

**BUTLER COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION**  
**JANUARY 14, 2010**  
**OKI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING REPORT**

**President's Report (Judge Pendery)** – Appointed Larissa Sims to the ICC.

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

Mr. Policinski reported the concept of Regional Infrastructure Improvement Zones (RIIZ) is gaining support at the national level. RIIZ has the ability to increase funding for infrastructure projects by modifying the tax code to give developers tax credit for defined infrastructure projects/improvements that they pay for that benefits the community as well as the developer. OKI has been working on this concept for several years and it is anticipated that a bipartisan bill may be introduced in the near future.

OKI will be proactive by getting information to its member on a potential new stimulus funding cycle. Within a week all board members will receive a packet outlining the guidelines on submittal of projects so they can go through OKI's prioritization process. The stimulus appears that it will be about the same size as the last one for transportation. Projects for townships must be submitted by the County Engineer.

**Legislative Report (Brian Cunningham)** –

Other than what Mr. Policinski reported on, Mr. Cunningham gave some information about the Kentucky legislature looking into banning texting while driving (Indiana currently bans texting while driving for those under 18 years of age).

**Item #2 - Intermodal Coordinating Committee (Mark Paine)**

**A. OKI 2030 Regional Transportation Plan**

This amendment incorporates the Ohio High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Plan into OKI's 2030 Plan. This is the 3C Quick Start Corridor Program (in coordination with the Ohio Rail Development Commission and ODOT) whereby this is the first of seven phases. The quick start will be run by a third party using existing freight lines and travel at a top speed of 79 MPH. There will be six stations. Cincinnati to Columbus will take 3 hours as will Columbus to Cleveland (with layover and stops it is anticipated the entire trip would take 6.5 hours from Cincinnati to Cleveland). There will be 4 daily round trips with an anticipated rider number of 480,000 per year.

The second part of the amendment added the Kennedy Connector project to the 2030 Plan. This is in the City of Cincinnati.

Resolution OKI 2010-01 approved.

**B. Amendment #22 of the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program**

This amendment lists 7 highway projects in Ohio, 2 in Indiana and 3 transit entries (Middletown Transit, SORTA and TANK) for revision. In Butler County there were three items listed in the above, the widening of US 27; moving up the double stack clearance project for the Norfolk Southern Line in Middletown and Liberty Township from FY 2012 to FY 2010; and Middletown Transit Projects.

Resolution OKI 2010-02 approved.

**C. Support for the City of Middletown Transit System as a Designated Federal Transit Administration 5307 Recipient**

This was an update of paperwork as outlined in the Federal Register.

Resolution OKI 2010-03 approved.

**D. Adoption of the Prioritization Process for sub-allocated STP and CMAQ Federal Funds**

This resolution updated the prioritization process for OKI. The prioritization process is used from projects that are funded with OKI sub-allocated Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) federal funds for the region and incorporating them into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Resolution OKI 2010-04 approved.

**Item #3 - Consent Agenda -**

Items approved as presented

**Item #4 - FY2010 Section 604(b) Water Quality Grant (Ohio)**

OKI received more funds than anticipated and approved in June, 2009 by the Board. This resolution authorizes OKI to accept the \$25,797 (instead of \$23,000 as previously passed) and allocate the funds accordingly.

Revised Resolution OKI 2009-17 approved.

**Item #5 - Election of 2010 Board of Directors**

The 2010 Nominating Committee presented their Report and the following officers were elected:

President - Steve Pendery

First Vice President - Ed Humphrey

Second Vice President - Todd Portune

Treasurer - Ken Reed

Past President - Christine Maticic

Secretary - Mark Policinski

## **Item #6 - 2010 Budget Committee Appointments**

President Pendery appointed the following to the Budget Committee:

Gary Moore  
Don Dixon  
Steve Pendery  
Ed Humphrey  
Jeff Hughes  
Todd Portune  
Ralph Drees  
David Young  
Christine Matacic  
Roxanne Qualls  
Ken Reed

**Next Meeting - OKI Executive Committee - Thursday, February 11, 2010 – 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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