

BUTLER COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION
AUGUST 11, 2011
OKI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Executive Director's Report (Mark Policinski) –

Mr. Policinski reported ODOT is working with the Feds on a plan to streamline the Federal process for infrastructure projects - should hear sometime this fall on their proposal.

RIIZ's - Regional Infrastructure Improvement Zones - This concept has moved to the Legislative Council of Ways & Means Committee in DC so it can be put into the legislative language in order to move forward.

HUD Sustainability Grant application deadline is nearing. The only glitch in the process is some language that may conflict with OKI's policy that the best decisions are made by the local governments. If the grant is awarded to OKI, and we cannot overcome the hurdle of having OKI's principle written into the contract, then OKI would withdraw the grant.

Legislative Report (Brian Cunningham) –

Mr. Cunningham reported that in Washington DC, the House and the Senate have released broad details about the Transportation Bill they will address after Labor Day.

House version - 6 year bill - \$230B with \$70B coming from private sources

Senate version - 2 year bill - \$109B (has a \$12B hole they are unsure where to go for the dollars)

Both versions address consolidating Federal Programs

Current bill expired on September 30, 2011

FAA bill that recently passed is a temporary fix to expire September 30, 2011.

House proposal would be - 4 year bill - \$2B less than what the Senate was discussing

Nothing to happen until after Labor Day.

Item #2 - Presentation of the final draft of the OKI Regional Freight Plan (Robyn Bancroft) -

About 4-5 years ago, a Freight Working Group was started and a year ago, the Regional Freight Plan was begun. This is a culmination of interaction with businesses, providers, and others in order to understand the flow of goods and services in, out, and through our region. Also, it was designed to make recommendations for infrastructure projects that will solve the current issues freight haulers face, but to keep those issues from just moving down the track.

Three supply chain dynamics were studied in order to help understand where things were headed:

1. Panama Canal Improvements
2. Heartland Corridor upgrades and new facilities by Norfolk Southern
3. National Gateway upgrades and new facilities by CSX

It is predicted that from 2009 to 2040, the OKI Region will see an increase of freight by 54%. This region has 60% of North American markets within a one-day truck drive.

The 28 immediate needs projects are planned on being addressed in the next 5 years (Hamilton-Mason Road Mouse Hole and South Hamilton Crossing are on the Immediate listing as well as some at-grade crossings). The remaining 30 projects have a longer lead time and are designated as being Mid Term (14) or Long Term (16). To see the full freight study and/or list of recommended projects, please visit www.oki.org.

All the recommendations will be added to the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Update.

Resolution OKI 2011-21 - Motion passed.

Item #3 - OKI 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Update Presentation (Robert Koehler; Robyn Bancroft; Mary Luebbers) -

Bob gave an overview of the requirements for the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Update - every 4 years it is updated and it covers at least 20 years. Once approved, the plan can be amended from time-to-time.

Robyn Bancroft, Project Manager for the 2040 update will make sure there are updates each month for the board. There are several Open Houses scheduled in the month of September from 4-7 PM. The one in Butler County is on September 28 at the Butler County Government Services Building; 315 High Street; Hamilton. A second round will be conducted prior to the adoption in June, 2012. See www.oki.org for more details.

Mary Luebbers gave some background on the demographics used as the base for the 2040 Plan. The Travel Demand Model (TDM) was updated prior to the 2010 Census and therefore, uses 2005 as a base year. Some interesting statistics Mary shared on population and employment:

	REGION POPULATION*	REGION EMPLOYMENT*
2005	1.9 M	975,000
2040	2.4M	1.2M

* Projected using the TDM

Item #4 - Authorization to Enter a Memorandum of Understanding with the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency for the Purpose of Collecting, Producing and Sharing of Geospatial Data (David Shuey) -

David explained that this is an increase to the current contract provided by HCEMA in the amount of \$100,000. HCEMA is working on behalf of regional emergency management agencies, known as Southwest Ohio Southeast Indiana Northern Kentucky (SOSINK). This will add to the GIS layers to support situational awareness across the Greater Cincinnati Region.

Resolution OKI 2011-22 Revising 2009-06. Motion passed.

Item #5 - Amendment #2 of the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (Mark Paine) -

Mark presented the amendment which included 7 highway projects in Ohio, 1 highway project in Indiana and 3 transit projects for TANK.

One of the highway projects in Ohio is in Butler County and sponsored by ODOT for SR 747 - Add project to widen SR 747 to provide a second SB through lane for 500' at the intersection of Princeton Road. \$530,200 from ODOT Award Date 1st Quarter FY 2015

Resolution OKI 2011-23 - Motion passed.

Next Meeting - OKI Board of Directors Committee - Thursday, September 9, 2011 – 10:30 AM – OKI Board Room

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If you have any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,
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