

# BUTLER COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION

September 8, 2011

## OKI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

### **Executive Director's Report (Mark Policinski) –**

RIIZ's - Regional Infrastructure Improvement Zones - This concept has been written in the legislative language and OKI is working with Congressman Goeff Davis and others to secure broad support and co-sponsors from the House and the Senate in order to convert this into a bill.

ODOT's central office has asked the regions throughout the state to get together to prioritize projects for TRAC - Ohio has very little money compared to what the projects need. OKI will be putting together a working group to help identify projects, phases, and funding needed. This is a quick turnaround as ODOT needs everything by November 1 and OKI's list must be approved by the Board of Directors at the October 13 meeting.

### **Legislative Report (Brian Cunningham) –**

Mr. Cunningham reported that in Washington DC, Senator Boxer will be proposing a 4 month extension of the Transportation Bill that will run through January, 2012. It would keep funding at the current level. Since the current bill expires on September 30, 2011, a meeting will be called September 15 to consider a proposal for a two-year bill that would expire in 2013.

### **Budget Committee Report (Ken Reed) -**

#### **A. Resolution to authorize the Executive Director to enter into an extension of the lease agreement with the Sawyer Point Building**

After a year and a half of extensive searches and negotiation, an extension to the current lease was recommended. This extension is for ten years; decreases and freezes the rent for seven years; caps the CPI to 3.5% after the freeze in rent has been met; has an option to terminate the lease after nine years; and at a minimum would save OKI over one million dollars.

Resolution OKI 2011-28 - Motion passed.

#### **B. Resolution to enter into an extension of the employment contract with the Executive Director**

After a year of reviewing salary, retirement, and benefit packages of MPO Regional Directors as well as the leaders in our Region, it was recommended that OKI extend the contract (due to expire in early November) with Mark Policinski as Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer for six years. There were several items discussed and it was agreed to provide for a base annual salary of \$188,183, with CPI increases; an increase in car allowance due to increased fuel and other costs (there has been no increase in this

category since 2003); and an increase in the amount of vacation hours that Mr. Policinski may accumulate.

Resolution OKI 2011-29 - Motion passed.

**Item #2 - Presentation on OKI 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Update (Travis Miller, Emi Randall, and Margo Lindahl) -**

An update was given on items relative to the Plan - land use, household density and environmental consultations. OKI has a strategic land use policy guide “Where Do We Grow From Here” that has been utilized since 2005. One tool that has been developed from this policy is the Fiscal Impact Model.

It was further reported that from now until 2040, growth will occur in our region in the following categories - Population - 22% increase; Employment - 23% increase; Households - 25% increase.

**Item #3 -Report on the Status of the Application to the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development for the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program - (Travis Miller) -**

In FFY2011, HUD announced \$67M in funding for the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program. OKI is submitting to update the Strategic Regional Policy Plan and expand it to include regional transit plans. If successful with the grant application, the update would begin 1-1-12 and last for three years. This grant is an 80/20, and in-kind services can be used as the match. OKI will be submitting the grant by October 6.

**Item #4 - Intermodal Coordinating Committee Report (Mark Paine) -**

**A. Amendment #3 of the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program -**

The amendment reflects 14 highway projects in Ohio; 3 line item projects in Ohio; 1 highway project in Kentucky and 1 highway project in Indiana that are recommended for addition or revision in the current TIP.

Resolution OKI 2011-24 - Motion passed.

**B. Selection of Projects to be Funded with Job Access Reverse Commute (Section 5316) and New Freedom (Section 5317) Federal Funds Allocated to the Cincinnati Urbanized Area**

The resolution lists a total of four projects to be funded with Job Access Reverse Commute and six projects to be funded with New Freedom federal funds allocated to the

Cincinnati urbanized area. These projects will be amended into the fiscal year 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program.

Resolution OKI 2011-25 - Motion passed.

### **C. FY 2011 Transportation Planning Year End Performance and Expedition Report**

Each year, OKI is required to report on progress and expenditures for each work element contained in that year's Unified Planning Work Program.

Resolution OKI 2011-26 - Motion passed.

### **D. OKI 2011 TRAC Rankings (Bob Koehler) -**

Mr. Koehler reported the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) administers the "Major New" (over \$12M) project selection process on behalf of ODOT. OKI ranked the 13 applications and request the authorization to submit those applications to ODOT.

Resolution OKI 2011-27 - Motion passed.

**Next Meeting - OKI Board of Directors Committee - Thursday, October 13, 2011 – 10:30 AM – OKI Board Room**

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If you have any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,  
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