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OKI Allocates \$8.4 Million for 10 Additional Transportation Projects

Cincinnati, OH—The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) Board President Christine Matacic announced today more than \$8.4 million was approved for 10 transportation projects. These funds provided by OKI will be used for roadway and transit improvements.

“This additional funding will help to increase the safety and efficiency of the highway network and improve transit service in communities within the OKI region,” said Matacic. “It will be used to add lanes, improve intersections and purchase new buses – all important enhancements to our transportation network.”

The \$8.4 million became available because two projects were delayed beyond the current four-year cycle that runs from 2008 through 2011 and from reallocating other program funding. OKI received 15 project applications totaling \$17.5 million from entities located in OKI’s Ohio counties that include Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren during this special funding cycle. The entities receiving the funds are required to provide a local match of at least 20 percent. The project also must occur between 2008 and 2011.

“We are continually working to help the communities we serve improve their transportation system,” said OKI Executive Director Mark Policinski. “We have been able to do that through the reallocation of this funding to projects that will help to save lives and improve the quality of life for OKI residents.”

OKI provided funding to the following:

| County | Project | Description | Funding |
|---------------|------------------------------------|---|----------------|
| Butler | Butler Co. RTA | Funding for five 14-passenger transit buses. | \$277,000 |
| Butler | Butler Co. Engineer | Intersection improvement on Hamilton-Mason roads at SR 4 Bypass. | \$2.3 M |
| Clermont | Clermont Co. Engineer | Intersection improvements at Amelia-Olive Branch and SR 125, add turn lanes, add bus layover. | \$1.6 M |
| Clermont | Clermont Transportation Connection | Funding for two light transit vehicles. | \$118,000 |
| Hamilton | Cincinnati | Uptown area study. | \$625,000 |
| Hamilton | Harrison | Reconstruction of State Street. | \$509,000 |
| Hamilton | Lockland | Upgrade technology at seven intersections along Wyoming and Wayne avenues. | \$465,000 |
| Hamilton | Norwood | Roadway improvement - Montgomery Rd/Carthage Ave. | \$288,000 |
| Hamilton | Springdale | Eliminate at-grade crossing at SR 747. | \$1.3 M |
| Hamilton | SORTA | Funding for four replacement buses. | \$909,000 |

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