

OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Transponders and Related Equipment from TransCore, LP in the Total Amount of \$2,077,500.00

WHEREAS, pursuant to [Resolution No. 19-2008](#), adopted May 12, 2008, and the Amended and Restated *E-ZPass*[®] Operations Interagency Agreement dated August 13, 2015, as amended, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (“Commission”) is a member of the Inter Agency Group (“IAG”), which is the consortium of all toll authorities that offer *E-ZPass*[®], and which utilize transponder technology that is integral to the *E-ZPass*[®] electronic toll collection system; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the IAG issued a Request for Proposals for Next Generation Electronic Toll Collection (“ETC”) equipment and services, including transponders and related equipment, resulting in contracts with four vendors, Kapsch TrafficCom, Inc. (“Kapsch”), TransCore, LP (“TransCore”), Neology and Star Systems America; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to [Resolution No. 73-2022](#), adopted September 19, 2022, [Resolution No. 118-2023](#), adopted December 18, 2023, and [Resolution No. 127-2024](#), adopted December 16, 2024, the Commission authorized the purchase of transponders and related equipment for turnpike operations from Kapsch under Kapsch’s Next Generation ETC equipment and services contract; and

WHEREAS, Kapsch’s current price for an interior, hardcase, portable TDM transponder unit is \$6.90 per unit, and TransCore’s current price for an interior, hardcase, portable TDM transponder unit is \$6.54 per unit, a difference of \$0.36 cents per unit; and

WHEREAS, the Commission prepared a forecast estimating that procurements totaling approximately 315,000 transponders throughout 2026 will be needed to maintain the Commission’s transponder fulfillment operations; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the Commission has the transponders necessary to operate the Turnpike in 2026 and given the \$0.36 cent per unit difference in pricing between Kapsch and TransCore, the Senior Manager of Toll Technology recommends the Commission purchase an estimated 315,000 transponders for 2026 from TransCore under TransCore’s Next Generation ETC equipment and services contract, in the amount of \$2,060,100.00; and

WHEREAS, since transponders previously purchased from Kapsch have a separate tester and programmer, the purchase of transponders from TransCore will require the purchase of a new tester and programmer, which, at a cost of \$8,700 each, results in an equipment cost of \$17,400.00 for a total not to-exceed amount of \$2,077,500.00 for transponders and related equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer/Deputy Executive Director and Executive Director have reviewed the recommendation of the Senior Manager of Toll Technology and concur that the Commission should approve the purchase of transponders and related equipment for 2026 from TransCore as described above, as transponders and their related equipment are necessary for Turnpike operations; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article V, Section 1.00 of the Commission’s Bylaws, Commission action is necessary because the purchase of the transponders and related equipment exceeds \$150,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered such recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission that the Executive Director is authorized to issue a blanket purchase order to TransCore, LP under the IAG Next Generation ETC Equipment and Services Contract for the purchase of 315,000 transponders and related equipment in the total amount of \$2,077,500.00; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission instructs the Executive Director or his designee to issue a report back to the Commission annually indicating the number of transponders purchased and the amount spent each year.

(Resolution No. 23-2026 adopted February 17, 2026)