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Projects Improve Travel and Safety Along Dixie Highway **Collaboration among local cities and public agencies key to success**

Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) Board President and Liberty Township Trustee Christine Matacic announced today investments of more than \$4.3 million to Dixie Highway have made the route safer and more travel efficient.

“These important projects are already having a positive impact for motorists using Dixie Highway” said Matacic. “The continued collaboration of all parties involved is the key to achieving great success and keeping the projects moving forward.”

The Dixie Fix Study, coordinated by OKI and completed in June 2006, identified 168 projects along its length from Covington to Florence that included improvements from large scale intersection realignments to individual driveway closures. In June 2007, OKI was honored by the National Association of Regional Councils by receiving recognition for overall achievement for its work involving the Dixie Fix Study.

“The Dixie Fix Study has resulted in several successful projects due to the collaboration of the cities, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and other public agencies represented on the Committee,” said Dixie Fix Study and Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission Chairman Bill Goetz. “All of the entities agree that a project in any one community along Dixie Highway benefits all of our residents who use that road every day through improved safety, access, and travel time.”

So far, four projects have been successfully completed, six are in progress with funding secured, and an additional seven are planned for the near future. The Dixie Fix Study continues to be driven by a 19-member Oversight Team that includes 10 local Dixie Highway communities, Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission (NKAPC), Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK) and OKI.

OKI is a Council of local governments, business organizations and community groups committed to developing collaborative strategies, plans and programs to improve the quality of life and the economic development potential of the Tri-State.

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Funded, In-Progress Projects

Northbound right turn lane addition from Dixie to Dudley Road in Edgewood totaling \$1.375 million.

Garvey/McAlpin intersection realignment in Erlanger and Elsmere totaling more than \$1.1 million.

Sidewalk installation and storm water improvements at Notre Dame Academy in Park Hills totaling more than \$200,000.

Access improvements from Graves to Price in Erlanger and Elsmere totaling \$360,000.

Sidewalk installation from Dudley Road to Crestview Hills Town Center totaling \$400,000.

Sidewalk installation in Crestview Hills at Rose Terrace totaling \$30,000 in private dollars.

Completed Projects

Signed Memorandum of Understanding between all cities and public agencies at no cost.

Landscaped median, installed fronting the Crestview Hills Town Center totaling more than \$32,000.

Covington extension of public sidewalks along new Views condominium development totaling \$25,000,

TANK removed 14 unnecessary bus stops along Dixie Highway at no cost.

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