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Two New Ohio River Trail Segments Open

OKI Funds help complete the Projects

Cincinnati, OH – Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) Board President and Clermont County Commission President Edwin Humphrey announced today two new segments of the Ohio River Trail are now open to the public. The new trail segments are part of the 14-mile Ohio River Trail that stretches from Lunken Airport to New Richmond, Ohio. The Cincinnati section of the trail from Lunken Airport to downtown Cincinnati is also part of the Ohio to Erie Trail connecting Cincinnati and Cleveland.

“Biking and hiking are very popular throughout the region and these trails connect our communities and help to improve the health and well being of our residents,” said Humphrey. “I am proud that OKI could contribute to these terrific projects.”

The segment of trail that was opened in Anderson Township is located on the north side of Kellogg Avenue. Built at a cost of \$1.5 million this segment is slightly more than a mile and connects Coney Island to Five Mile Road and Kellogg Park. OKI contributed \$553,000 in Transportation Enhancement funding and recommended the project receive \$200,200 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus funding. The other new segment of trail that was just opened closes a mile long gap in the system by connecting the loop trail at Lunken Airport to Schmidt Playfields and Riverview East Academy. The result is a paved biking, walking and running path about 7.5 miles long including the five-mile loop at Lunken Airport. This portion of the trail was built at a cost of \$2.2 million and also used ARRA stimulus funds.

“These projects continue our efforts to expand our trail network to fulfill the need of residents who are choosing to bike or hike as an alternative mode of transportation,” said OKI Executive Director Mark Policinski. “The trail also provides an alternative to cycling in the street.”

Two ribbon cutting ceremonies marked the opening of the two trails.

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