

**BUTLER COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION**  
**FEBRUARY 12, 2009**  
**OKI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**

**President's Report (Judge Pendery) –**

Appointed Alternates to the OKI Executive Committee – Motion passed

Mentioned that Public Service Recognition Forms are available for Board Members to nominate someone who has performed outstanding service. See OKI web site for additional information.

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

Brent Spence Bridge – Queensgate Alternative is not being advanced

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT AND ITEM #2 STIMULUS PACKAGE  
DISCUSSION (Brian Cunningham) –**

ODOT Budget for FY 2010 – 2011 was introduced (2010-\$3.2B; 2011-\$2.8B) with a fix it first philosophy and the creation of a Transportation Innovation Authority (broader parameters than TID's) with \$170M for the New Generation Highway & State Infrastructure through the Authority.

Kentucky Legislation is working toward SB15 which is for a Public Infrastructure Authority similar to Ohio's TID's

Delegation from OKI will attend NARC (National Association of Regional Councils) conference at the end of February and visit Capitol Hill while out there. Points of interest for the trip include the Brent Spence Bridge, the Eastern Corridor, Regional Improvement Incentive Zones, and Streamlining of the Transportation/Infrastructure Process.

Three areas that will be addressed this year for transportation are:

1. Federal Stimulus Bill (aka American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009) – This is a short term fix that will address maintenance, repaving, culvert repair, and intersection improvements.

\$789B is being finalized and there is anticipation of this being approved and signed by President Obama in the coming week. This funding requires no local match and will be passed through to OKI as STP Funds in Ohio. ODOT will have their own funds available for projects and the District 8 office is working with OKI and others to determine eligible projects.

Criteria for eligibility for funding:

- a. Shovel Ready Projects that are short term (begin within 75-180 days and completed within three years) – Contracts must be signed by June 1, 2009 – if not, the project could be dropped and the next project would move up.
- b. Projects must be on the federal aid system of a collector or above type road.
- c. Plans, specifications and estimates must be just about completed.
- d. Environmental studies and Right-of-way must be completed or just about completed.

Process for Determining Projects -

A draft project list (OKI put out a request in December to government entities) was presented to the Executive Committee and all interested parties have until February 23 to add, modify or delete projects to this list (OKI will have a public meeting on March 9 at 5:00 PM at their office to address amending the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (FY 2008-2011) and Amending 2030 Regional Transportation Plan – March 10 the ICC will receive the final list with amendments to the TIP and 2030 Regional Transportation Plan and make their recommendations to the OKI Executive Committee on March 12 for review and possible approval and forwarding to ODOT).

ODOT stated that entities in Ohio must complete a request to the Governor's Office for inclusion in the process as well as OKI.

Funding is broken down into those for Transit and those for Infrastructure.

For the OKI Region, there will probably be two phases of funding in Ohio that will have about \$22-23M in each phase for infrastructure projects. Kentucky will have about \$5-10M and Indiana about \$1M.

As more becomes known, it will be passed on to the Board.

The Executive Committee had significant discussion on this topic.

2. Transportation Appropriations Bill – This is the yearly funding levels that should be passed this summer.
3. Transportation Funding Authorization Bill – This is a 6 year bill that should be approved in 2010. More information will be given as things develop.

**INTERMODAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT (Mark Paine)** – At the Tuesday meeting, Stefan Spinoso, ODOT, updated the committee on the I-75 project from Western Hills to Paddock Road. No action necessary.

**OTHER BUSINESS –**

Hamilton County Commissioner Todd Portune addressed the Executive Committee on the importance of the 3C&D Connector (passenger rail connecting Cincinnati, Dayton, Columbus and Cleveland). Commissioner Portune requested the OKI consider taking this issue up at some time.

Cincinnati Councilwoman Roxanne Qualls expressed support from the City of Cincinnati for this passenger rail concept.

**Meeting of OKI Executive Committee - Thursday, March 12, 2009 – 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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