

# BUTLER COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION

October 14, 2010

## OKI BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING REPORT

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

1. HUD Grant Submitted 8-23-10 - 1,000 applications received by HUD - 50 applications being awarded \$98M in the near future
2. RIIZ's - Regional Infrastructure Improvement Zones - this is a tax code change that is being drafted at the Federal Level to grant a developer the ability to take a tax credit if they donate right-of-way and/or financial contribution to infrastructure improvements that benefit the general public regardless if they benefit or not. Current law does not permit a tax credit if the donation is for improvements that will benefit the developer. Bloomenhaur and Geoff Davis are working on draft language on this concept to be introduced in the next year. If passed, it can aid in economic development as well as infrastructure improvements.

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

1. 6 Year Federal Transportation Bill is being discussed along with the \$50B for Infrastructure Banks President Obama announced will go to highway, rail and runway projects. It appears that it may be introduced in February 2011.

### **Item #2 - I-71/I-75/Brent Spence Bridge Project Outreach Efforts (Alan Freeman and Pat Crowley)**

The following was mentioned in building support for the Brent Spence Bridge project:

1. Ohio was not initially as focused as Kentucky on the importance of this project
2. # of Jurisdictions, Trucks, and Jobs impacted as it relates to this project modified some perspectives
3. Committee of financial individuals and businesses has been formed (Raymond Jones, Royal Bank of Canada RBC, etc) to address funding options
4. Outreaching not only to current legislators in Ohio and Kentucky, but potential new members
5. In Kentucky, tolling is being pushed back in Louisville
6. Kentucky faces a race for the Governor's seat once November 2 is over
7. Rebuild the urgency on the need for the Bridge and become more aggressive in moving forward.

### **Item #3 Regional Freight Plan Update (Robyn Bancroft)**

This was a review of the one-year timeline for the project - Data collection is now being done along with a physical freight profile and surveying carriers, shippers and receivers. The next steps will include freight interviews, developing an operational profile and assessing and analyzing needs.

**Item #4 - Vehicle Emissions and the MOVES Model (Andy Resor)**

This was an update on the new vehicle emissions MOVES model released by the USEPA and its impact on transportation conformity.

**Item #5 - Regional Air Quality Status Report and Clean Air Program Update (Andy Resor and Sarah Fry)**

This was an update on the regions ozone attainment as of May 2010 (1997 Standards) and the impact the new standards (stricter) will have on our region when introduced. We will probably be back into the non-attainment status.

**Item #6 - Evaluation of the Regional Clean Air Marketing Campaign (Sarah Fry)**

Information was presented and a request for a resolution to authorize OKI to enter into a contract to conduct an evaluation of the regional clean air marketing campaign not to exceed \$40,000 was made. Resolution OKI 2010-30. Motion passed.

**Item #7 - FY 2011-2012 Section 604(b) Water Quality Grant (Ohio) (Jane Wittke)**

This is a request for authorization to accept funding from the Ohio EPA to carry out OKI's annual water quality program in the Ohio portion of the region and execute the grant during FY2011 and FY2012 in the amount of \$77,267. Resolution OKI 2010-31. Motion passed.

**Item #8 - Intermodal Coordinating Committee (Mark Paine)**

**Amendment #30 of the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program -**

This amendment reflected in the proposed resolution lists 1 highway projects in Indiana and amendments to transit projects for Butler County RTA, Middletown Transit System, OKI Sections 5316 and 5317 (JARC and New Freedom projects) and SORTA that are recommended for addition or revision in the current TIP. Resolution OKI 2010-32. Motion passed.

**Item #9 - Consent Agenda -**

Items approved as presented

**Item #10 - Other Business - None**

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**Next Meeting - OKI Board of Directors - WEDNESDAY, November 10, 2010 – 10:30 AM – OKI Board Room**

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If you have any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine L. Maticic, Liberty Township Trustee,  
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