

BUTLER COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION  
APRIL 10, 2008  
OKI BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING REPORT

**President's Report (Christine Matacic) –**

- OKI's Annual Luncheon Meeting – April 24, 2008 – Savannah Center, West Chester, Ohio – Speaker Ohio Lt. Governor Lee Fisher

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

Monday, April 14, Senator Voinovich and ODOT Director Beasley will be at OKI to discuss the Brent Spence Bridge.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT (Brian Cunningham) –**

- The \$1.57 Billion Economic Stimulus Package Governor Strickland and the House and Senate have agreed upon is targeting creating 57,000 jobs. The only part of this package that will go to the voters in November is the \$400 Million that is for Clean Ohio Funds.  
- Kentucky HB689 and KY SB7 are stalled and **appear to be going nowhere**. Both were similar, but KYHB689 would have created a State Wide Authority for Financing of Major Projects – ability to levy tolls or other financing mechanisms and allow for bonding.

**Ohio Rail Development Commission Presentation (Matt Dietrich) –**

ORDC was established in 1994 and address 3 major areas – Freight Rail Development, Passenger Rail Development and Grade Crossing Safety.

Freight Rail Development – They are working with various organizations at the local, state and national level as well as the railroads to develop a number of public/private partnerships. ORDC is leveraging the private dollars to secure improvements that benefit communities in Ohio with economic development. Some examples mentioned were the Intermodal Center in Marion and the city of Leipsic.

Note: OKI's Freight Working Group is working with ORDC and the railroads on a project that could clear the way for double stacked trains from Columbus to Cincinnati and clear up some of the choke points along this route.

Passenger Rail Development –

- The Ohio Hub was discussed. This plan calls for a connection of Cincinnati – Columbus – Cleveland (3C) with passenger trains that would go 110 MPH. Currently they need to advance this project through the Environmental Phases (PEIS) and are trying to secure the funding. Since there are no Federal programs to apply to, they have to try and be creative which may mean that the Ohio Hub has to be divided into seven (7) \$1.5-\$2 Million phases.
- ORDC is working on Amtrak Improvements and looking at “start-up” services for same day travel along the 3C or at least the 2C (Columbus – Cleveland) route. This could take 12-18 months to put together, but is not for sure.

- Emerging projects ORDC is involved in are streetcar projects and commuter rail

Grade Crossing Safety – ORDC is working with a number of communities to improve grade crossings.

For more information –

[www.ohio/hub.com](http://www.ohio/hub.com)

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## **Resolutions –**

2008-09 – Authorizing renewal of OKI’s Line of Credit with National City Bank in an amount Not To Exceed \$850,000 – Motion Passed

2008-10 – Authorizing the Executive Director, for the Marketing Program for the Regional Clean Air Program, to execute a contract for the painted wall advertisement at 6<sup>th</sup> Street not to exceed \$47,000 and to enter into contracts and single commitments exceeding \$30,000. It was noted that the total budget for the Clean Air Program is \$492,000 and we receive some federal grants. – Motion Passed

2008-11 – Authorize the Executive Director, for the RideShare Marketing Campaign, to enter into a contract not to exceed \$120,000 for the vehicles provider for the van pool and to enter into contracts and single commitments exceeding \$30,000. – Motion Passed

2008-12 – Execution of Transportation Conformity Consultation Memorandum of Understanding – this is air quality and transportation conformity procedures that must be adopted in order to meet SAFETEA-LU requirements. – Motion Passed

2008-13 – Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2009 Unified Planning Work Program – Motion Passed

2008-14 – Amendment #7 of the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program – addition/revision of 3 Ohio projects and 1 Indiana project. – Motion Passed

1. Add a project in Clinton and Clermont Counties to replace a bridge in Clinton County and 3 small culverts on SR 774 in Clermont County. \$594,000 using \$475,200 from federal Bridge funds and state match of \$118,800 – Scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of FY 2011.
2. Add a project in the City of Lockland to upgrade seven signalized intersections to current standards and establish signal interconnection and coordination. \$581,393 using \$465,114 in OKI sub-allocated CMAQ funds with a local match of \$116,279 – 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of FY 2010.
3. Revise funding for a project on I-275 in Hamilton County. Design Phase is being added. \$250,000 using \$225,000 in federal Interstate Maintenance funds with a state match of \$25,000 – 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of FY 2009.
4. Revise the funding for a project in Dearborn County on SR1. The preliminary engineering phase is being added. \$55,000 using \$44,000 in federal CN funds with a state match of \$11,000 – FY 2009.

2008-15R – Administrative Modifications to the OKI TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) – this sets up procedures for authorizing the Intermodal Coordinating Committee to approve minor changes to projects currently listed in the TIP. The specific modifications include minor changes to the description, funding, source of funds, project lead agency or funding types for individual statewide line items. – Motion Passed

**OKI 2030 Regional Transportation Plan Update Presentation #7 –**

Robyn Bancroft mentioned that there were a total of 171 individuals who attended the recent public meetings in the 8 counties on the 2030 Plan. The DRAFT plan will be posted on OKI's website on Monday, April 28 for review with the final public hearing to take place at 5:30 PM, May 29 at OKI. Once this meeting is completed, the DRAFT will be updated and presented to the OKI Board of Directors for adoption at their June meeting.

**Next Meeting of OKI Executive Committee - Thursday, May 8, 2008 – 10:30 AM**

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Butler County Township Association OKI Representative,  
President, OKI Board