

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

Executive Director's Report (Mark Policinski) –

ODOT has requested OKI and other MPO's throughout Ohio help with transit funding. These funds would be utilized to address the transit crisis with the increases in costs and demand for more services. OKI will review the ask and present information for the Board to vote on at the September 11 meeting. Conditions that OKI is looking at in their review are: 1. every dollar needs to come back to our region; 2. every transit system in our region will benefit; and 3. funds will not affect current projects and committed funds.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT (Brian Cunningham) –

- Rideshare Program has had a 200% increase in requests this year
- SAFETEALU – Expires in September 2009. There are discussions about what the new program should look like when this one expires.

Resolutions –

2008-25 – Resolution Authorizing to accept federal pass-through funding from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to carry out OKI's annual water quality program in the Ohio portion of the region, and to execute the grant during FY 2009. Amount not to exceed \$43,000 – Motion Passed

2008-26 – Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between OKI and the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) for the purpose of carrying forth a continuing, comprehensive and cooperative transportation planning process. This MOU updates a longstanding agreement between two contiguous MPO's originally signed in 1973 - Motion Passed

2008-27 – Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). There are 10 projects listed – 5 highway and 2 transit in Ohio; 1 transit in Kentucky; and 2 highway in Indiana.

Butler County projects in this list included 1) adding a project in the City of Fairfield to construct a streetscape project along SR4 between Symmes Road and the CSX Railroad overpass (\$155,870 - \$124,700 OKI allocated Transportation Enhancement and \$31,170 local) for construction in FY 2010; 2. add a project in the City of Hamilton to construct a shared use trail north from High Street along the Great Miami River, and a streetscape project along Riverfront Plaza between Market Street and Buckeye Street (\$883,894 - \$707,115 OKI allocated Transportation Enhancement funds and \$176,779 in local funds) for construction in FY 2011

Motion Passed

Presentations – No Action Needed -

1. Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK) – Andrew Aiello

Andrew presented background information on TANK, their board, services, best management practices, and how they fund their services. His presentation is available on OKI's web site at www.oki.org

2. Drinking Water Protection for New Miami – Bruce Koehler

Bruce explained how drinking water supplies cross many political boundaries in Butler County, creating the need for intergovernmental collaboration. OKI recruited nine project partners and received a federal grant (Section 319 of the Clean Water Act) to compile a potential pollution source inventory and create the Drinking Water Protection Plan for the Village of New Miami. Ohio EPA endorsed the plan and New Miami Village Council passed a drinking water protection ordinance. Ultimately, the project helps protect groundwater pumped by seven public water systems to more than 300,000 people in Butler and Hamilton counties.

Next Meeting of OKI Executive Committee - Thursday, September 11, 2008 – 10:30 AM – OKI Board Room

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If you have any questions, please let me know.

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