

Talking Points: OKI TIP Public Input

Meeting Details

- Date/Time: Tuesday, April 1, 2025, 4:00 PM (Plan to arrive 15 minutes early to sign-in to speak. Speakers are limited to two minutes each.)
- Location: OKI Office, [720 E. Pete Rose Way, Suite 420](https://www.720epetehrway.com), Cincinnati (Enter on west side of building and take elevators (on left) to floor 4)
- Can't make it in-person? Participate [virtually](#)
- Transit: METRO Routes 85 & 28 stop nearby; Cincinnati Bell Connector streetcar stops at Banks station (6-min walk)
- Biking: Riverfront and Eggleston Bike Path connects to building; bike racks available at entrance; Red Bike Station across street
- Car Parking: surface lot west of building

Personal Story

- Share your personal connection to why you oppose I-75 expansion or highway expansion generally
- Briefly explain how it would impact you, your family, or your community

Positive Acknowledgments

- Thank leaders for current transit investment (~10% for BRT/transit projects)
- Recognize progress on regional trail networks (Wasson Way, Little Miami Scenic Trail)
- Express appreciation for existing efforts while requesting more ambitious goals

Our Demands

1. Stop highway expansion that further harms communities
2. Invest in transit per OKI North-South Plan (increase to 25% of funding)
3. Increase bike/pedestrian infrastructure from <1% to 10% of total funding
4. Delay funding the Brent Spence Highway Expansion until ODOT studies alternatives that prioritize equitable and accessible transportation options for all residents.

Key Issues

Car-Centric Planning Issues

- Induced demand: More lanes create more traffic, not less congestion

- Federal government's recent actions undermine ODOT's claims about electrification reducing pollution

Health & Environmental Concerns

- Cincinnati Children's Hospital research shows children near highways face:
 - Impaired brain development
 - Higher rates of ADHD
 - Increased asthma rates
- Up to 50% of residents near the highway don't own cars – they bear health burdens without benefits
- Expansion contradicts Cincinnati and Covington's climate and mobility goals

Data Points

- Highway expansion represents majority of TIP funding (billions of dollars)
- 20% of Cincinnati households have no car access (2020 Census)
- People Over Pavement survey results:
 - Top 3 resident concerns: Better transit, improved bike/ped infrastructure, street safety
 - 82.6% of residents surveyed support alternatives to expansion

Closing

- Emphasize that balanced transportation funding benefits everyone
- Request specific commitment to delay Brent Spence funding until alternatives are studied
- Remind decision-makers that their vote on April 10th will shape our region's future for the next 50+ years