

# BUTLER COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION

October 13, 2011

## OKI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING REPORT

### **President's Report (Ed Humphrey) -**

Appointed the Nominating Committee that included Keith Coreman and Karl Shultz

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

Mr. Policinski talked about the recent visit to the area on the Brent Spence Bridge by the President of the United States. He also shared a letter written by Commissioner Todd Portune of Hamilton County to the President.

Mr. Policinski visited the Bridge Authority of Louisville to learn how they were going to finance their bridge project. They have already obtained their "Record of Decision" from the FHWA (in 2003 - where the one for the Brent Spence Bridge is to be received in 2012) and have six options for financing (one would be a Design-Bid-Build; a second one would be to lease the bridge to a private business to build where KYTC only has a say on tolls). If the bridge is built with a different funding formula than what has traditionally been done, the general assembly/legislature in Kentucky has to review and approve the new method. Here in Ohio, ODOT has already set up Public Private Partnerships as an alternative way to fund projects.

Mr. Policinski introduced Harikishan Perugu from staff. He submitted a report on "Heavy Truck Traffic Estimates Are Low" to the Transportation Research Board (TRB - study/research transportation throughout the country). Of 4200 reports submitted, Harry's was selected to be presented to the TRB conference in January, 2012 that draws traffic experts from all over the world.

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

Mr. Cunningham reported that in Washington DC, Senator Boxer along with Bacus and Snow have identified offset finance for their recommendations for transportation (would not say where the funding is coming from). The Senate bill does not include any inflation figures.

Bill 1648 was introduced and calls for Transportation Enhancement Funds to be pooled for Infrastructure needs of importance to the country. It is estimated this will be in the amount of \$4B each year.

Ohio - Recently it was learned that Federal Funding is not available or can be used to evaluate taking the Ohio Turnpike and leasing it to a private business.

### **Item #2 - Introduction to Electric Vehicles by Duke Energy (Sue O'Leary) -**

Ms. O'Leary, Associate Project Director, PEV Midwest Region, Duke Energy, presented the following information regarding Plug-In Electric Vehicles (PEV) - currently being referred to and watching the Leaf, the Volt, and Think:

1. There are three types of plug in levels. The following information is based upon 40 mile range used by the battery (at this time, most PEV's have a range of 100 miles before exhausting their full charge):
  - a. Level 1 - plugs into a 110 Volt outlet (power is equivalent to that used for a hair dryer, but charging 8-10 hours for 40 miles of usage)
  - b. Level 2 - plugs into 240 Volt outlet (power is equivalent to that used for a close dryer, but charging 3-4 hours for 40 miles of usage)
  - c. DC Fast Charging -480-600 Volts (commercial power/setting; charge is less than 30 minutes for 40 miles of usage) - no standard plug available - not being deployed in cars for now
2. Two factors that will impact the acquisition of PEV's are the price of gas and the cost of the batteries.
3. How do communities prepare for the future trend?
  - a. Evaluate several factors - Do you want public charging station and if so, how do you charge for the usage? Do you run conduit now when building and install the connections later? Are your EMT's prepared to respond to PEV's? Do you move to an electric fleet? What Zoning Code changes will be needed?
  - b. Ms. O'Leary has a community planning guide that can be requested.
  - c. Duke Energy is working with communities to insure transformer loads are not severely impacted and if so, working to upgrade.
  - d. Duke Energy sees the use of these vehicles on a cluster impact - when someone purchases one, it seems that several neighbors follow with similar purchases. This can be problematic with the transformers in some areas. Duke has a listing of their transformers with location, age, load capacity, etc. in order to evaluate when and where they may need to upgrade the transformers or build additional ones.
4. Ms. O'Leary presented cost factors for PEV vs. Gas Fueled vehicles (tipping point seems to be \$4.50/gallon when it comes to paying more for an electric vehicle as opposed to a gas fueled one - does not take into account maintenance and upkeep)
5. Ms. O'Leary is available to do presentations on this information to organizations:  
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### **Item #3 - Resolution Concerning the Ranking of the Regional Strategic Transportation Projects for the OKI Region (Robert Koehler) -**

To assist the Ohio Transportation Review Advisory Council and ODOT, the director of ODOT has requested that OKI collaborate with regional partners to reach consensus on OKI's strategic transportation projects. Between last meeting and this, OKI brought together partners from the four-county Ohio portion of OKI to review projects as requested. For Butler County, that representative was Mr. Ron Porter, Butler County TID Executive Director.

Resolution OKI 2011-30 reflects the consensus the group had for the projects that include: I-75 Brent Spence Bridge; Mill Creek Thru the Valley; Eastern Corridor; I-71 at Fields Ertle as well as the Uptown Project; South Hamilton Crossing; and Pioneer Parkway (name for SR 63 extension). Motion Passed.

**Item #4 - OKI 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Update - Presentation #3 (Robert Koehler) -**

Mr. Koehler reported that open houses for the 2040 Plan were conducted in the past month. Butler County only had eleven (11) people show up to comment on what they would like to see OKI respond to for future infrastructure plans.

Mr. Koehler informed everyone that he will be sending out information regarding the deadline for submitting projects to be included in the 2040 Plan as well as what is currently on the books for consideration (includes freight projects from recent study as well as any other recommendations from studies) with a ranking/criteria spreadsheet. The deadline for submission will be November 14.

Goals of the infrastructure projects should take into consideration the following:

Economic Impact

Safety

Mobility

Environment

Connectivity

Efficiency

Plus others on the spreadsheet

Locals should rank their projects as to importance - high, medium, or low (divided into these classifications based upon the total number of projects divided by 3 will give you how many should be in high, medium, and low).

Mr. Koehler indicated the TIP project requests will be in the Spring of 2012.

**Item #5 - The Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan Update for Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren Counties, Ohio (Jane Wittke) -**

Ms. Wittke gave information regarding the beginning of the WQM. It was originally adopted in 1978 and is about an overview of water quality and what to do with pollution. In Ohio, one cannot obtain a construction permit if they are not consistent with this plan.

Between 2009 and 2011, OKI undertook a major and comprehensive update of this plan that included planning partners - local governments, wastewater management agencies, county health districts, planning agencies, and soil and water conservation districts. Public meeting were held earlier this year.

Ms. Wittke reviewed the Executive Summary and indicated the entire report (over 300 pages) could be accessed on OKI's web site ([www.oki.org](http://www.oki.org)).

Resolution OKI 2011-31 - Motion Passed.

**Item #6 - SFY2012 Ohio Water Quality Grant (Ohio) (Jane Wittke) -**

OKI anticipates state pass-through funding from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency in an amount of \$75,000 for SFY2012. OKI will develop a scope of services which details the water quality management planning activities that it will undertake in Ohio during SFY2012. The total cost for these activities in SFY2012 would not exceed \$76,000.

Resolution OKI 2011-32 - Motion Passed.

**Item #7 - Intermodal Coordinating Committee Report (Mark Paine) -  
A. Amendment #3 of the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement  
Program -**

The amendment reflects 2 highway projects in Ohio; 3 highway project in Indiana and numerous transit projects for SORTA and TANK that are recommended for addition or revision in the current TIP.

Resolution OKI 2011-33 - Motion passed.

**Next Meeting - OKI Executive Committee - Thursday, November 10, 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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