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OKI Region to Receive Economic Jolt from Federal Stimulus Funding

More than \$64 million will be allocated by OKI to improve infrastructure and transit operations

Cincinnati, Ohio – The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) Board of Directors today approved more than \$64 million to be allocated for infrastructure and transit projects throughout the OKI eight-county region.

“Infrastructure presents an investment strategy in today’s global economy,” said OKI Board President and Campbell County Judge Executive Steve Pendery. “These investments will help this region to remain competitive with other regions and nations.”

The federal funding was provided through the enactment of the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which was signed by President Obama on February 16. For Ohio infrastructure projects, OKI will allocate \$30 million, in Kentucky OKI’s contribution is \$8.8 million and nearly \$150,000 for Indiana. The total infrastructure stimulus money each state will receive equaled \$936 million in Ohio, \$421 million in Kentucky, and \$657 million in Indiana.

OKI will also provide more than \$25 million for priority transit projects identified by the Butler County Regional Transit Authority, Clermont Transportation Connection, Middletown Transit System, Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority, Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky and the Warren County Transit System.

“While we welcome these dollars, the region must work together to harness more investments for infrastructure,” said OKI Executive Director Mark R. Policinski.

OKI received more than 600 infrastructure project requests totaling more than \$1.8 million. A listing of the infrastructure and transit projects to receive funding can be found at www.oki.org.

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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