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OKI Awards More Than \$41 Million to Transportation Projects Across the Region

Cincinnati, Ohio – Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) Board President and Butler County Commissioner T.C. Rogers announced today the award of more than \$41 million to be distributed to 24 transportation projects in the region.

“With unanimous support, the board of OKI has delivered a \$41 million infrastructure package that will strengthen the eight-county region,” said Rogers. “Today’s awards are a meaningful investment in our multi-modal transportation network. These projects improve mobility and safety for drivers, transit riders, cyclists and pedestrians. What’s more, they enhance quality of life.”

The funds were allocated to Ohio and Kentucky projects through two federal programs: the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program and the Transportation Alternatives (TA) program.

The STBG funding will assist 12 projects, ranging from roadway reconstruction to multi-use trail connections to clean-energy bus procurement. Among the Ohio projects is the replacement of the deteriorating King Avenue Bridge over the Little Miami River in Warren County, a new roundabout near Liberty Center in Butler County, as well as the Western Hills Viaduct Replacement Project. Kentucky projects include the addition of four hybrid-electric buses to TANK’s fleet; improved road, transit and path access to Northern Kentucky University; along with extensions to Riverfront Commons and the Conner Road Path near CVG.

The TA funding benefits 12 bike and pedestrian projects. These funds will enable sidewalk rehabilitation throughout the region and the expansion of Cincinnati Red Bike. Awarded multi-use connectors include the Miami 2 Miami Trail and Oxford Area Trails in Butler County, as well as a path along KY 8 in Silver Grove, Campbell County.

“OKI supports a transportation network that integrates diverse modes, and these projects advance this mission,” said OKI’s CEO Mark Policinski. “For the communities we serve, these projects mean safer walks to school, less congested trips to work, and increased opportunity for active recreation. For the region we represent, these projects signify a more vibrant economy that retains talent while attracting residents and visitors alike.”

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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Ohio STBG federally funded projects:

Project Name	Description	Federal Funds	Match
Butler County-SR129/Liberty Way Modification Phase 2	Construction of new ramps from the eastern terminus of SR 129 to local road network at Cox Road. New roundabout at Cox Road. Removal of nearby SR 129 connections to Liberty Way, eliminating weaving issues.	\$5,663,425	\$5,663,425
Hamilton County-Western Hills Viaduct Replacement Project	Partial funding for project. Total construction costs = \$283.5m.	\$4,000,000	\$1,000,000
Middletown-Central Avenue Reconstruction and Improvements	Between Verity Parkway and University Blvd. Reconstruction with upgraded pavement, curb, storm sewer and pedestrian lighting. Includes left turn lanes, street calming and bike racks.	\$4,185,340	\$2,253,645
Springdale-East Crescentville Road Improvements	Between Transportation Way and Centerdale Road. Install new traffic signal and ped signal at the East Crescentville/Chesterdale intersection with left turn lane, interconnect/coordination with existing International Blvd signal, TWLTL throughout, replace pavement with properly sized storm sewer.	\$3,793,230	\$948,308
SORTA-START Bus Replacements	Replacement of 16 40' transit vehicles with clean diesel technology buses.	\$5,347,765	\$2,291,899
Warren County-King Avenue Bridge over Little Miami River	New 48-foot wide (two-lane) structure with shoulders and 11' wide dedicated pedestrian/bike way with barrier separation. Improved horizontal alignment and new vertical profile that will moderate the existing steep vertical grades on the King Avenue approach. New tunnel crossing of LMT under Grandin Road and relocated parking area for the trail.	\$5,700,000	\$2,442,857

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Ohio TA federally funded projects:

Project Name	Description	Federal Funds	Match
Anderson Township-Paddison Road Sidewalk	New sidewalks on Paddison Road from Bluecrest to Beechmont.	\$723,000	\$250,000
Butler County MetroParks-Miami-to-Miami Multi-Use Path, Bypass 4 to Bilstein Boulevard	Multi-use trail that will connect the western end of the existing Miami and Erie Canal to an existing trailhead at Bilstein Park.	\$750,000	\$500,000
Cincinnati-Red Bike Expansion	20 new bike share stations and 200 additional bicycles, predominantly electric assist (e-bikes).	\$500,000	\$125,000
Hamilton-Miami-to-Miami Multi-Use Path, Canal Cultural Trail (Bilstein) to Gilmore Road	Canal cultural trail from Bilstein Boulevard to Gilmore Road (east-west connection).	\$510,064	\$127,516
Monroe-Great Miami River Trail, Monroe Section	10' multi-use path along the Great Miami River. From the Monroe Bicentennial Commons Park to the city limits north.	\$650,000	\$650,000
Oxford-Oxford Area Trail Network West Side Connector	West side connector multi-use trail from Talawanda Middle School to Oxford Community Park.	\$750,000	\$1,785,750
West Chester Township-Smith Road Connector Trail, West Chester	Multi-use path connecting the roundabout at Smith and Beckett Road to the existing trail on Smith Road, just west of Princeton-Glendale Road.	\$435,055	\$108,764

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Kentucky STBG (SNK) federally funded projects:

Project Name	Description	Federal Funds	Match
Boone County-Conner Road Multi-Use Path	Construct a 10' wide multi-use path from KY237 (North Bend Road) to KY 20 (Petersburg Road), a distance of 1.35 miles. Includes a sidewalk connection on KY 20 from Merrie Drive to Conner Road, a distance of 730 feet. This path section is a segment of the overall regional CVG Trail Loop.	\$1,012,500	\$1,012,500
Campbell County-Improved Access to NKU Mixed-Use Development	The project is located near NKU's campus on KY SR 2238 (Louie B. Nunn Drive) and on US27. Includes transit super stop, turn lanes on Nunn, upgrade and reconstruction of old sidewalks and new pedestrian/bicycle path linking the NKU campus to the new development.	\$861,704	\$369,302
Covington-West Covington Riverfront Commons Shared Use Path	Construct an 8' wide concrete multi-use path along the Ohio River using existing public right of way/city-owned property between River Road (city street) and the existing shared use path located on the north side of the floodwall, just west of the Brent Spence Bridge.	\$714,530	\$178,632
Dayton-Riverfront Commons, Dayton KY Eastern Trail	This phase of the overall 11.5-mile multi-use trail is 1 mile between Berry Street and Fourth Avenue (KY 8).	\$810,665	\$202,666
Taylor Mill-Taylor Mill Sidewalk Project Phase 3	Construction of a new sidewalk along the north/east side of Taylor Mill Road (KY 3716) between Saddlebrook Drive and Walnut Street.	\$846,424	\$211,606
Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky-Replace 4 Diesel Buses with Hybrid-Electric Buses	Replacement of Four (4) Diesel Buses with Hybrid-Electric Buses.	\$1,990,176	\$497,544

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Kentucky Transportation Alternatives (TA) funded projects:

Project Name	Description	Federal Funds	Match
Boone County-Burlington KY 18 Sidewalks	New sidewalks on the south side of KY18 from Ethan Drive to existing sidewalk east of Southpointe Drive and north side from Main Street to existing sidewalk west of Nicholas Street.	\$500,000	\$140,000
Boone County-Frogtown Connector Road Sidewalk	New sidewalk on the west side of Frogtown Connector Road from the end of the existing sidewalk north of Calle Luna Lane.	\$500,000	\$200,000
Erlanger-Brightleaf & Narrows Road Sidewalk Completion	New sidewalks on Brightleaf and Narrows Road from Turkeyfoot Road to Thorntree Road.	\$188,475	\$47,119
Florence-Center and Russell Street Sidewalk	New sidewalk along the south side of Center Street from Shelby Street to Liberty Court and the north-east side of Russell Street.	\$390,664	\$97,666
Silver Grove-Silver Grove KY 8 Sidewalks Phase 3	Multi-use path on the south side of KY 8 from the corner of KY 8 and Kay Wright Lane and the western entrance in Morschel Park.	\$186,163	\$46,541