

RESOLUTION NO. 94-59

Concerning a Major Investment Study for the I-75 Corridor

WHEREAS: *national transportation policy, as contained in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 and the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, required that alternatives be considered before federal funding can be used for a project that significantly expands highway capacity; and*

WHEREAS: *the long-range plan, **Managing Mobility: Year 2010 Regional Transportation Plan**, prepared by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) for the eight counties making up and surrounding the greater Cincinnati metro area, contains recommendations for meeting this region's transportation needs consistent with Federal policies and requirements; and*

WHEREAS: *the regional transportation plan was adopted in November, 1993; and*

WHEREAS: *the regional transportation plan prepared by OKI recommends various intermodal opportunities for enhancing transportation and air quality, including high occupancy vehicle lanes, technological innovation and transit expansion including both bus and light rail; and*

WHEREAS: *all such systems, including light rail, will mitigate congestion and delay and improve air quality in Hamilton and Butler Counties within the I-75 corridor and beyond; and*

WHEREAS: *the long range transportation plan recommends that a light rail alignment be considered in the I-75 corridor in Hamilton and Butler Counties, as part of a regional rail transit system; and*

WHEREAS: *I-75's heavy traffic volumes, which now exceed design capacity on several segments, are expected to cause gridlock conditions in the near future; and*

WHEREAS: *it may not be feasible to expand I-75's roadway capacity along most of its length in Hamilton County because adjacent development and physical restrictions along much of the right-of-way would contribute to inordinate costs, estimated at nearly \$70 million per mile, and prolong implementation time; and*

WHEREAS: *the scope of I-75's transportation problems and the complexity of potential solutions require a major transportation improvement which in turn required the preparation of a*

Major Investment Study (MIS) to consider all modes and strategies and engage the public in selecting a preferred alternative; and

WHEREAS: *a MIS should be started as soon as possible in order to expedite improvements which will alleviate current problems, accommodate future travel needs and realize expected benefits; and*

WHEREAS: *the proposed MIS for the I-75 (northern) corridor would be compatible with and provide a regional perspective to the other two MIS corridor studies presently being undertaken by OKI, those being (1) the northwest corridor between Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport and Paramount King's Island Amusement Park, and (2) the eastern corridor between Cincinnati and eastern Clermont County; and*

WHEREAS: *a MIS for the I-75 corridor could potentially be funded with monies available from the National Highway Safety System (NHS);*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that

- 1) *Union Township, Butler County, Ohio, urges OKI to initiate a MIS which will determine the best solutions to the I-75 corridor transportation problems; and*
- 2) *Union Township, Butler County, Ohio, urges the State of Ohio to provide NHS funds to support a MIS for the I-75 corridor through Hamilton and Butler Counties.*

Adopted the 15th day of _____ November, 1994

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