds	Local Match
Cincinnati – City of Cincinnati BSB Context Sensitive Design	\$8,000,000	50%
Cincinnati – Plum Street Improvements	\$8,000,000	45%
Clermont County TID – Bach Buxton Road Corridor Improvements	\$2,811,802	50%
Great Parks of Hamilton Co – Ohio River Trail Oasis Corridor Phase 1	\$8,000,000	20%
SORTA – Hybrid Buses for Alternative Fuel Transition	\$8,000,000	30%
Village of Evendale – Evendale Signals	\$1,522,974	20%

Ohio TA federally funded projects:

Project Name	Federal Funds	Local Match
Cincinnati – Purcell Avenue Sidewalk	\$480,000	20%
Colerain Township – Compton Road Sidewalks	\$1,000,000	20%
Loveland – State Route 48 and Butterworth Sidewalk	\$761,243	35%
Mason – US 42 Bike Path Connection	\$895,101	20%

Kentucky STBG (SNK) federally funded projects:

Project Name	Federal Funds	Local Match
Boone County Fiscal Court – Conrad Lane Multi-Use Path	\$1,377,859	50%
Crestview Hills – Thomas More Parkway Roadway and Drainage Improvements	\$896,839	40%
Highland Heights – US 27 Multi-Use Path and Sidewalk	\$3,045,927	20%
Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky – Microtransit Replacement and Expansion	\$3,456,000	20%

Kentucky TA federally funded projects:

Project Name	Federal Funds	Local Match
Bellevue – Van Voast Pedestrian Bridge (additional funds)	\$648,000	20%
Boone County Fiscal Court – Weaver Road Sidewalk Project	\$462,000	25%
Fort Wright – Dixie Highway Sidewalk Construction	\$679,932	40%
Villa Hills – Rogers Road Pedestrian Bridge	\$715,000	20%

FVP Gerth requested a motion to approve Resolution 2024-31, Concerning Selection of Ohio STBG/TA and Kentucky STBG/TA Projects to be included in the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program. A motion was provided by Trustee Shannon Hartkemeyer with a second from Commissioner David Painter; motion passed.

Item #5 – Selection of Projects for Round 2 of the Carbon Reduction Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Program

Mr. Andy Reser, OKI staff said in round 2, there were only funds available for Ohio (Kentucky funding expended). He noted this program is for Level 2 (slower, could take hours) and Level 3 (DC fast charger, charges in minutes). These are 100 percent federal funds, no local matches required. He said there was \$13 million available, 16 recipients requesting \$11.1 million; there was enough funding available for all applications. The press release attached lists all projects.

FVP Gerth asked for a motion for Resolution 2024-32, Selection of Projects of the Carbon Reduction Electric Vehicle Charge Infrastructure Program, which was provided by Resident member Roger Kerlin with a second from Councilmember Susan Hoover; motion carried.

Item #6 - Other Business

There was no other business from the floor.

Item #7 - Adjournment

FVP Gerth requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ken Reed provided a motion and a second was received from Commissioner David Painter; motion passed.

End of meeting 11:18 a.m.

Submitted by Lorrie Platt

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 16, 2024

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OKI Awards \$11M to Build 43 EV Charging Sites Across Region

Cincinnati, Ohio – The Greater Cincinnati area is about to get greener, thanks to a federal “clean air” program managed locally by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI).

Through funds from OKI’s Carbon Reduction Program, the agency’s board of directors unanimously approved \$11.1 million to build 43 electric vehicle charging stations across the region at last week’s monthly meeting.

With awards ranging from \$87,000 to \$1.5 million, the 16 recipients represent a variety of organizations and jurisdictions:

- Anderson Twp: RecPlex, Bauer Preserve, Ohio River Trailhead, Five Mile Trailhead – \$1,199,305
- Blue Ash: Madtree Parks and Rec at Summit Park – \$87,658
- Cincinnati: East Price Hill, Hartwell, Madisonville NBDs – \$998,238
- Cincinnati (LPA for 3CDC): 8th & Sycamore, Court & Walnut, Whex, and Ziegler Park Garages – \$895,972
- Fairfield: Fairfield Community Arts Center, Fairfield Justice Center, Waterworks Park – \$443,971
- Hamilton: Hamilton Justice Center, Kettering Hospital, Miami University (Hamilton) Potters Golf Course – \$1,597,068
- Harrison: Harrison Community Center – \$186,300
- Middletown: Middletown City Building, Jacot Park, Smith Park, downtown – \$1,492,405
- Oxford: Oxford Municipal Building, Oxford Uptown Surface Lot – \$905,489
- Springdale: Springdale Municipal/Springdale Elementary Campus, Springdale Parks & Rec – \$480,325
- Hamilton County (LPA for CHPL): North Central, Anderson, Harrison, Sharonville, and Walnut Hills Libraries – \$454,582
- MetroParks of Butler County: Rentshler Forest, Athletic Fieldhouse – \$95,419
- Miami University: OXD Airport – \$1,000,000
- Union Township: EPOP, Township Civic Center – \$947,540
- New Richmond: Willow Street, Western Avenue – \$133,445
- West Chester Township: Community Development Building, Administration Building – \$211,370

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Judge/Executive **Gary Moore**
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Fairfield City Engineer Nick Dill said, "We are thrilled to receive this grant from OKI. This funding will allow us to install charging stations at strategic locations, making it easier for residents and visitors to transition to electric vehicles."

Congress established the Carbon Reduction Program as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, in 2021. The program distributes funds to states and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), like OKI, based on population.

OKI developed its CRP program to build out a network of Direct Current Fast Chargers (DCFCs) for electric vehicles in the region to support the widespread adoption of EVs.

With EV adoption surging across the United States -- over 3.5 million EVs were on the road in 2023 (U.S. Dept. of Energy, Alternative Fuels Data Center) -- "these projects will ensure that the residents of our region will have access to a robust charging network," said David Shuey, OKI's director of information systems and analytics.

"This investment is a significant step forward in our region's commitment to reducing air pollution and fostering sustainable transportation," Shuey added.

In the program's first year of funding in 2023, OKI awarded \$2.5 million to six applicants for EV charging stations: CVG Airport; city of Hamilton; city of Covington; 3CDC; Green Township; and Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services. In March 2024, the agency awarded \$3.2 million to eight applicants: Anderson Township; Boone County; CVG Airport; MetroParks of Butler County; and the cities of Trenton, Cincinnati, Fairfield and Forest Park.

OKI is a council of local governments, business organizations and community groups committed to developing collaborative strategies, plans and programs to improve the quality of life and economic development potential of Tristate.

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2024 Attendance

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

*The January board meeting attendance reflects 2023 members since 2024 board members are not voted upon until the end of the meeting.

2024 Board members are noted as guests at the January meeting.

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

Jurisdiction/Organization	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	Jan. 11 - Board	Feb. 8 - E.C.	Mar. 14 - E.C.	Apr. 11 - Board	May 9 - E.C.	June 13 - Board	Sept. 12 - E.C.	Oct. 10 - Board	Nov. 14 - E.C.
Alexandria, KY	TBA											
Anderson Township	Josh	Gerth	Lexi Lausten	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	
Bellevue, KY	Charlie	Cleves		Y	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Blue Ash, OH	Brian	Gath		Y	Y	Y	Y		E	Y	Y	
Boone County Fiscal Court	Cathy	Flaig		Y		Y	Y	E		Y	E	
Boone County Fiscal Court	Gary W.	Moore	Matthew Webster	Y	Y	Y	E	E	Y	Y	E	
Boone Co. Planning Commission	Randy	Bessler		Y	E	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	
Butler Co. Assoc. of Township Trustees & Clerks	Shannon	Hartkemeyer	Norma Pennock	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Butler County Board of Commissioners	T.C.	Rogers	David Fehr	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Butler County Planning Commission	David C.	Fehr										
Butler County RTA	Christopher	Lawson	Matthew Dutkevicz		Y	Y	R		Y			
Campbell County Fiscal Court	Brian	Painter	Tom Lampe	Y					Y			
Campbell County Fiscal Court	Steve	Pendery	Matt Elberfeld	E	Y	Y	E	Y	E	Y	E	
Campbell County Planning & Zoning Commission	Sharon	Haynes		E	Y		Y		E			
Cheviot, OH	TBA											
Cincinnati, OH	Mark	Jeffreys	John Brazina	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
City of Cincinnati Planning Commission	Emily	Ahouse		Y	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	
City of Fairfield Planning Commission	Greg	Kathman		E	Y	Y	Y		Y			

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Ft. Thomas, KY	Ben	Pendery		Y			E		E		Y		
Ft. Wright, KY	Dave	Hatter		E					Y				
Green Township	Tony	Rosiello	Adam Goetzman	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		
Greendale, IN	Vince	Karsteter		Y									
Hamilton Co. Board of Commisioners	Alicia	Reece	Denise Driehaus	Y	R	Y	R	R					
Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission	David	Okum	Steve Goodin	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y			
Hamilton County Township Association	Thomas	Weidman											
Hamilton, OH	Susan	Vaughn	Tim Naab	E	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Harrison, OH	Doug	Abrams		E	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y		
Highland Heights, KY	TBA												
Indepence, KY	Christopher	Reinersman		E	E			E			E		
Indian Hill, OH	Pat	Stern		Y	Y								
Indiana Department of Transportation	Chris	Wahlman	Terry Summers	R					E/R	Y			
Kenton County Fiscal Court	Kris	Knochelmann	Spencer Stork	E	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	R	E		
Kenton County Planning Commission	Gailen	Bridges		Y			Y		Y		Y		
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet	Robert	Yeager	Mike Bezold	Y	R	R	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Lawrenceburg, IN	Mark	Fette	Guinevere Banschbach		Y								
Lebanon, OH	Brad	Lamoreaux	effective June '24						Y		Y		
Liberty Township	Steve	Schramm	Tom Farrell							Y			
Loveland, OH	Ted	Phelps					Y						
Madeira, OH	J. Douglas	Moorman		Y			Y				Y		
Mason, OH	Joy	Bennett		Y			Y						
Miami Township	Mary	Makley Wolff	Steve Kelly	Y	E	Y	E		Y	R			
Middletown, OH	Elizabeth	Slamka	Paul Horn	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E/R	Y	Y		

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Milford, OH	Kim	Chamberland		Y	Y				Y				
Monroe	Ben	Wagner		E	E	E	Y						
Montgomery, OH	Chris	Dobrozsi		Y	E	E	Y	E	Y	E	Y		
Mt. Healthy, OH	Jennifer	Moody											
Newport, KY	Beth	Fennell	Brian Steffen	E	E	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
North College Hill, OH	Mary	DeWald		E	E	E	E						
Norwood, OH	Susan	Hoover		Y	E	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Ohio Department of Transportation	Tammy	Campbell	Scott Brown	R	Y	Y	R	R	Y	R	Y		
Oxford, OH	Michael	Smith		E	E		E		Y		Y		
PDS of Kenton County	Sharmili	Reddy	Andy Videkovich			Y	E	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Reading, OH	Robert	Boehner		Y	E						Y		
Sharonville, OH	Glen	Lovitt		Y	Y	R	R			R			
SORTA (Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority)	Darryl	Haley	Khaled Shammout	Y	R	Y		Y	E	Y	Y		
South Lebanon, OH	Linda	Allen	Jenny Haddix (guest)						R				
Springdale, OH	Jeffrey	Anderson		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y			
TANK (Transit Authority of Northern KY)	Gina	Douthat	TBA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Taylor Mill, KY	Dan	Bell		E	E				Y				
Trenton, OH	Floyd	Croucher		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Union, KY	Larry	Solomon		Y		Y					Y		
Union Township	Michael	Logue	Cory Wright	E	E	Y	E	E	E	E	E		
Villa Hills, KY	Seth	Thompson		Y	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	Y			
Warren Co. Assoc. of Twnshp. Trustees & Clerks	Jonathan	Sams	Jeff Wright	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Warren County Board of Commissioners	Tom	Grossman											
Warren County Board of Commissioners	David G.	Young	Martin Russell	E									

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Warren County Engineer	Neil	Tunison		E									
Warren County Regional Planning Commission	Ryan	Cook	Cameron Goschinski	Y	Y	R			Y				
West Chester Township	Ann	Becker	Arun Hindupur	E	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y		
Wyoming, OH	Dan	Driehaus	Jodi Woffington	E	Y			Y	E/R				
Resident Members (20)													
Resident member	Craig	Beckley		Y			Y		Y				
Resident member, The Port	Laura N.	Brunner		E	E	E	E	E	E	E	Y		
Resident member	Jeff	Earlywine		Y	Y		E	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Resident member, Boone County Engineer	Rob	Franxman			Y				Y	Y			
Resident member, Warren County Board of Commissioners	Shannon	Jones											
Resident member	Liz	Keating		E	Y	Y			Y		Y		
Resident member	Roger	Kerlin	Chris Reinersman	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Resident member, Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce	Eric	Kranz		E									
Resident member	Larry	Maxey		Y	Y	Y	E	Y	Y				
Resident member	Henry (Hank) E.	Menninger, Jr.		Y	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Resident member, Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber	Pete	Metz			Y			Y			E		
Resident member	Pamela E.	Mullins		Y	Y						Y		
Resident member	Kenneth	Reed		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	E	Y		
Resident member	Sal	Santoro		Y	E	E	Y		Y	Y	E		
Resident member	Karl B.	Schultz	Joe Braun	Y	Y	Y	R	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Resident member, Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs	V. Anthonty	Simms-Howell	Michael Florez	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Resident member, Kenton Co. Public Works	Spencer	Stork			Y	Y	E	Y	Y		E		

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Resident member	Thomas	Voss	Charlie Cleves	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Resident member, CVG Airport	Melissa	Wideman		E	E		Y		Y		Y		
Resident member	Renee	Wilson		E	Y		Y						
Other Elected Officials and Persons Responsible to Elected Officials (10)													
Clermont Co. Board of Commissioners	Bonnie J.	Batchler		Y	E	Y	Y			Y	Y		
Hamilton County Engineer	Eric	Beck		E	Y	E	Y	Y	E	Y	Y		
Clermont Co. Board of Commissioners	Claire	Corcoran											
Hamilton Co. Board of Commissioners	Denise	Driehaus			Y	Y	Y	Y		E	Y		
Clermont Co. Engineer	Jeremy	Evans											
Warren Co. Board of Commissioners	Tom	Grossman											
Dearborn Co. Engineer	J. Todd	Listerman			Y	E	Y		y	Y	E		
Hamilton Co. Board of Commissioners	Stephanie	Summerow Dumas				E	Y				Y		
Warren Co. Engineer	Neil	Tunison											
Butler Co. Engineer	Gregory	Wilkens											

Guests

Declan Tom

Chris Harding, BOCC

Maisy Green, BOCC

Jennifer Shuey, DLZ

Jeff Wallace, Woolpert

Lauren O'Brien, CT Consultants

Brent Cooper, No. KY Chamber

Annalease Cahill, DSD

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Lorrie Platt

Regina Fields

Katie Hannum

Taylor O'Rourke

Julia Brossart

Suzanne Parkey

Travis Miller

Andy Meyer

Timothy Stautberg Jr.

Summer Jones

Jim Pickering

David Rutter

Margaret Minzner

Gabriela Waesch

Jenny Newcomb

Brett Porter

Elizabeth Niese

Liren Zhou

Jersson Pachar

Robyn Bancroft