

BUTLER COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION
APRIL 12, 2007
OKI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING REPORT

Executive Director's Report (Mark Policinski) –

- June 1 is the deadline for submittal of projects for the \$8.4 M of STP funding – see timeline below:

Timeline -

- March 15 – Letter will be sent to Ohio entities
- June 1 – Requests for projects to be funded due and will be sent through the prioritization process and committee
- August 7 – ICC (technical committee) will review and discuss the prioritizations and make recommendations
- August 9 – OKI Executive Committee will act on the ICC recommendations

- A Freight Work Group will be headed up by Co-Chairs Christine Maticic and Tom Voss, DHL to look at short term and long term issues with freight movement in the region. The first meeting will be May 23 and will include public and private representation.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT (Brian Cunningham) –

- HB67 – Transportation Budget – was signed the end of March and takes effect 7-1-07 includes \$7.8B of which \$6.2B is for Ohio Transportation. This does not include the request for funding to develop the analysis OKI uses for major criteria that would include economic development. This request will be reviewed by October.

- Jane Wittke of OKI testified in Columbus on the EPA/Water Program Fiscal Needs on behalf of the 6 MPO's in the state who work with the EPA on conducting the planning portion of the permitting process.

PRESENTATION ON CINCINNATI STREETCAR SYSTEM (Cincinnati Councilmember Chris Bortz) –

Councilman Bortz indicated the purpose of the feasibility study for a streetcar system was to show how transit could be a tool for economic development – need less parking for developments; attracts the right mix of retailers and residential developments.

He indicated they were looking at two major areas of the Cincinnati area to begin service – University Heights /University of Cincinnati and Over the Rhine.

Initial funding for the capital expenditures required would come from TIF's in Over the Rhine. Operations for these two routes are estimated to be \$3-4M per year. There would

have to be further discussions with the Cincinnati and Hamilton County to evaluate where these funds would come from.

The study is not complete, but Councilman Bortz was encouraged to make future presentations to the Board.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED –

1. Accepted and filed the Fiscal Year 2006 audited financial statements of the Council
2. Approved OKI 2007-09 – Line of Credit with National City Bank
3. Approved OKI 2007-10R – Authorized the filing of an application to FTA for JARC/New Freedom Federal funds
4. Approved the Consent Agenda – Note: The Land Use Commission Steering Committee will meet Thursday, May 10, after the Executive Committee meeting around 11:30-11:45. Discussion will be on the progress the first phase of implementing the policy plan and remaining action steps during this phase.
5. Approved OKI 2007-11R – Amendment of the FY 2006-2009 Transportation Improvement Program – 1 Ohio, 2 Kentucky, and 1 Indiana project added to the TIP
6. Approved OKI 2007-12 – Fiscal Year 2008 Unified Planning Work Program – 5 major elements in this program (update of bike plan, interactive project, long range plan/update 2030 plan, fiscal impact model, and reverse commute for transit)
7. Approved OKI 2007-013 – Amendment #4 – OKI 2030 Regional Transportation Plan – adds the new SAFETEA-LU plan regulations and incorporates 4 recently completed studies by OKI (Uptown Transportation Study, The Western Hamilton County Transportation Plan, the US-50 Dearborn County Gateway Study, and the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District Plan)
8. Approved OKI 2007-14 – Adoption of the OKI FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Plan (effective 7-1-07 - replaces FY 2006-2009)

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,
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