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OKI is Working to Improve Transportation for People with Special Needs

Cincinnati, Ohio – Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) Board President and Clermont County Commissioner Edwin Humphrey announced today’s public meeting held at OKI launched the organization’s federally required Coordinated Transportation Plan update. The completion of OKI’s Coordinated Plan update will provide a basis for making funding decisions on transportation improvements that serve people with special needs related to age, disabilities or limited income.

“It is vital that we hear from the public on their needs and suggestions so we can properly update our Coordinated Plan and be informed of needed transportation enhancements,” said Humphrey. “These updates will help our region overcome existing transportation barriers and help our residents to more fully integrate into the work force and participate in society.”

OKI’s Coordinated Plan for the Greater Cincinnati area provides strategies to help overcome transportation gaps in the region and guides funding decisions on transportation improvements under three federal programs: Section 5310 (Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities), Section 5316 (Job Access and Reverse Commute), and Section 5317 (New Freedom for people with disabilities).

OKI will take the findings from the public survey and a survey of transportation provider and social service agencies along with information from the public meeting to update the Coordinated Plan. The Plan’s goal is to improve the services targeted to Americans with mobility limitations caused by age, disability, or income constraints. Improvements would allow more of the vulnerable citizens to live in the settings of their choice, including their own homes and communities, and to access employment opportunities in the suburbs that are not well served by public transportation.

“One of the goals of our transportation plan is to improve accessibility for people, as a means of improving the quality of life for residents of the OKI Region,” said OKI Executive Director Mark Policinski. “The Coordinated Plan advances that goal by working to improve the availability, quality, and effective delivery of transportation services for people with special needs.”

In addition to the public meeting OKI is offering an online survey available until December 25, 2011 to gather public input. The online survey is available 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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