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For Immediate Release:

Ohio Turnpike approves \$125 million in capital improvements in 2015

(BEREA, Dec. 18, 2014) – The Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission, at its meeting on Monday, approved its largest capital improvement budget in more than a decade. Included in the \$125.3 million capital budget for 2015 are resources for several roadway improvements, such as base pavement replacement, bridge rehabilitation and repairs, resurfacing, and new maintenance equipment.

The Commission’s significant investment in its own facilities comes simultaneously with the Commission’s ongoing support of Gov. John R. Kasich’s “Jobs and Transportation Plan.” The plan is generating an estimated \$3 billion for non-turnpike transportation infrastructure projects in northern Ohio from bonds issued by the Commission and backed by future toll revenues.

“Ohio Turnpike customers expect a premium travel experience and our team is dedicated to providing a safe and smooth roadway,” said Interim Executive Director Robin Carlin. “The Commission is pleased to be able to fund the necessary improvements to continue to deliver excellence to our customers and to provide for thousands of jobs across the state as part of Governor Kasich’s Jobs and Transportation Plan.”

PAVEMENT REPLACEMENT:

The Turnpike will double the number of pavement replacement projects that will be under construction in 2015. Two such projects that began in 2014 with the replacement of five-mile long sections of eastbound lanes in Cuyahoga and Sandusky Counties will have the westbound pavement replaced in 2015.

The westbound lanes are scheduled for completion from MP 164.8 to MP 159.8 in Cuyahoga County and from MP 101.2 to MP 107.2 in Sandusky County.

Meanwhile, two new projects will begin in 2015 to replace five-mile sections of base pavement in Lorain (MP 144.1 to MP 149.24) and Trumbull (MP 216.1 to MP 221.0) Counties in the eastbound lanes. These two projects will be completed in 2016, following replacement of the base pavement in the westbound lanes. The four projects in Cuyahoga, Sandusky, Lorain and Trumbull Counties are budgeted to cost \$56.9 million in 2015.

PAVEMENT RESURFACING

Five resurfacing projects are scheduled for 2015 totaling \$16.15 million. These projects will include resurfacing the pavement from MP 0.0 – 5.7 in Williams County and from MP 74.1. – 80.5 in Sandusky and Ottawa Counties, respectively. Also scheduled for resurfacing are a number of access roads, parking areas and the ramps at Interchange/Exit 91 in Fremont/Port Clinton.

BRIDGE REPAIRS/RESURFACING

Bridge repairs and resurfacings also are in the budget for 2015 with \$14.3 million dedicated to their improvements. The bridge repairs include deck replacements, miscellaneous bridge rehabilitations, and substructure repair at various sites, including 14 bridge rehabilitations in Portage and Trumbull Counties and eight bridges in Mahoning County.

Note: Information regarding these projects, construction zones and/or changes to traffic patterns that may affect customers is posted on the Ohio Turnpike's website, at the start of construction season in April and May. Changes to traffic patterns due to daily maintenance, weather and other factors is also routinely provided on the Ohio Turnpike's Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/OhioTurnpike> and Twitter <https://twitter.com/@OhioTurnpike> pages.

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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.