

ITEM#6:**ADOPTION OF THE NORTHWEST BUTLER
TRANSPORTATION STUDY****BACKGROUND:**

The Northwest Butler Transportation Study (NBTS) is an in-depth study of the transportation needs and possible solutions to transportation-related problems in an 125 square mile area centered on US 27 and SR 73 in northwest Butler County. The purpose of this study was to determine a recommended long range strategic plan of implementable improvements for future transportation in the NBTS area to forward to OKI for incorporation into the OKI Regional Long Range Plan. On September 10, 2003, the Advisory Committee reached a consensus to advance a recommended plan to the OKI Board.

The intent of the Northwest Butler Transportation Study (NBTS) was to provide a cooperative and collaborative process covering a range of multi-modal alternatives with a long range focus on addressing area transportation needs. The study included a comprehensive evaluation of costs, benefits, and impacts of potential alternatives resulting in a recommended strategy of implementable projects to be considered for incorporation into the OKI Long Range Regional Transportation Plan.

After reviewing a comparison of the safety and transportation effects or benefits of each of the alternatives, and consideration of each alternative's ability to address the project goals established by the Committee, the Committee eliminated the least preferred alternatives through a series of votes, and then voted for a preferred between the two remaining alternatives. In the final vote, the Committee selected Alternative 5C to be recommended to the OKI Board of Trustees.

ACTION

RECOMMENDED: Approval of Resolution OKI 2003-49

EXHIBIT:

(1) Resolution OKI 2003-49, (2) Northwest Butler Transportation Study Summary and Preferred Strategy Package

RESOLUTION

**OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF THE NORTHWEST BUTLER
TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

WHEREAS, the Northwest Butler Transportation Study has been prepared by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments in consultation with the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Butler County Engineer's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Butler Transportation Study is a plan that has been prepared under the direction of an Advisory Committee representing diverse perspectives in the public and private sectors and through an extensive public involvement effort; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Butler Transportation Study accounts for other planning initiatives at the corridor, regional and state levels; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Butler Transportation Study has identified transportation improvements for the study area located in the western and northern part of Butler County; and

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments at its meeting of October 9, 2003 adopts the Northwest Butler Transportation Study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the OKI 2030 Regional Transportation Plan update will consider high priority transportation recommendations as identified by the Northwest Butler Transportation Study subject to air quality and fiscal constraint requirements.

KENNETH F. REED, PRESIDENT