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## **OKI Unveils Preliminary Regional Freight Information** *Final Project Recommendations to be Released in Summer*

**Cincinnati, Ohio** – The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) today presented preliminary findings of its Regional Freight Plan and provided a freight “snapshot” involving data that had been collected for the Tri-State.

Some of the preliminary findings include:

- More than 225 million tons of freight moves into, out of and through the region every year.
- This figure is expected to increase to more than 346 million tons by 2040 – an increase of 53 percent.
- More than 82 percent of this freight is carried by trucks, a number which is expected to grow to 87 percent by 2040.

“OKI embarked on this project to identify freight transportation solutions which will connect and improve the region’s road, rail, river and runway operations,” said OKI Board President and Clermont County Ohio Commissioner Edwin Humphrey. “The projects that will be implemented as a result of this multimodal, intermodal freight plan will continue to advance and enhance the transportation system serving our region.”

The final OKI Freight Plan, to be released this summer, will identify freight trends, prohibitive bottlenecks, and project recommendations for the region’s highway, railroad, river, and air freight systems. Implementation of the recommended projects will help the Greater Cincinnati region accommodate future growth and ensure continued economic progress.

“The collection of this base data gives us the information we must have to identify the specific freight needs and challenges facing the OKI region,” said OKI Executive Director Mark Policinski. “Facilitating efficient freight movement will give our region the edge to compete in the ever expanding global marketplace.”

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 economic development potential of the Tri-State.

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