

# BUTLER COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION

MARCH 12, 2009

## OKI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

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

Brief remarks from the National Association of Regional Council's Executive Director Fred Abousleman complimenting OKI on its cutting edge work as an MPO/COG and being a leader with transportation financing and public private partnerships

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) –**

Presented a packet to the Board on the Brent Spence Bridge that includes some freight element. Mr. Policinski mentioned there has been a regional consensus on the bridge location. This should help move the project along.

### **LEGISLATIVE REPORT (Brian Cunningham) –**

Ohio HB 2 (ODOT Budget for FY 2010 – 2011) passed and is now with the Senate. It includes the creation of a Transportation Innovation Authority (broader parameters than TID's that span multiple jurisdictions) and the 3C Rail Plan (Cincinnati, Dayton, Columbus, and Cleveland) for passenger rail (\$250 million will be on hold until the study is completed).

### **INTERMODAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT (Mark Policinski, Bob Koehler, and Mark Paine) –**

*Resolution OKI 2009-02 – Amendment 1 – OKI 2030 Regional Transportation Plan – updated to incorporate projects to be funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) (aka federal stimulus bill) - NOTE: OKI staff received over \$1.8 Billion requests for \$30 Million (1.67%) in funding for Ohio's 4 OKI counties – Motion Passed after 2 amendments were introduced and passed (these two amendments had to do with a change in project for the City of Mason, Warren County and the addition of a project to the bottom of the contingency list in Colerain Township that was reduced from \$6M to \$2.5M)*

A letter was presented to the Executive Committee from Chairman Oberstar, U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. It outlined requirements for MPO's on reporting back to his committee. By April 4, 2009, OKI needs to report the following:

- The amount of Federal funds allocated or apportioned to the MPO by the State and the amount of Federal funds obligated and outlayed;
- A detailed list of all projects or activities for which Recovery Act funds were obligated and the purpose, total cost, and rationale for funding the infrastructure investment;
- The number of projects that have been put out to bid under the appropriation and the amount of Federal funds associated with such projects;
- The number of projects for which contracts have been awarded and the amount of Federal funds associated with such projects;

- The number of projects for which work has begun under such contracts and the amount of Federal funds associated with such contracts;
- The number of direct, on-project jobs created or sustained by the Federal funds provided under the appropriation and, to the extent possible, the estimated indirect jobs created or sustained in the associated supplying industries, including the number of job-years created and the total increase in employment since the date of enactment; and
- Information tracking the actual aggregate expenditures by each grant recipient from State sources for projects eligible for funding under the program during the period from the date of enactment through September 30, 2010, compared to the level of expenditures that were planned to occur during such period as of the date of enactment.

Bob Koehler also presented what OKI had to look at when reviewing all the projects submitted to OKI for consideration. (items included – must be transportation type project that is shovel ready, non-study type project, non-transit, within urbanized area, on a functionally classified roadway, right-of-way already secured or not needed, environmental complete or not needed, regional benefit, maintenance status, sponsors priority designation). Please note that as this process was being put together, the rules were changing and minor adjustments had to be made.

*Butler County Projects Plus Transit (transit had a separate allocation)*

BCRTA - \$1,795,000

Middletown Transit - \$1,375,000

Oxford – Multi Use Path - \$375,000

Butler County Engineers Office – River Road Resurfacing 1 & 2 – \$307,439

Fairfield – River Road Improvements - \$390,000

Monroe – SR63 Signal Upgrades - \$558,000

Middletown – Sutphin Street Resurfacing - \$750,000

Butler County Engineers Office – Tylersville Road Resurfacing #1-6 - \$1,986,726

Middletown – University Blvd. Resurfacing - \$2,250,000

Oxford – US27 South Sidewalk Construction - \$350,000

*Resolution OKI 2009-03* – Amendment #14 of the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program – add 7 highway projects in Ohio, 1 highway project in Kentucky, and 3 highway projects in Indiana. Also adds projects from Resolution OKI 2009-02 that are being funded with the ARRA of 2009 (aka federal stimulus bill) - Motion Passed

Butler County Project that was added in addition to OKI 2009-02 – (BUT SR 744) – resurface SR 744 from the Preble County line to SR 122. The project is scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of FY 2010. This is an exempt project. Total Project Estimate - \$2,510,860 (\$2,008,688 in federal STP funds and \$502,172 in state match)

*Resolution OKI 2009-04* – Resolution for Authorization to Enter into a Contract for Professional Services for Traffic Volume Data Collection - collection of classified traffic count data on freeways, ramps, major roads and minor roads to be used for transportation planning activities that include travel model development and validation, local technical assistance and transportation studies and analysis. Contract not to exceed \$200,000. – Motion Passed

**OTHER BUSINESS – None**

**Next Meeting of OKI Board - Thursday, April 9, 2009 – 10:30 AM – OKI Board Room**

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If you have any questions, please let me know.

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