

BUTLER COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION  
AUGUST 9, 2007  
OKI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENT –

Public Open Houses for the OKI 2030 Regional Transportation Plan Update –  
SETTING YOUR TRANSPORTATION LANDSCAPE

Stop in and find out about the Plan Overview and Regional Existing & Future Conditions

- Demographics
- Safety Hot-Spots
- Congestion Trouble Sites

Locations:

Monday, September 17

The Schiff Conference & Banquet Center  
Cintas Center – Xavier University  
1624 Herald Avenue  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45207

Tuesday, September 25

Butler Tech Regional Public Safety  
Education Complex–Forum Auditorium  
5140 Princeton-Glendale Road  
Hamilton, Ohio 45011

Monday, September 24

Crestview Hills City Building  
50 Crestview Hills Mall Road  
Crestview Hills, KY 41017

Wednesday, September 26

Union Township Civic Center  
4359 Aicholtz Road  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45245

All sessions are from **4:00 – 7:00 PM** and you can attend anytime during the 3 hour period since the format is an open house

Please encourage your residents and other public officials to attend and learn more about what is planned for your transportation future

Executive Director's Report (Mark Policinski) –

- In preparation for the upcoming Census collection, the U S Census Bureau is attempting to input the most current addresses in each community. Please respond to their requests promptly to insure your community will be credited with accurate census data. Remember some of the tax dollars you receive are based upon the number of residents you have.

- Freight Work Group – A small contingent of the working group toured the Queensgate and Sharonville rail yards. We viewed the movement of freight, the plans for track expansion, difficulties in a rail yard with crossing lines of competing rail companies, difficult traffic movements around the yards, etc. This same group is scheduling a meeting with Norfolk Southern executives in September. The purpose of the meeting is to establish a clear relationship and understanding of how the private sector views this

region in their future plans. As rail moves to the front of the Transportation debate, we want the region to have a better understanding of its operations.

- OKI is working with NARC (National Association of Regional Councils) on the reauthorization bill that will be before Congress in 2009. Some ideas moving forward are greater use of public-private partnerships, shortening the time it takes to build projects, merging technology and the measuring of traffic indicators, traffic modeling, tolling, etc. The next reauthorization bill will be very different from its predecessors and regionalism will be an important factor in the final outcome.

- Darryl Lankford has been hired as OKI's Visual Technology Coordinator. His duties include combining the technological skills of projects with the visual presentations.

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

- 208 Water Quality Funding – At the end of June, a substitute budget bill was passed by both the Ohio House and Senate for SFY2008-2009 that included an earmark of \$75,000 per year for each regional agency within Ohio EPA's budget for the Division of Surface Water. Governor Strickland subsequently line-item vetoed this appropriation because no funds had been added to Ohio EPA's budget for that purpose. At the same time, however, Governor Strickland's environmental policy advisor contacted OKI staff to express willingness to work with the Ohio EPA director and the regional agencies on a solution to the funding need for water quality management planning.

#### **PRESENTATION ON OKI 2030 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE - Presentation #1 of 7 – Bob Koehler, Robyn Bancroft and Mary Luebbers**

The update must be done every four (4) years and cover a minimum of 20 years into the future. The plan must include multi modal, fiscal and air quality, safe and efficient movement, and be amendable. All were reminded of the importance of the upcoming public open houses (as mentioned at the beginning of this report).

The presentation is on the OKI web site ([www.oki.org](http://www.oki.org)) for your viewing. The following is the schedule for the presentation topics and when they will be discussed at the OKI meetings:

August – Overview, Goals, Public Participation, Demographics

September – Existing & Future Conditions Report

October – TSM, TDM, ITS, Traffic OP alternatives

November – Major Modal Alternatives

January – Project Listing

February – Fiscal Constraint, Community Impacts

June – Final Plan and Adoption

#### **RESOLUTIONS PASSED –**

1. Approved the Consent Agenda
2. Approved OKI 2007-22 – Prioritization of Ohio STP applications for highway and transit projects that are to be included in the OKI FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). 15 Projects were submitted that requested \$17.5 million. 10 Projects were approved for funding and inclusion in the OKI FY 2008-2011 TIP:

City of Springdale – SR 747 - \$1,307,363

Clermont Co. Engineers – SR 125 - \$1,641,600

Butler County RTA – 5 Buses - \$277,108

City of Norwood – US 22 - \$288,000

SORTA – 4 Buses - \$909,091

City of Cincinnati – Uptown Study - \$625,000

Butler County Engineer – SR4 Bypass at Hamilton Mason Road - \$2,268,000

Clermont Transportation Connection – 2 Buses - \$117,600

City of Lockland – signal project - \$465,114

City of Harrison – State Street - \$509,342

3. Approved OKI 2007-23 – Amendment #1 of the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Plan – 21 projects added (Ohio 8; Kentucky 12; Indiana 1)
4. Approved OKI 2007-24 – Adoption of the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan and the Competitive Selection Process for the OKI Region – The Coordinated Plan will be used as a basis for applications seeking Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) – Section 5316, New Freedom – Section 5317, and Specialized Transportation – Section 5310 Federal funds. In addition, the Competitive Selection Process will be used to review and award applications seeking JARC and New Freedom Federal funds sub-allocated to the Cincinnati urbanized area (of which parts of Butler County are included).

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,  
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President, OKI Board