

OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

Resolution Approving the Selection of GFT Infrastructure, Inc. to Perform Phase I and Phase II Services for Project No. 71-25-09 in the Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$1,635,656.00

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2025, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (“Commission”) published notice of its Request for Letters of Interest (“LOI”) 20-2025 seeking letters of interest for professional engineering services and engineering support during construction for Project No. 71-25-09, Deck Replacement, Widening, and Substructure Rehabilitation of the Ohio Turnpike Mainline Bridges over Indian Creek at Milepost 228.6 and the Ohio Turnpike Mainline Bridges over Mill Creek at Milepost 230.4 in Mahoning County, Ohio (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2025, the Commission received eight (8) Letters of Interest from firms expressing their readiness to serve as the Commission’s engineering consultant for the Project; and

WHEREAS, an Evaluation Team consisting of Engineering staff convened to independently review, evaluate, and score the submissions in accordance with the LOI Evaluation Process and the Commission’s Contracts Policy in order to rank the submissions; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the Letters of Interest received, in accordance with the Commission’s Standard Operating Procedure for Professional Design Consultant Selection Process, the Evaluation Team concluded that GFT Infrastructure, Inc. (“GFT”) is the most qualified to perform the necessary services for the Project and conducted a Scope of Services meeting to confirm a mutual understanding of the Phase I Design Services for the Project, which include, but are not limited to bridge site inspection, preliminary rehabilitation investigations, preliminary engineering report, preliminary and final design plans, and assistance during the bidding process, including bid review services. (“Phase I Services”) and the Phase II Services for the Project consisting of engineering support during construction (“Phase II Services”); and

WHEREAS, GFT submitted a revised fee proposal dated March 6, 2026, to perform the Phase I Services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,576,618.00 and the Phase II Services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$59,038.00, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,635,656.00, which fee proposal the Chief Engineer/Deputy Executive Director deemed reasonable and appropriate, and recommends that the Commission approve the award of the contract to GFT based on its technical proposal and revised fee proposal for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Commission’s Director of Contracts Administration has determined that the LOI process and the selection of GFT conforms with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Sections 153.65 to 153.71, that all legal requirements were performed, and that Letters of Interest were solicited on the basis of the same terms and conditions with respect to all respondents and potential respondents; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Opportunity and Inclusion determined that GFT has made a good faith effort to attain the participation of small or otherwise disadvantaged businesses on the Project and has made a commitment to meet the SBE participation goal of 25% for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has reviewed the recommendations submitted by the Evaluation Team and Chief Engineer/Deputy Executive Director, and concurs that the Commission should approve the selection of GFT to perform the required services for the Project; and

WHEREAS, Commission action is necessary to approve the contract in accordance with Article V, Section 1.00 of the Commission’s Code of Bylaws because the amount estimated to perform the required services 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 selection of GFT Infrastructure, Inc. is approved as the most qualified firm to perform professional engineering services and engineering support during construction for Project No. 71-25-09, and that the Executive Director is authorized to execute a contract with GFT Infrastructure, Inc. for Phase I Services and Phase II Services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,635,656.00.

(Resolution No. 31-2026, adopted March 16, 2026)