



## ***News from the Ohio Turnpike***

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**For Immediate Release:**

### **Ohio Turnpike again ranked the best U.S. Toll Road by Fitch Ratings**

*Ratings reflect Turnpike's long-term traffic stability, low toll rates compared to peers*

BEREA (Jan. 29, 2016) – A peer review of U.S. toll roads conducted by Fitch Ratings recently indicates the Ohio Turnpike is once again the highest-rated toll road in the United States. The report ranked the Ohio Turnpike and Harris County Toll Road Authority highest out of 17 toll agencies in their peer group.

Fitch's global rating criteria for toll roads, bridges and tunnels identified several key rating factors implicit in all toll road ratings, including resiliency of traffic volume, toll prices, ability to set rates, approach to infrastructure development and renewal, financial risk associated with the toll road's debt structure and the level of financial flexibility to pay debt service. From these factors, Fitch assessed each and then ranked the toll agencies accordingly.

Of the factors that Fitch used, the Ohio Turnpike ranked strongest due to a resilient traffic base, low toll rates and conservative debt structure. The Ohio Turnpike currently carries a rating of AA for its senior lien revenue bonds and an A+ rating for its junior lien revenue bonds, according to Fitch Ratings.

"We are proud to know that we are once again the highest-rated toll road in the nation, according to Fitch, and one of the best-managed toll facilities in the world," said Randy Cole, Executive Director. "Our customers and stakeholders have come to expect a high level of performance and we will work hard to maintain our standing."

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The Ohio Turnpike is a 241-mile toll road offering one of the safest, best and most convenient routes for motorists to reach east/west destinations along the northern corridor of Ohio. The Ohio Turnpike & Infrastructure Commission provides excellent customer service and amenities to meet travelers' wants and needs, including state-of-the-art service plazas, a variety of restaurant choices, and routine maintenance for a smooth, pleasant trip. For a better travel experience, choose the Ohio Turnpike.

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