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# OKI Freight Study Under Way

**Cincinnati, Ohio –** The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) Board President and Campbell County Judge Executive Steve Pendery announced an initiative to develop a regional freight plan for the tri-state region. The plan will be the result of a year-long freight study that OKI is initiating.

"The growth of freight is of epic proportions. Forecasts show truck traffic will more than double in less than 20 years in the OKI region," said Pendery. "In order to accommodate the growth of freight and foster economic growth, we need to link road, river, rail and runways in a strategic plan. The plan will propel this region into the mid-21st century."

The primary purpose of this study is to create a multimodal, intermodal freight plan for the eight county OKI region. The plan will improve mobility of goods and people to foster a high quality of life and economic development.

The study will identify essential projects in order to improve freight facilities, expand freight transfer and increase freight efficiency in the OKI region. These improvement projects will enhance the region's existing transportation infrastructure and access to the Ohio River.

Multiple ways to move freight such as trucks, rail and barge will be researched. Developing a multimodal plan will provide for free flowing traffic which will encourage more goods, services and employers to come to the OKI region.

"Transportation is a vital link to the economic network in our region, nation and world," said OKI Executive Director Mark Policinski. "How we move freight in the coming years will determine greatly our success in the world marketplace."

Parsons Brinckerhoff has been contracted as the agency's consultant for the regional freight study. Parsons Brinckerhoff plans to execute a three-phase project which includes gathering information, performance analysis and plan development.

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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