

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments
September 12, 2024 – 10:30 a.m.

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

Item #1A - Administrative

President Moore called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. He reminded members that today's meeting is an executive committee meeting, and only members (of the executive committee) or their alternates may make a motion, second or vote. Additionally, he asked members to state their name clearly (when making a motion or second) so it could be captured in meeting minutes and to make sure members signed in for attendance records. He asked Ms. Sharmili Reddy, PDS of Kenton Co. to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #1B - Approval of the June 13, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

President Moore requested approval of the June 13th Board of Directors meeting minutes as distributed. Commissioner Steve Hayden provided a motion with a second from Councilmember Mark Jeffreys; motion passed unanimously.

Item #1C - CEO's Report

Mr. Mark Policinski noted the OKI staff has kept a busy summer pace, including finalizing the recommendations on the year's funding of transportation projects, approximately \$50 million that will be presented at the October Board of Directors meeting for approval. Additionally, staff will present its recommendations for OKI's Ohio Carbon Reduction Grants. The grants will total more than \$11 million and focus on electric vehicle charging stations.

Another project Mr. Policinski highlighted is the region-wide Housing dashboard. The dashboard will provide housing data for all jurisdictions, and he believes it to be the only tool of its kind created by an MPO in the country. A presentation is forthcoming at the October meeting.

He provided an update for the Carbon Pollution Reduction Grant. Unfortunately, OKI did not receive the \$180 million grant, but Mr. Policinski acknowledged the efforts of all of those involved, including staff from several departments as well as partners at the City of Cincinnati, NKADD, Hamilton Co., SORTA/Metro, CVG, Green Umbrella and Indiana University. He noted that the hard work will not be in vain as our powerful application can be the base for other grant opportunities from HUD, EPA, DOE DOT, with large funding pools.

Mr. Policinski provided an update regarding the amendment to change City of Cincinnati representation on the OKI Board of Directors. The NKY group needed 8,900 signatures to make the ballot. It collected approximately 14,000 signatures, however, barely 5,000 were valid. OKI has been told they spent \$200k collecting signatures. He thanked the many board members who were supportive of OKI, including Councilmember Mark Jeffreys who provided factual information and led the strategy for the City's formal communication regarding the amendment.

In closing, Mr. Policinski introduced two new OKI staff members to the committee. They are Ms. Julia Brossart, who is leading the Communications department and Ms. Samantha Shepphard, an addition to the finance department.

Item #1D - Finance Officer's Report

Director of Finance, Ms. Katie Hannum, stated copies of the Finance Officer's Report were distributed to all in advance with a printed copy at their seats. Ms. Hannum reported the Council's financing activities, as of September 6, 2024, OKI had:

\$489,572 in the PNC Bank Commercial Checking Account

\$25,906 in the PNC HSA/FSA Checking Account

\$790,166 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.

President Moore requested a motion to approve the financial report. Commissioner T.C. Rogers provided a motion with a second from Trustee Shannon Hartkemeyer; motion passed.

Item #2 – FY2024 OKI Transportation Planning Year End Performance and Expenditures Report

Deputy Director Bob Koehler stated that each year, OKI is required to report on progress and expenditures for each work element identified in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). He noted that there were approximately 105 transportation projects in this year's report. The report includes OKI staff activity as well as transit agency activities for FY2024. Mr. Koehler highlighted a variety of elements such as 2050 Metropolitan Plan, New OKI Freight Plan, and the 2023 Conference on Freight. He also added that in FY 2024, OKI awarded \$55,868,690 in Federal Funds for Capital Projects and encumbered \$64 million.

President Moore requested a motion for Resolution OKI 2024-25. A motion was provided by Mr. Karl Schultz, Resident member with a second from Mr. Roger Kerlin, Resident member; motion passed.

Item #3 – Adoption of OKI CMAQ Mid Performance Plan for the States of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana

The CMAQ mid-performance plan addresses the progress made towards the federal performance measures to assess traffic congestion and on-road mobile source emissions. Mr. Brett Porter, OKI staff reported on three performance measures: Two are congestion management (at annual peak hours of excessive delay per capita (PHED) and percent of non-single occupancy vehicle travel in the Cincinnati urbanized area (Non-SOV). The third measure is mobile source emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) and Nitrous Oxide (NOx).

He shared tables of each performance measurement with baseline, two- and four-year targets along with actual metrics. The resolution states OKI's adoption of the CMAQ Mid Performance

Plan and OKI agrees to plan and program projects so they contribute toward accomplishment of each State's CMAQ targets.

President Moore requested a motion for Resolution OKI 2024-26. A motion was provided by Trustee Ann Becker, with a second from Councilmember Susan Vaughn; motion passed.

Item #4 – Resolution Authorizing a Contract Extension with Consultant for Developing a Greenhouse Gas Inventory for the Cincinnati OH-KY-IN MSA

Mr. Andy Meyer, OKI staff requested an extension of the current contract with Unpredictable City, LLC for expert support services to OKI staff in developing a greenhouse gas inventory. Data will be used to inform the regional climate action plan being developed by OKI and its partner agencies per the US Environmental Protection Agency Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program.

President Moore requested a motion to approve Resolution 2024-27. A motion was provided by Mr. Darryl Haley, SORTA/Metro with a second from Trustee Shannon Hartkemeyer Roger; motion passed.

Item #5 – Resolution Authorizing a Contract Renewal with Consultant for Maintenance Services of ORBCS

Mr. Jersson Pachar, OKI staff stated that traffic data is a key element in the analysis of existing conditions and the validation of OKI's Travel Model. OKI currently owns and operates radar traffic data collection units at the seven Ohio River bridges in the OKI region. The resolution authorizes the Executive Director to renew the contract with TEC in retaining professional services for maintenance and repair along with calibration services for the entire OKI traffic data collection system which consists of seven locations with 15 units.

President Moore asked for a motion for Resolution 2024-28, which was provided by Trustee Steve Schramm with a second from Commissioner Bonnie Batchler, motion carried.

Item #6 – Resolution for Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Consultant for Professional Services for Traffic Data Collection

Ms. Hue Xie, OKI staff stated that traffic data collection will be conducted in FY2025 and comprises two projects: (1) vehicle volume and classification counts on selected freeways and arterials; (2) pedestrian and bicycle counts at selected intersections and roadway segments. The consultant (or a team) will be chosen through a quality-based selection process. Data collection is expected to begin on October 11, 2024.

President Moore requested a motion to approve Resolution 2024-29. Trustee Tom Peck provided a motion with a second from Commissioner Steve Hayden; motion carried.

Item #7 - Intermodal Coordinating Committee Report

OKI staff, Andy Reser provided a brief update on the ICC meeting held on September 10, 2024. He noted that Mr. Sam Wallace, FHWA Ohio division provided information regarding the upcoming (Oct. 29, 2024) federal certification review for OKI.

Mr. Reser shared that the committee approved a TIP Modification and OKI staff presented draft scores for the 2024 applications for federal transportation funds. It was decided to continue the discussion for these projects at an additional meeting slated for September 24. Mr. Reser said the recommended projects will be presented at the October Board of Directors meeting.

He continued with five resolutions recommended for approval: 1.) FY24 Performance and Expenditure Report, 2.) OKI CMAQ Performance Plan, 3.) Ohio River Bridge Count Station Program, 4.) Consultation Services for Traffic Data Collection and 5.) TIP Amendment #10

Item #8 - Amendment #10 of the OKI Fiscal Years 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Andy Reser, OKI staff stated that Amendment #10 includes three highway projects in Ohio and 12 in Kentucky. Per request from the City of Monroe, OKI-TA funding for a portion of the Great Miami River Trail is deleted as the city will rescope the project to account for significant stream erosion in that area. The Amendment adds:

- New federal discretionary funds for detailed design work on North Hamilton Crossing Phase 1
- A project to begin the Environmental Phase for the I-75/275 interchange improvements in Hamilton Co.
- Removing OKI-TA funding for Weaver Road sidewalks in Florence; the project was completed with local funds
- Two projects to improve congestion and safety at the Walton KY 14/KY 16 interchange with I-75; PID 6-80 will realign an access road and improve mobility throughout the intersection and 6-80352 is a much smaller safety project to add a ramp turn lane. 6-80100 will begin design work to improve interstate access at Turfway Rd. and Thoroughbred Blvd.
- Design phase for Hicks Pike reconstruction is also added to the TIP
- In Campbell Co., the amendment includes Planning and Design for an additional lane on the ramp from I-275 EB to I-475 SB, and a truck climbing lane for a small portion of US 27
- In Kenton Co., the City of Erlanger requested removing a sidewalk project at Brightleaf and Narrows Rd.
- KYTC requested adding design funds to widen Kenton Lands Rd.; and modifying funding amounts for the Buttermilk and Orphanage Rd. intersection project.
- Transit: the amendment modifies the funding for five Butler County RTA projects and one SORTA project

Mr. Reser added the Amendment does include four projects that are subject to air quality conformity requirements, and OKI previously analyzed those projects as part of the 2050 Plan Update in June. He noted a draft of this Amendment has been reviewed by the air quality

Interagency Consultation group and it has been posted at oki.org since August 26th for public comment. To date, one public comment regarding the Amendment, and that comment focused on OKI “not doing enough to reduce carbon emissions.”

President Moore requested a motion to approve OKI Resolution 2024-30. A motion was provided by Commissioner Bonnie Batchler with a second from Councilmember Susan Vaugh; motion passed.

Item #9 - Other Business

There was no other business from the floor.

Item #10 - Adjournment

President Moore requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Darryl Haley, SORTA/Metro provided a motion and a second was received from Mr. Karl Schultz, Resident member; motion passed.

End of meeting 11:23 a.m.

Submitted by Lorrie Platt

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		
Bellevue, KY	Charlie	Cleves		Y	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Blue Ash, OH	Brian	Gath		Y	Y	Y	Y		E	Y		
Boone County Fiscal Court	Cathy	Flaig		Y		Y	Y	E		Y		
Boone County Fiscal Court	Gary W.	Moore	Matthew Webster	Y	Y	Y	E	E	Y	Y		
Boone Co. Planning Commission	Randy	Bessler		Y	E	Y	Y	Y	E	Y		
Butler Co. Assoc. of Township Trustees & Clerks	Shannon	Hartkemeyer	Norma Pennock	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Butler County Board of Commissioners	T.C.	Rogers	David Fehr	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		
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		
City of Cincinnati Planning Commission	Emily	Ahouse		Y	Y	Y	Y	E	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				
Ft. Wright, KY	Dave	Hatter		E					Y				
Green Township	Tony	Rosiello	Adam Goetzman	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			
Harrison, OH	Doug	Abrams		E	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Highland Heights, KY	TBA												
Indepence, KY	Christopher	Reinersman		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			
Kenton County Planning Commission	Gailen	Bridges		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				
Liberty Township	Steve	Schramm	Tom Farrell							Y			
Loveland, OH	Ted	Phelps					Y						
Madeira, OH	J. Douglas	Moorman		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			

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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			
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			
Resident member	Jeff	Earlywine		Y	Y		E	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				
Resident member	Roger	Kerlin	Chris Reinersman	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			
Resident member, Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber	Pete	Metz			Y			Y					
Resident member	Pamela E.	Mullins		Y	Y								
Resident member	Kenneth	Reed		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	E			
Resident member	Sal	Santoro		Y	E	E	Y		Y	Y			
Resident member	Karl B.	Schultz	Joe Braun	Y	Y	Y	R	Y	Y	Y			
Resident member, Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs	V. Anthonty	Simms-Howell	Michael Florez	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Resident member, Kenton Co. Public Works	Spencer	Stork			Y	Y	E	Y	Y				

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Resident member	Thomas	Voss	Charlie Cleves	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	Y			
Resident member, CVG Airport	Melissa	Wideman		E	E		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			
Hamilton County Engineer	Eric	Beck		E	Y	E	Y	Y	E	Y			
Clermont Co. Board of Commissioners	Claire	Corcoran											
Hamilton Co. Board of Commissioners	Denise	Driehaus			Y	Y	Y	Y		E			
Clermont Co. Engineer	Jeremy	Evans											
Warren Co. Board of Commissioners	Tom	Grossman											
Dearborn Co. Engineer	J. Todd	Listerman			Y	E	Y		y	Y			
Hamilton Co. Board of Commissioners	Stephanie	Summerow Dumas				E	Y						
Warren Co. Engineer	Neil	Tunison											
Butler Co. Engineer	Gregory	Wilkens											

Guests

Sandy Amanes

Megan Poffman

Brandon Pittman

Jennifer Haley, Clermont BCC

Jennifer Shuey, DLZ

Jamie Wood, KYTC

Jeff Wallace, Woolpert

Scott Falkowski, Forest Park

Nick Okuley, City of Mason

Scott Gunning, Kenton Co.

Declan T?

Zoe Brazell

Chris Harding, Hamilton Co.(Driehaus office)

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