

**MINUTES OF THE 737th OHIO TURNPIKE AND
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION
JANUARY 20, 2026**

This regular meeting of the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission was **CALLED TO ORDER** on January 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., located at 682 Prospect Street, Berea, Ohio 44017.

Following the **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**, members of the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission answered the **ROLL CALL** as follows:

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

- Chairman, Jerry N. Hruby;
- Vice Chair, Sandra K. Barber;
- Secretary-Treasurer, Guy C. Coviello;
- Commission Member, Colleen Shay Murray;
- Commission Member, June E. Taylor;
- Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Member Ex-Officio, through its director's designee, Gery Noiro;
- Ohio Office of Budget and Management, Paul Disantis;
- Ohio Senator Jane Timken;
- State Representative Haraz N. Ghanbari; and
- Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Ferzan M. Ahmed.

Members Excused:

- N/A

Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission Employees Present:

- Chief Engineer/Deputy Executive Director, Chris Matta;
- General Counsel, Jennifer Monty Rieker;
- Chief Financial Officer, Lisa M. Mejac;
- Chief Information Officer, Chriss Pogorelc;
- Director of Administration, Lisa Zamiska;
- Director of Toll Operations, Laurie Davis;
- Director of Contracts Administration, Aimee Lane;
- Director of Audit and Internal Controls, Jeffery Bartlett;
- Director of Marketing and Communication, Charles Cyrill;
- Ohio State Highway Patrol Lieutenant Philip Robinson;
- Deputy Director of Toll Operations, Dawn Shockey;
- Design and Planning Engineer, Daniel Rodriguez;
- Maintenance Engineer, Bryan Emery;
- Construction Engineer, Anne Powell;
- Toll Collection System Assistant Manager, Zac Kozma-Croft;

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- Staff Attorney, Monica Gibson;
- Public Information Officer, Brian Newbacher;
- Marketing and Communications Specialist, Zakk Sheehan;
- Executive Department Administrative Assistant, Michelle Marquard;
- Legal Administrative Assistant, Jennifer Diaz;
- Comptroller, Joseph Gardner;
- Part-Time marketing and Communications Manager;
- Safety Services Manager;
- Office Services Manager; and
- Patrol Secretary, Kristin Obermeyer.

Others Present:

- Jeff Broadwater, Michael Baker International;
- Michael Burgess, Osborn Engineering;
- Amilyn Cedergreen, Michael Baker International;
- Kevin Westover, Huntington National Bank;
- Jason Watson, Mannik Smith Group;
- Chris Summings, Michael Baker International;
- Julie Burger, Wells Fargo;
- Todd Majidzadeh, Resource International;
- Anthony Yacobucci, HNTB;
- William Greulich, Joey's Towing;
- Joey Bushway, Joey's Towing; and
- Shelby Greulich, Joey's Towing.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2025, REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING:

Motion: Commission Member Shay Murray

Seconded: Vice Chair Barber

Ayes: Chairman Hruby, Vice Chair Barber, Secretary-Treasurer Coviello Commission Member Shay Murray, Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Member Ex-Officio, through its director's designee, Noirot

Nays: None

Abstain:

MINUTES ADOPTED: 6-AYES, 0-NAYS, 0-ABSTENTIONS

REPORTS:

- Report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Guy Coviello

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- Report of Executive Director/Assistant Secretary Treasurer Ferzan M. Ahmed, P.E.:
 - Director Ahmed discussed new initiatives in 2025: improving safety, increasing efficiency, and creating a better environment for the employees, customers and partners of the Ohio Turnpike.
 - Director Ahmed discussed increased fraud attempts and the Commission's efforts to counter them..
 - Director Ahmed discussed closed 2025 construction projects and provided costs.
 - Director Ahmed discussed "America 250-Ohio" kick-off event that was held at the Ohio Statehouse on January 7, 2026, and indicated that the Commission's Marketing and Communications Department is planning a series of activities to commemorate this historic milestone.
 - Director Ahmed stated that January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month and as the Commission is a member of the Governor DeWine's Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force, discussed the things the Commission does year-round to combat human trafficking.
 - Welcomed five (5) new employees:
 - Maintenance Department – Dante Accettola, Torrean Finley, Mark Bagrowski.
 - Service Plaza Operations Department – Tina Peroni.
 - Toll Operations Department – Eric Armbruster
 - Congratulated four (4) retirees:
 - Maintenance Department – Jeffrey Laux and Greg Brown.
 - Service Plaza Operations Department – Lynette Repp and Joy Moser.

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- Director Ahmed introduced Lieutenant Philip Robinson from the Ohio State Highway Patrol to discuss an incident that happened on the morning of December 25, 2025.
 - Lieutenant Robinson introduced several members from the Milan Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and discussed an incident occurring on December 25, 2025, involving a wrong way driver and two (2) missing juveniles being located in the vehicle.
 - Chairman Hruby said he appreciated the efforts of the Troopers and thanked them for helping the juveniles.
 - Vice Chair Barber said she is impressed with the dedication not only to perform their jobs, but going above and beyond and those efforts will leave a lasting impression on the juveniles for the rest of their lives.
 - Commission Member Shay Murray thanked the Troopers and said she is so proud of them and recognized that the Troopers were away from their own families on December 25, 2025.
 - Representative Ghanbari commented that people think Troopers only perform law enforcement actions, but it is stories like this that are untold that truly make a difference.
 - Representative Ghanbari thanked the Troopers and inquired if the driver of the vehicle was a Veteran, noting how important it is to help Veterans and their families.

Chairman Hruby welcomed the new employees, congratulated the retirees, and thanked the Ohio State Highway Patrol for their service to the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission.

Chairman Hruby thanked the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission's Maintenance personnel for doing a wonderful job keeping the roads clear during the snowstorms.

In response, Chief Engineer/Deputy Executive Director discussed this year's snow and ice numbers compared to the last five (5) years, as well as the Commission's salt quantities.

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CHIEF ENGINEER/DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Chief Engineer/Deputy Executive Director and his staff proposed the following resolutions.

RESOLUTION:

Resolution Approving a Modification to the Contract with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly Inc. to Perform Additional Phase II Services Under Project No. 71-22-09 for a Total Aggregate Contract Amount of \$420,638.00 (Chief Engineer/Deputy Executive Director, Chris Matta)

Motion: Commission Member Shay Murray

Seconded: Commission Member Taylor

Ayes: Chairman Hruby, Vice Chair Barber, Secretary-Treasurer Coviello, Commission Member Shay Murray, Commission Member Taylor, Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Member Ex-Officio, through its director's designee, Noirot

Nays: None

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: 6-AYES, 0-NAYS, 0-ABSTENTIONS.

RESOLUTION NO.: [Resolution No. 1-2026](#)

RESOLUTION:

Resolution Authorizing the Selection of Firelands Supply Company for Guardrail Terminal Parts Under Bid Invitation No. 4493 in the Total Amount of \$171,000.00 (Chief Engineer/Deputy Executive Director, Chris Matta);

Motion: Commission Member Taylor

Seconded: Vice Chair Barber

Vice Chair Barber asked how many bid invitations were received.

Chief Engineer/Deputy Executive Director Matta advised the Commission received one bid.

Chief Engineer/Deputy Executive Director stated bid invitations are published on the Commission's website and explained the Procurement Department's process of automatically emailing registered vendors with NAICS codes that match materials they can supply.

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Chairman Hruby asked how the prices compare to previous contracts?

Chief Engineer/Deputy Executive Director answered that this year's pricing is about 2.5% higher than last year's pricing, which is a considered in line with inflation.

Secretary-Treasurer Coviello asked since the Commission received only one bid whether there was any concerns that the Commission is too restrictive in the specifications.

Chief Engineer/Deputy Executive Director responded there are various manufacturers on the Ohio Department of Transportation's pre-qualified materials list for these types of systems and the Commission narrowed its specifications down to two (2) because the Commission inventories them so it can get the guardrail repaired quickly for safety reasons.

Ayes: Chairman Hruby, Vice Chair Barber, Secretary-Treasurer Coviello, Commission Member Shay Murray, Commission Member Taylor, Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Member Ex-Officio, through its director's designee, Noirot
Nays: None
Abstain: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: 6-AYES, 0-NAYS, 0-ABSTENTIONS.

RESOLUTION NO.: [Resolution No. 2-2026](#)

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT:

Director of Administration Lisa Zamiska and her staff proposed the following resolutions.

RESOLUTION:

Resolution Awarding Contracts for Disabled Vehicle Services (Safety Services Manager, Cory Skoczen)

Motion: Secretary-Treasurer Coviello
Seconded: Commission Member Taylor

Chairman Hruby asked who can tow vehicles from the Ohio Turnpike and whether the Commission has exclusive responders.

Safety Service Manager Skoczen answered that on the Ohio Turnpike only contracted companies have the ability to service and tow vehicles.

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Chairman Hruby asked if someone could call and utilize their own towing service.

Safety Services Manager Skoczen explained that when it comes to servicing, a company can come out and service on the Ohio Turnpike.

Safety Services Manager Skoczen said passenger vehicles must be removed from the Turnpike by a Commission contracted vendor.

Safety Services Manager Skoczen said commercial vehicles can be removed by a contracted disabled vehicle service of their own choosing, and any vehicle involved in a crash or s must be removed by one of the Commission's contracted companies.

Commission Member Shay Murray commented that many of the companies are incumbents, except two, and inquired about asked for further details.

Safety Services Manager Skoczen said there are two new companies for Zone 2 and Zone 7.

General Counsel Rieker discussed the bidding process, bid response deadlines, and the late submittal for Zone 2. She advised it was determined that late submittal would not be accepted.

General Counsel Rieker further stated that Zone 1 did not receive any bids, so it was re- opened and vendors were encouraged to submit a proposal.

Secretary-Treasurer Coviello asked why the Commission has exclusive contractors on the Ohio Turnpike, and how does the Commission prevent non-contracted vendors from performing towing services?

Safety Service Manager Skoczen explained that the Commission requests if non-Turnpike contracted vendors area seen to report them

Secretary-Treasurer Coviello asked why the Commission has exclusivity for towing services.

Safety Services Manager Skoczen stated the Commission uses the contracted vendors for safety reasons.

Safety Services Manager Skoczen explained the Commission's contracted vendor needs to take the vehicle off the mainline to a toll gate and then another company can come pick it up.

Director Ahmed further explained that the Commission provides all first responders with non-revenue transponders so that they can access the Turnpike.

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Safety Services Manager Skoczen said that all disabled vehicle services are held to the same standards as the Commission's Maintenance personnel and have access to the same resources.

Chairman Hruby commended Safety Services Manager Skoczen for the operation and management of the Commission's Safety Services Department.

Ayes: Chairman Hruby, Vice Chair Barber, Secretary-Treasurer Coviello, Commission Member Shay Murray, Commission Member Taylor, Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Member Ex-Officio, through its director's designee, Noirot
Nays: None
Abstain: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: 6-AYES, 0-NAYS, 0-ABSTENTIONS.

RESOLUTION NO.: [Resolution No. 3-2026](#)

RESOLUTION:

Resolution Approving the Estimated Amount of \$1,000,000.00 for United States Postal Service Postage Costs for Calendar Year 2026 (Director of Administration, Lisa Zamiska)

Motion: Commission Member Taylor
Seconded: Vice Chair Barber

Secretary-Treasurer Coviello asked if the Commission compared prices to ship the transponders.

Director of Administration Zamiska responded that the Commission compared prices and the private sector shipping companies cost significantly more.

Commission Member Shay Murray asked how it is determined who is receiving new transponders.

Director of Administration Zamiska said that tags issued from a certain date will receive new transponders.

Commission Member Shay Murray asked if the transponders replacements will occur each month in 2026.

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Chief Financial Officer Mejac said the back-office system provider is making changes within the system, so the transponder replacement program can be rolled out.

Chief Financial Officer Mejac indicated that transponders are currently replaced when customers contact the Commission because of issues they are experiencing.

Director Ahmed explained that the transponder replacement program is important to save future costs associated with old transponders not reading correctly causing maximum fare charges, and unpaid toll collection.

Commission Member Shay Murray asked if she could tell people that if they have an old transponder that it will eventually be rolled out.

Director Ahmed advised that it is the Commission's intention with this transponder replacement program.

Representative Ghanbari asked for the reason the end user is not covering the postage fee?

Director Ahmed said he thought from a public perception perspective since the Commission decided to implement the transponder replacement program for the integrity of the toll collection system, it was not a good idea to charge the customer the postage.

Representative Ghanbari asked if someone could come in person to swap out the E-ZPass transponder?

Director Ahmed said currently the Commission only has the availability for customers to come to the Commission's headquarters in Berea.

Representative Ghanbari suggested that if the end user can go to a service plaza and purchase an E-ZPass transponder, perhaps there is a way a vending machine could assist with replacements.

Director Ahmed said that is a great idea and the Commission will look at establishing outposts for people to swap out their old E-ZPass transponders without having to come to Berea.

Ayes: Chairman Hruby, Vice Chair Barber, Commission Member Shay Murray, Commission Member Taylor, Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Member Ex-Officio, through its director's designee, Noirot

Nays: None

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: 6-AYES, 0-NAYS, 0-ABSTENTIONS.

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RESOLUTION NO.: [Resolution No. 4-2026](#)

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Chief Financial Officer, Lisa Mejac, provided an update on the December 2025 Traffic and Revenue (attached).

Vice Chair Barber commented that a lot of money has been invoiced without payment, and that she is concerned that the Commission does not have the ability to locate names or driver's license when plates are covered up.

Director Ahmed asked Chief Financial Officer Mejac to explain "Unbilled" trips versus "Invoiced."

Director Ahmed stated the collection rate is around 6%, which is indicated that an acceptable collections rate per national collection rate statistics.

Senator Timken asked how much of the "Unbilled" is commercial traffic.

Director Ahmed provided commercial traffic statistics and surmised most of the "Unbilled" is commercial traffic.

Director Ahmed advised that the General Counsel will be filing civil lawsuits for those people that have excessive unpaid tolls.

Secretary-Treasurer Coviello requested charts for the next meeting that contain a comparison of unpaid tolls before the new toll collection system versus after the new toll collection system to see the difference. He also requested to see a comparison between the Commission and other tolling agencies.

Director Ahmed advised that staff would provide the information and indicated that the number of unpaid tolls before the new system was very low because there were gates at the toll plazas.

Director Ahmed stated that staff will try to get that information, but it may be difficult to compare to other tolling agencies because most toll agencies do not share this data with the public.

Commission Member Taylor said that she is startled by the five (5) axle vehicle E-ZPass rates compared to other states. Commission Member Taylor asked Chief Financial Officer Mejac what her thoughts were about the rate.

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Chief Financial Officer Mejac responded that the toll rates are approved through 2028, so the Commission in 2026 through 2028, have 2.7% toll rate increases. Chief Financial Officer Mejac stated the Commission is looking at evaluating fees and tolls in 2026.

Commission Member Shay Murray asked about the impact of travel bans and if there are penalties if someone violates those travel bans.

Lieutenant Robinson said there is no section of law that covers that.

Commission Member Shay Murray requested clarification that there are no penalties when people disobey a travel ban that would bring revenue to the Ohio Turnpike .

Director Ahmed said no and advised it would be hard to know if a truck was too high or empty.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT:

- General Counsel Rieker provided an update on the toll collection efforts for unpaid tolls and toll evasion attempts.
- General Counsel Rieker advised the Commission will file its first case for unpaid tolls.
- General Counsel Rieker reported that the Commission and the Ohio Attorney General's Office had discussions about receiving tax refunds for unpaid tolls.

OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL'S REPORT:

- Lieutenant Philip Robinson reported on the following:
 - Discussed statistics from December and year-end 2025 regarding accidents, fatalities and contact made with drivers and patrons.
 - Discussed Ohio State Highway Patrol's winter driving safety reminders.
 - Discussed an incident that occurred on December 10, 2025, pertaining to the Ohio State Highway Patrol escorting an oversized vehicle off of the Ohio Turnpike at Toll Plaza 64.

Chairman Hruby thanked Lieutenant Robinson and all the women and men of the Ohio State Highway Patrol for their service and dedication.

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Chairman Hruby announced that the next meeting of the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission shall be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., at the Commission's Administration Building, located in Berea, Ohio.

There was no further business, and Chairman Hruby requested a motion to adjourn the 737th Commission Meeting.

Motion: Chairman Hruby
Seconded: Vice Chair Barber

Ayes: Chairman Hruby, Vice Chair Barber, Secretary-Treasurer Coviello, Commission Member Shay Murray, Commission Member Taylor, Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Member Ex-Officio, through its director's designee, Noirot

Nays: None

Abstain: None

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:14 a.m.

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EXHIBITS

- Resolution No. 1-2026 – Resolution Approving a Modification to the Contract with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly Inc. to Perform Additional Phase II Services Under Project No. 71-22-09 for a Total Aggregate Contract Amount of \$420,638.00 (Chief Engineer/Deputy Executive Director, Chris Matta)

- Resolution No. 2-2026 – Resolution Authorizing the Selection of Firelands Supply Company for Guardrail Terminal Parts Under Bid Invitation No. 4493 in the Total Amount of \$171,000.00 (Chief Engineer/Deputy Executive Director, Chris Matta)

- Resolution No. 3-2026 – Resolution Awarding Contracts for Disabled Vehicle Services (Safety Services Manager, Cory Skoczen)

- Resolution No. 4-2026 – Resolution Approving the Estimated Amount of \$1,000,000.00 for United States Postal Service Postage Costs for Calendar Year 2026 (Director of Administration, Lisa Zamiska).

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Resolution Approving a Modification to the Contract with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly Inc. to Perform Additional Phase II Services Under Project No. 71-22-09 for a Total Aggregate Contract Amount of \$420,638.00

WHEREAS, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (“Commission”) selected Crawford, Murphy & Tilly Inc. (“CMT”) to perform engineering design services and engineering support during construction for the Bridge Deck Replacement and Bridge Deck Rehabilitation on Pyle South Amherst Road (CR 16) over the Ohio Turnpike at Milepost 138.7 and West Ridge Road (CR 53) over the Ohio Turnpike at Milepost 142.6 in Lorain County, Ohio, designated as Project No. 71-22-09 (the “Project”), pursuant to the adopted resolutions, on the dates noted and for the scope of work identified below:

SERVICES/FEES APPROVED TO DATE

CONTRACT	SERVICES	Contract Date	APPROVAL	AMOUNT
Original Contract	Phase IA Services – Project No. 71-22-09 – Bridge Inspection, field survey, base mapping, maintenance of traffic evaluation, utility location, stakeholder outreach/ODOT coordination, load rating and engineering report.	March 13, 2023	Resolution No. 13-2023	\$146,936.00
First Modification	Phase IB- Preliminary and Final Design Plans, assistance during the bidding process, and bid review services	September 21, 2023	Resolution No. 80-2023	\$221,226.00
Second Modification	Phase II – Engineering Support During Construction for Project No. 71-22-09/Construction Project No. 43-25-04.	December 6, 2024	Resolution No. 114-2024	\$26,799.00

TOTAL AMOUNT TO DATE: \$394,961.00

PROPOSED SERVICES/FEES

CONTRACT	SERVICES	FEE PROPOSAL	APPROVAL	AMOUNT
<i>Third Modification</i>	<i>Phase II – Additional Engineering Support During Construction for Project No. 71-22-09 /Construction Project No. 43-25-04.</i>	<i>December 15, 2025 (Revised)</i>	<i>Proposed</i>	\$25,677.00

TOTAL AMOUNT WITH MODIFICATION: \$420,638.00

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WHEREAS, the parties entered into a Contract for Professional Engineering Services for Project No. 71-22-09 (the “Contract”), dated March 13, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the parties entered into a First Modification on September 21, 2023, and a Second Modification on December 6, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2025, CMT submitted a revised fee proposal in the not-to-exceed amount of \$25,677.00, for additional Phase II Services for the project as additional Phase II Service hours are needed due to the number of estimated hours that were included with Resolution 114-2024 for Phase II Services being insufficient, the consultant encountering an above average amount of RFIs that needed to be answered on the project, and extensive utility coordination for unknown utilities in the work area that were not marked on existing plans, which fee proposal the Chief Engineer/Deputy Executive Director deemed reasonable and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has reviewed the recommendation submitted by the Chief Engineer/Deputy Executive Director and approves the recommendation to authorize CMT to perform the additional Phase II Services under Design Project No. 71-22-09 for Construction Project No. 43-25-04; and

WHEREAS, Commission action is necessary under Article V, Section 1.00 of the Commission’s Code of Bylaws because the proposed contract modification, in addition to the previously approved modifications, exceeds the greater of \$150,000 or 10% of the original contract amount; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered such recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission that the revised fee proposal from Crawford, Murphy & Tilly Inc., dated December 15, 2025, to perform the additional Phase II Services, specifically described in the recitals, under Design Project No. 71-22-09 for Construction Project No. 43-25-04, in the amount of \$25,677.00 is accepted and approved, and the Executive Director is authorized to amend the contract with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly Inc. to perform the additional Phase II Services in accordance with the terms and conditions of the existing contract and revised fee proposal dated December 15, 2025, resulting in an aggregate not-to-exceed contract amount of \$420,638.00.

(Resolution No. 1-2026 adopted January 20, 2026)

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**Resolution Authorizing the Selection of Firelands Supply Company for Guardrail
Terminal Parts Under Bid Invitation No. 4493 in the Total Amount of \$171,000.00**

WHEREAS, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (“Commission”) advertised an Invitation for Bids (“Invitation”) to furnish guardrail terminal parts under Invitation No. 4493; and

WHEREAS, the Commission received one (1) bid in response to the Invitation, and the Commission’s Maintenance Engineer reviewed and analyzed the timely bid submitted, whose report concerning such analysis is before the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Maintenance Engineer reports that Firelands Supply Company (“Firelands”) submitted the lone bid; and

WHEREAS, the Maintenance Engineer reports that the bid of Firelands conforms with the bid specifications in all material respects, observed that Firelands has satisfactorily furnished similar material previously to the Commission, and recommends that the Commission select the bid of Firelands as a responsible and responsive bid received under Invitation No. 4493, in the total contract price of \$171,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Commission’s Director of Contracts Administration has determined that the bids for Invitation No. 4493 were solicited on the basis of the same terms and conditions and the same specifications, and that the bid from Firelands for Invitation No. 4493 conforms to the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 5537.07 and 9.312; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Opportunity and Inclusion determined to waive the program requirements due to a lack of subcontractor opportunity and availability of certified firms; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer/Deputy Executive Director and Executive Director have reviewed the report of the Maintenance Engineer and concur with the recommendation to award the contract for Invitation No. 4493 to Firelands as a responsive and responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, Commission action is requested to approve the contract in accordance with Article V, Section 1.00 of the Commission’s Code of Bylaws because the amount of the bid received will require an expenditure that exceeds \$150,000.00 to furnish the guardrail terminal parts material; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission that the bid of Firelands Supply Company under Invitation No. 4493, to furnish guardrail terminal parts for a

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total contract price of \$171,000.00, is approved as a responsive and responsible bid received, and that the Executive Director is authorized to issue a purchase order on the basis of said bid.

(Resolution No. 2-2026 adopted January 20, 2026)

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Resolution Awarding Contracts for Disabled Vehicle Services

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2025, the Commission issued its Request for Proposals No. 26-2025 (“RFP”) seeking responses from Disabled Vehicle Services (“DVS”) Operators interested in furnishing emergency roadway vehicle services to travelers whose vehicles become disabled or damaged due to mechanical failure or accident within the seven specified DVS Zones along the Ohio Turnpike, for a three-year Contract, with an option to renew for one (1), additional, two-year period; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2025, nine (9) responses to the RFP were received (including multiple proposals for DVS Zones 2, 4, and 7); and

WHEREAS, since no proposals were received for Zone 1, the Commission issued an Addendum extending the deadline for Zone 1 proposals to November 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2025, three (3) responses for Zone 1 were received; and

WHEREAS, an Evaluation Team consisting of the Commission’s Safety Services Manager, and Safety Operations Supervisor reviewed the Proposals, which evaluation also involved on-site inspections performed by the Maintenance Division and the Safety Services Department of each Responding DVS Operator’s towing and recovery equipment and their garage and waiting area facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Evaluation Team then awarded technical scores to each DVS Operator, which scores reflected each DVS Operator’s overall operation and ability to perform the services required under the RFP on a 24-hour, seven-day per week basis; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this process, the Evaluation Team has determined that the following companies best meet the Commission’s requirements and recommends that contracts be awarded to the following companies for which each DVS Operator shall receive a monthly stipend from the Commission of \$3,400.00:

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Boundaries</u>	<u>Company</u>
DVS-1	From Ohio-Ind. State line to MP 35.0	Hutch’s Towing & Recovery, Inc. Holiday City, OH
DVS-2	From MP 35.0 to MP 72.0 (Pemberville Rd)	Joey’s Towing & Recovery, Inc. Toledo, OH
DVS-3	From MP 72.0 (Pemberville Rd) to MP 110.6 (SR-4)	ITT Services LLC dba Madison Motor Service Fremont, OH

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| DVS-4 | From MP 110.6 (SR-4) to MP 145.8 (W. River Rd) | Interstate Towing & Transport Specialists, Inc.
Norwalk, OH |
| DVS-5 | From MP 145.8 (W. River Rd) to MP 180.3. This includes Eastbound Deceleration ramp, Exit 180 Interchange, and all OTIC ramps to and from SR-8. | Rich's Towing & Service, Inc.
Middleburg Hts., OH |
| DVS-6 | From MP 180.3 to MP 209.55 (SR-5) This includes eastbound acceleration ramp, westbound deceleration ramp, and westbound acceleration ramp at Exit 180 and all ramps and interchange at Exit 209. | Interstate Towing & Transport Specialists, Inc.
Norwalk, OH |
| DVS-7 | From MP 209.55 (SR-5) to Ohio/PA State line | Towing Services LLC dba Johnny's Auto & Truck Towing
Diamond, OH |

WHEREAS, the Director of Contracts Administration has determined that the RFP process and the selection of the above-listed DVS Operators conforms with the requirements of Section 5537.07 of the Ohio Revised Code with respect to the award of contracts for professional services, that all legal requirements were performed and that the proposals were solicited on the basis of the same terms and conditions with respect to all respondents and potential respondents; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has reviewed the Evaluation Team's written recommendations and concurs with the above-listed selection of DVS Operators; and

WHEREAS, expenditures for the Contracts to be awarded for Disabled Vehicle Services will exceed \$150,000.00, and, therefore, in accordance with Article V, Section 1.00 of the Commission's Code of Bylaws, Commission action is necessary for the award of said Contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered said recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Proposals submitted by each of the following companies for the following respective Zones:

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Boundaries</u>	<u>Company</u>
DVS-1	From Ohio-Ind. State line to MP 35.0	Hutch's Towing & Recovery, Inc. Holiday City, OH

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DVS-2	From MP 35.0 to MP 72.0 (Pemberville Rd)	Joey’s Towing & Recovery, Inc. Toledo, OH
DVS-3	From MP 72.0 (Pemberville Rd) to MP 110.6 (SR-4)	ITTS Services LLC dba Madison Motor Service Fremont, OH
DVS-4	From MP 110.6 (SR-4) to MP 145.8 (W. River Rd)	Interstate Towing & Transport Specialists, Inc. Norwalk, OH
DVS-5	From MP 145.8 (W. River Rd) to MP 180.3. This includes Eastbound Deceleration ramp, Exit 180 Interchange, and all OTIC ramps to and from SR-8.	Rich’s Towing & Service, Inc. Middleburg Hts., OH
DVS-6	From MP 180.3 to MP 209.55 (SR-5) This includes eastbound acceleration ramp, westbound deceleration ramp, and westbound acceleration ramp at Exit 180 and all ramps and interchange at Exit 209.	Interstate Towing & Transport Specialists, Inc. Norwalk, OH
DVS-7	From MP 209.55 (SR-5) to Ohio/PA State line	Towing Services LLC dba Johnny’s Auto & Truck Towing Diamond, OH

are, and are by the Commission determined to be, the best of all Proposals received in response to the Commission’s RFP No. 26-2025 and are accepted; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is directed to: 1) execute contracts with each of above-mentioned DVS Operators for an initial three-year term commencing March 1, 2026, by which each DVS Operator shall receive a monthly stipend of \$3,400.00 (\$40,800.00 annually per contract or \$122,400 for the 3-year term per contract), 2) review contracts at the close of the three-year term to determine whether to renew said contracts for one (1), additional, two-year period upon receipt of satisfactory performance evaluations for each DVS Operator from the Safety Services Manager (\$40,800.00 annually per contract or \$81,600.00 for the 2-year renewal term per contract); and 3) take any and all action necessary or proper to carry out the terms of said contracts.

(Resolution No. 3-2026 adopted January 20, 2026)

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**Resolution Approving the Estimated Amount of \$1,000,000.00 for United States Postal
Service Postage Costs for Calendar Year 2026**

WHEREAS, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (the “Commission”) uses postage to conduct everyday business through a Pre-Sort Mail service that picks up, meters and delivers the Commission’s mail to the United States Postal Service (“USPS”); and

WHEREAS, in addition to the associated labor and equipment cost savings, the Commission saves \$0.094 on every letter and \$0.10 on every parcel mailed by using this service; and

WHEREAS, the Commission preloads an account with USPS in order to pay for postage costs; and

WHEREAS, due to the rise in postal rates and increased demand and shipping of *E-ZPass*® transponders, including the Commission’s new Transponder Replacement Program in 2025, the Director of Administration and the Office Services Manager recommend that the Commission approve the estimated amount of \$1,000,000.00 for USPS postage costs for Calendar Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, Commission action is necessary under Article V, Section 1.00 of the Commission’s Code of Bylaws because Office Service’s estimated postage costs for Calendar Year 2025 exceed \$150,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Office Services will report back at the end of the year with actual postage costs; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered such recommendations.

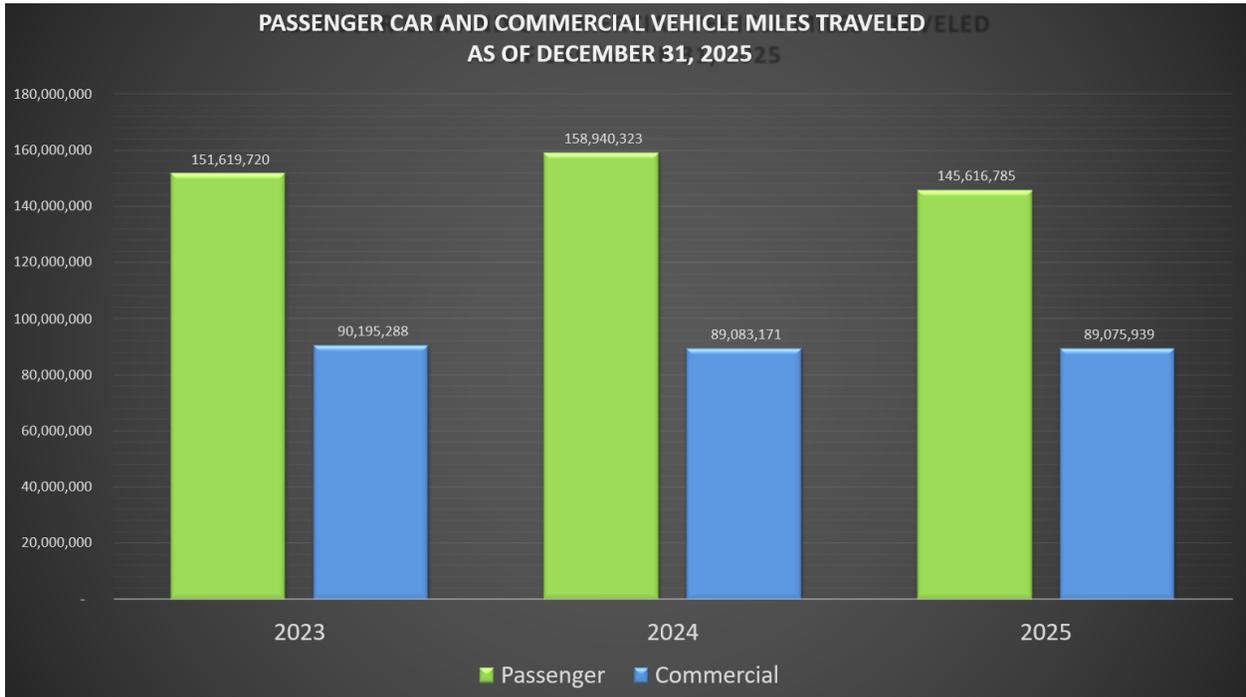
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission that the estimated amount of \$1,000,000.00 for postage costs payable to the United States Postal Service in Calendar Year 2026 is approved.

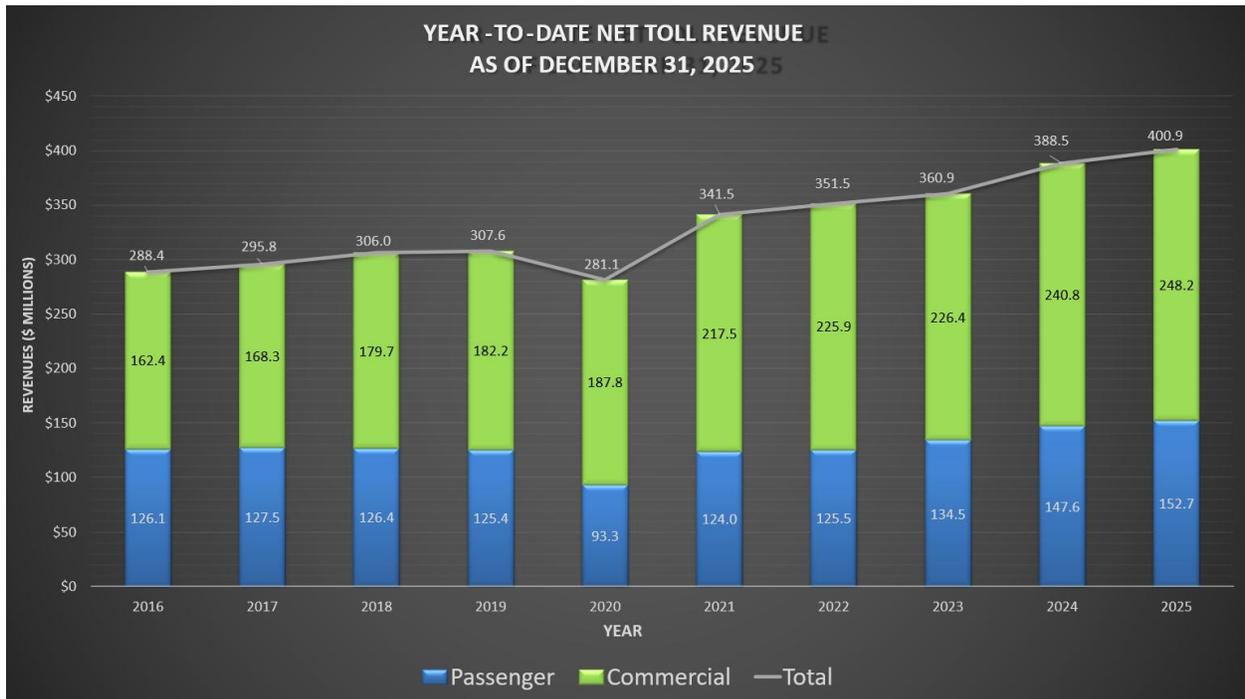
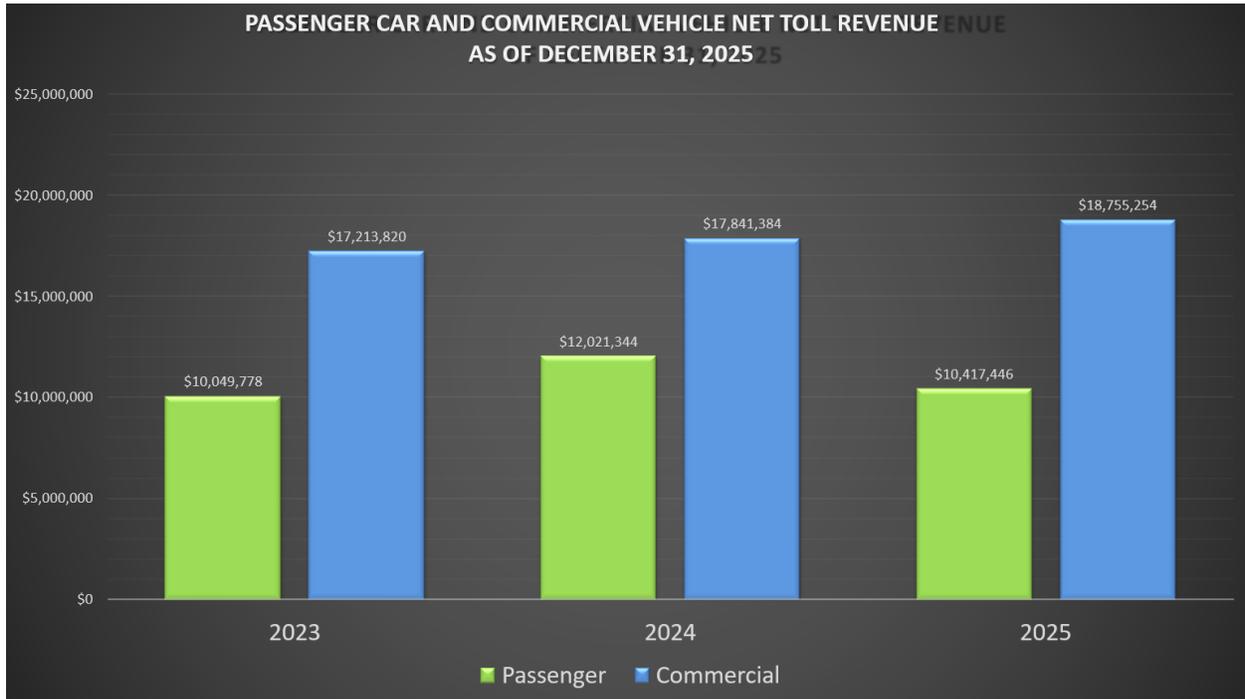
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2025 TOLL REVENUE

TOLL REVENUE 2025 YTD*							
MONTH	E-ZPass	Cash/Credit Card	Paid Post Travel	UNPAID TOLLS			TOTAL TOLL REVENUE
				Invoiced Not Yet Paid	Invoiced in Collections	Unbilled	
JANUARY 2025	\$ 24,100,000	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 700,000	\$ -	\$ 800,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 31,000,000
FEBRUARY 2025	\$ 22,300,000	\$ 4,200,000	\$ 600,000	\$ -	\$ 700,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 28,600,000
MARCH 2025	\$ 25,900,000	\$ 5,800,000	\$ 700,000	\$ -	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 34,200,000
APRIL 2025	\$ 26,300,000	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 900,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 35,100,000
MAY 2025	\$ 28,000,000	\$ 7,100,000	\$ 800,000	\$ -	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 37,800,000
JUNE 2025	\$ 27,900,000	\$ 7,800,000	\$ 900,000	\$ -	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 38,500,000
JULY 2025	\$ 28,800,000	\$ 8,400,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 40,600,000
AUGUST 2025	\$ 28,100,000	\$ 8,400,000	\$ 1,100,000	\$ -	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 39,900,000
SEPTEMBER 2025	\$ 26,500,000	\$ 6,500,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 35,900,000
OCTOBER 2025	\$ 28,000,000	\$ 6,600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 1,300,000	\$ -	\$ 900,000	\$ 37,400,000
NOVEMBER 2025	\$ 24,500,000	\$ 5,900,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$ -	\$ 900,000	\$ 33,100,000
YTD 2025	\$ 290,400,000	\$ 71,200,000	\$ 8,600,000	\$ 3,200,000	\$ 9,000,000	\$ 9,700,000	\$ 392,100,000
% OF TOTAL	74.0%	18.2%	2.2%	0.8%	2.3%	2.5%	100%

*Rounded to the nearest hundred thousand.



2026 TOLL RATE PER MILE COMPARISONS

Toll Rates Per Mile Comparisons				
STATE	Passenger Car		5 Axle Vehicle	
	E-ZPass®	Cash	E-ZPass®	Cash
Ohio	\$ 0.073	\$ 0.106	\$ 0.226	\$ 0.284
Illinois (I-94/I-294/I-80)	\$ 0.065	\$ 0.128	\$ 0.688	\$ 0.688
Indiana	\$ 0.103	\$ 0.103	\$ 0.557	\$ 0.557
West Virginia	\$ 0.100	\$ 0.153	\$ 0.409	\$ 0.511
Pennsylvania	\$ 0.187	\$ 0.361	\$ 0.709	\$ 1.079
New Jersey	\$ 0.187	\$ 0.188	\$ 0.612	\$ 0.671

* Data obtained for other Toll Roads in January 2026.

Ohio Turnpike passenger car toll rates are lower than most other nearby toll roads and Ohio Turnpike commercial vehicle toll rates remain the lowest.