

BUTLER COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION
FEBRUARY 14, 2008
OKI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

President's Report (Christine Maticic) –

- Public Service Recognition Form – due April 4 – sent under separate cover
- April 10 – Board of Director's Meeting – Matt Dietrich, Ohio Rail Development Commission, will give a presentation on ORDC's Ohio Hub and other ORDC plans
- OKI's Annual Luncheon Meeting – April 24, 2008 – Savannah Center, West Chester, Ohio – Speaker Lt. Governor Lee Fisher – If anyone is interested, let me know and I will get you reservation information

Executive Director's Report (Robert Koehler for Mark Policinski) –

- Freight Work Group –
 - a. A small contingent of the working group met with CSX executives in January to discuss how CSX views this region, their future plans for freight transportation, and established a clear relationship.
 - b. We worked with Norfolk Southern and CSX on submitting grant applications for reducing emissions from some of their locomotives by replacing the current engines on several trains with a trio of smaller engines. This gives them the ability to regulate how much power they need for each train while they are either idling or moving the train.
- On the recent trip to Washington DC for the NARC Conference, we met with various legislators and/or their chief aids to discuss our concerns on the 2009 Transportation Funding Bill that included the need for streamlining the processes for road projects. Streamlining would not change the type of studies or compromise the safety of the project, but would permit some of the studies to happen concurrently instead of consecutively. The thought is that if less overall time was taken to complete a project, then there could be a savings in the cost of the project.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT (Brian Cunningham) –

- Reported on his meeting with the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce concerning Senator Williams' bill in the Kentucky Senate. It was modeled after Ohio's TIF legislation. It also includes a placeholder for future funding for the Brent Spence Bridge in the amount of \$9.8 million and the Louisville Bridge Project for \$1.4 billion. This is expected to pass.
- Bill Baslinger, City of Cincinnati, mentioned US HR2421/S1870 – the Clean Water Restorations Act and indicated that, if passed, would take away property rights. Mr. Cunningham will check the status of this legislation and provide further information.

Intermodal Coordinating Committee Report and Resolutions - Mark Paine –

The OKI Executive Committee made a motion to adopt Resolution OKI 2008-05 – This resolution amends the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program for 9 projects (6 highway projects to be added in Ohio; 1 transit project listing to be revised in Ohio;

and 2 highway projects to be added in Indiana). None of these projects were in Butler County. Motion Passed.

Presentation On OKI 2030 Regional Transportation Plan Update - #6 of 7 – Robert Koehler -

The plan will be presented to the public at meetings in March (Butler County meeting will be March 5 – 4-7 PM at the Government Services Center, 1st Floor Conference Room – see information under separate cover). Comments received at these meetings will be considered and the final plan will be presented to OKI for a vote at their June meeting.

There are 528 projects that made it through the prioritization process. It is estimated that \$8,219,000,000 will be available during the time of this plan for projects. Of this, \$1,304,000,000 have already been committed to projects in the TIP (fiscally constrained), and \$2,511,000 projected for operational and maintenance for existing facilities. This leaves approximately \$4,404,000,000 for projects through 2030 (Ohio - \$2,872,000,000; Kentucky - \$1,463,000,000; and Indiana \$69,000,000)

Information only – No Motion Required.

Mr. Ken Bogard, City of Oxford, questioned why the widening of US 27 from Ross to Millville was not included. It is a recommendation from the NW Butler County Transportation Study and is part of the by-pass around Millville. New information was provided about possible Federal Funding. There were no objections for Mr. Koehler to take this new information and rescore the project to see if it could be added to the OKI 2030 Regional Transportation Plan.

Item #4: OKI Participation Plan – Florence Parker –

The OKI Board made a motion to adopt Resolution OKI 2008-006 – Amendments were made to the OKI Participation Plan which describes the process and procedures for use by the agency to ensure that OKI has an active public participation process. The Plan also includes maps identifying the location(s) of the five target populations (Minority, Low Income, Elderly, Disabled and Zero-Car Households) in OKI's 8-county region. Motion Passed.

Next Meeting of OKI Executive Committee - Thursday, March 13, 2008 – 10:30 AM

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,
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President, OKI Board