

OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Transponders from Kapsch TrafficCom USA, Inc. in the Total Amount of \$1,356,250.00

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 73-2022, adopted September 19, 2022, the Commission approved the selection of Kapsch TrafficCom USA, Inc. (“Kapsch”) under the *E-ZPass*® Interagency Group Next Generation Technology Contract (“Contract”) for the purchase of transponders for the remainder of 2022 and 2023 in the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,123,750.00 which was processed as a blanket purchase order; and

WHEREAS, to date, the Commission has purchased a total of 158,400 transponders from Kapsch in the total amount of \$1,008,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Kapsch’s current price for an interior, hardcase, portable TDM transponder unit is \$6.50 per unit, which under the Contract is subject to adjustments annually and capped at \$7.75 per unit; and

WHEREAS, the Commission’s Toll Collection System Consultants, Stantec, Inc., prepared a forecast estimating that procurements totaling approximately 175,000 transponders throughout 2024 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 2024, the Director of Audit and Internal Control concurs with the Stantec forecast and therefore recommends the Commission purchase an estimated 175,000 transponders for 2024 from Kapsch under the Contract in the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,356,250.00; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has reviewed the recommendation of the Director of Audit and Internal Control and concurs that the Commission should approve the purchase of transponders for 2024 from Kapsch as described above, as transponders 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 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 Kapsch TrafficCom USA, Inc. under the *E-ZPass*® Interagency Group Next Generation Technology Contract for the purchase of transponders in the total amount of \$1,356,250.00; 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. 118-2023 adopted December 18, 2023)