

**MINUTES OF THE 638<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE  
OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION  
MARCH 20, 2017**

**Chairman:** Good morning. Will you please stand and join me in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance?

The meeting will come to order. Have all guests signed the sign-in sheet in the Lobby? If not, please do so prior to leaving, so we can maintain an accurate account of attendance.

I understand shortly we will be welcoming State Representative Thomas F. Patton, who was appointed to the Commission on February 1, 2017, by the Speaker in the Ohio House of Representatives, 132<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly. Clifford A. Rosenberger appointed Tom and we all remember him as Senator Patton sitting on this board for a number of years and being Chairman of the Transportation Committee, so we will welcome him back he arrives this morning.

Unfortunately, Mr. Peterson and Senator LaRose are unable to attend today's meeting and are excused.

Will the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer please call the roll?

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Chairman Hruby

**Chairman Hruby:** Here

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Vice Chairman Paradiso

**Vice Chairman Paradiso:** Here

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Commissioner Barber

**Secretary-Treasurer Barber:** Here

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Mr. Dixon

**Mr. Dixon:** Here

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Mr. Pakush

**Mr. Pakush:** Here

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Ms. Cafaro

**Ms. Cafaro:** Here

**Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:** Mr. Kauffman

**Mr. Kauffman:** Here

**Chairman:** We have a quorum. This is the 638<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission. We are meeting here at the Commission's headquarters, as provided for in the Commission's Code of Bylaws for a Commission Meeting.

Various reports will be received, and we will act on several resolutions. Draft copies have previously been sent to the Members and updated versions are in the Members' folders. The Resolutions will be explained during the appropriate reports.

May I have a motion to adopt the Minutes of the February 27, 2017, Commission Meeting? Call the roll, please.

**MOTION:** A motion to adopt the Minutes of the February 27, 2017, Commission Meeting was made by Mr. Paradiso and seconded by Mr. Dixon. All Commission Members present voted to approve the Minutes.

**Chairman:** The Minutes are adopted. If there are no questions, we will proceed with the report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Barber.

**Secretary-Treasurer:** The following items have been provided to the Members since the last scheduled meeting of the Commission on February 27, 2017:

1. Two Resolutions;
2. Draft Minutes of the February 27, 2017, Commission Meeting; and
3. Agenda for today's meeting.

We have also included in their folders for today's meeting, the following additional documents:

1. Traffic Crash Summary Report, February 2017;
2. Traffic and Revenue Report, February 2017;
3. Total Revenue by Month and Year, February 2017;
4. Investment Report, February 2017;
5. Financial Statement, January and February 2017; and
6. Various News Articles.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Any questions for Mrs. Barber? We will now move on to the report of the Executive Director, Mr. Cole.

**Director Cole:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not have any report today, except to say that we continue to make progress on the toll collection system and customer service center strategic plan. We are on schedule to bring that recommendation, along with our consultants to the April meeting.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Any questions? Hearing none, let's move on to the report of our Chief Engineer, Tony Yacobucci.

**Chief Engineer:** Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Commission Members. I have two resolutions for your consideration this morning.

The first resolution for your consideration seeks authorization to award Contract No. 43-17-06 for the repairs and rehabilitation of seven (7) bridges at Mileposts 222.8, 232.6, and 232.9 and the repairs, rehabilitation and widening of two (2) bridges at Milepost 240.8 all in Mahoning County. This work is included in the 2017 Capital Improvement Budget. On February 28, 2017, Procurement received three (3) bids in response to this Project. The apparent low bid was submitted by Suburban Maintenance and Construction, Inc. ("Suburban"), of North Royalton, Ohio, in the amount of \$4,650,928.26, which is about 3% above the Engineer's Estimate of \$4,500,000.00. This bid was evaluated by both the design consultant, ms consultants, inc., of Youngstown, Ohio, as well as Commission staff and was found to contain no errors or anomalies. Suburban has satisfactorily performed projects of similar scope for the Commission in the past, and based on previous years' work volume and work presently under contract, it appears Suburban has sufficient capacity to perform this project. Therefore, it is recommended that the Commission award Contract No. 43-17-06 to Suburban Maintenance and Construction, Inc., of North Royalton, Ohio, in the amount of \$4,650,928.26. This resolution also contains provisions to assign ms consultants, inc., of Youngstown, Ohio, to perform construction administration and inspection services, and ACA Engineering, Inc., of Boardman, Ohio, to perform material testing services. With your permission, may the General Counsel please read the title of the resolution.

**General Counsel:** Resolution Approving the Selection of Suburban Maintenance & Construction, Inc. to Repair, Rehabilitate and Widen Bridges in Mahoning County under Project No. 43-17-06 for the Total Amount of \$4,650,928.26, and Approving the Assignment of MS Consultants, Inc. and ACA Engineering, Inc. to Perform the Professional Services for Constructing the Project.

**Chairman:** Are there any questions or comments? Hearing none, please call the roll.

**MOTION:** A motion to adopt the *Resolution Approving the Selection of Suburban Maintenance & Construction, Inc. to Repair, Rehabilitate and Widen Bridges in Mahoning County under Project No. 43-17-06 for the Total Amount of \$4,650,928.26, and Approving the Assignment of MS Consultants, Inc. and ACA Engineering, Inc. to Perform the Professional Services for Constructing the Project*, was made by Ms. Cafaro, seconded by Mr. Pakush, and approved by all Commission Members present. Resolution No. 13-2017 is attached hereto as an Exhibit.

**Chairman:** The resolution is adopted unanimously. Please continue, Tony.

**Chief Engineer:** The next resolution for your consideration seeks authorization for the purchase of eight (8) - 2017 model year extended-cab trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating (“GVWR”) over 12,000 pounds. The purchase of such vehicles is not governed by the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (“ODAS”) under Ohio Revised Code Section 125.832. However, due to the favorable pricing consistently received from DAS for vehicle purchases, the Commission is electing to procure the trucks from the DAS Contract. The purchase of these vehicles is also included in the 2017 Capital Improvement Budget. The best unit pricing for eight (8) - 2017 GMC 3500 Sierra extended-cab pick-up trucks for Incident Response use by the Maintenance Department is available under ODAS State Term Index No. GDC093, Contract No. RS901017, Item 29AT from Bob Ross Auto Group, Inc., of Centerville, Ohio, a State of Ohio certified MBE, at the unit price of four (4) each at \$32,215.00 for delivery to the Elmore Maintenance Building and four (4) each at \$32,284.50 for delivery to the Hiram Maintenance Building for a total of \$257,998.00. The new trucks will replace 2012 model year trucks, with current mileage ranging between 285,550 to 402,577 miles. In addition, this Resolution includes the disposal of the existing eight (8) vehicles in accordance with the Commission’s Property Disposal Policy. With your permission, may the General Counsel please read the title of the resolution.

**General Counsel:** Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Eight Incident Response Vehicle Cab and Chassis Under DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program from Bob Ross Auto, Inc. in the Total Amount of \$257,998.00.

**Chairman:** Any questions or comments? Hearing none, please call the roll.

**MOTION:** A motion to adopt the *Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Eight Incident Response Vehicle Cab and Chassis Under DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program from Bob Ross Auto, Inc. in the Total Amount of \$257,998.00*, was made by Chairman Hruby, seconded by Mrs. Barber, and approved by all Commission Members present. Resolution No. 14-2017 is attached hereto as an Exhibit.

**Chairman:** The resolution is adopted unanimously. Anything further, Mr. Yacobucci?

**Chief Engineer:** Mr. Chairman, that completes my report.

**Chairman:** We will move on to the report of the CFO/Comptroller/DED, Marty Seekely.

**CFO/Comptroller/DED:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a brief update on our traffic and revenue for the month of February.

This first chart shows the monthly passenger car miles traveled on the Ohio Turnpike over the past two years. Passenger car vehicle miles traveled were up 0.1% in February as a result of the mild weather and low gas prices despite the fact that February last year had an extra day because of leap year. If you subtract February 29 from last year’s total, passenger car vehicle miles traveled were up 2.8% this year.

Commercial traffic was 1.9% lower than February of last year. If you exclude February 29 from last year's total, then commercial traffic was up 1.4% from last February.

The slight increase in traffic combined with the 2.7% toll rate increase on January 1 caused passenger car toll revenue to increase 2.6% in February. If you remove February 29 from last year, passenger car toll revenue is up 6.1% from February of last year.

The decrease in commercial traffic combined with the toll rate increase caused commercial vehicle toll revenues to increase 0.7% in February. If you remove February 29 from last year, commercial vehicle toll revenue is up 4.1% from February of last year.

This chart shows year-to-date toll revenues through the month of February during each year over the past decade. Year-to-date total toll revenues were \$1.5 million or 3.8% above the amount from last year. If you subtract February 29 from last year's total, total toll revenues are up \$2.1 million or 5.5% over last year.

That completes my report Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Marty. Any questions or comments? Hearing none, we will continue on to the report of the General Counsel, Jennifer Stueber.

**General Counsel:** No report, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. We will move on to the report of Staff Lieutenant Hughes.

**Staff Lieutenant Hughes:** Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Commission Members. I will start off with a follow-up from an item I mentioned at last month's meeting. I talked about the six-state trooper project that occurred March 2-4, 2017, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol initiated over 200 drug arrests and twelve weapon arrests during that three-day period as part of that partnering effort with the surrounding states.

Moving on to four significant seizures that have occurred within the last couple of weeks. The first one occurred on March 1, 2017, in Milan. The vehicle was stopped and a search revealed a two-pound brick of suspected cocaine, a fifteen-gram bag of cocaine and nine pills in the suspect's wallet with an estimated street value of over \$35,000.00.

The next traffic stop occurred on March 2, 2017, in Lucas County. A search of the vehicle revealed 2.2 pounds of heroin that was concealed in a bag of dog food inside the vehicle.

The third traffic stop occurred on March 6, 2017, in Lorain County. The vehicle was stopped and a search revealed a pound and a half of raw marijuana, and one hundred grams of hash-oil. Additionally, the driver was found to be in possession of a loaded semi-automatic Glock pistol. The drugs in that traffic stop have a street value of over \$10,000.00.

Lastly, there was a traffic stop that occurred on March 16, 2017, in Summit County. The vehicle was stopped and a search revealed two pounds of high-grade marijuana and two quarts of marijuana Kool-Aid. This contraband has a street value of \$10,000.00.

That completes my report, Mr. Chairman. I would be happy to answer any questions.

**Chairman:** Did I understand you correctly that in those three days between six states, there were how many arrests?

**Staff Lieutenant Hughes:** It was a six-state trooper project, so that would be all of the surrounding states. Just the Ohio State Highway Patrol initiated over two-hundred drug arrests.

**Chairman:** That is a remarkable number. Congratulations for the really fine work.

**Staff Lieutenant Hughes:** Thank you.

**Chairman:** Any further questions?

**Mr. Dixon:** What is marijuana Kool-Aid?

**Staff Lieutenant Hughes:** As we are finding out, I believe I spoke at last month's meeting about edibles, they are finding different ways to put these into different forms, whether it is marijuana brownies, or whether it is incorporating it into Kool-Aid. There are a variety of ways to use this marijuana in various forms.

**Mr. Dixon:** So, you just drink it?

**Staff Lieutenant Hughes:** Yes, you just drink it.

**Mr. Dixon:** Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Are there any questions for the Staff Lieutenant? Thank you and please pass on our good word to your women and men for an outstanding job again.

Are there any other matters to be brought forth before the Commission? Hearing none, the next meeting shall be held on Monday, April 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

If there is no further business I will make a motion to adjourn.

**MOTION:** A motion to adjourn the Commission Meeting is made by Chairman Hruby, seconded by Mrs. Barber and unanimously approved by all Commission Members present.

Time of adjournment: 10:15 a.m.

**Attendees for Record Keeping Purposes:**

Bethany Pugh, PFM; Scott Buchanan, AECOM; Hamid Homaei, KS Associates; Al Biehl, TranSystems; Dave Ray, JMT; Maureen Shildwachter, HNB; Tim McDonald, ODOT; Jennifer Townley, ODOT; Jim Gates, ODOT; Gene Baxendale, Hill International; Beth Fulton, TRC; Tim Reidy, Fifth Third; Mike McCarthy, Mott McDonald; Matt Wahl, HNTB; Michael Burgess, Prime; Jake Siesel; Alysia Lorincz, KS Associates; Preston Yuzma, IUOE 18; Jennifer Stueber, Ohio Turnpike; Anthony Yacobucci, Ohio Turnpike; Martin Seekely, Ohio Turnpike; Sharon Isaac, Ohio Turnpike; David Miller, Ohio Turnpike; Matt Cole, Ohio Turnpike; Helen Guggenbiller, Ohio Turnpike; Jennifer Diaz, Ohio Turnpike; Mark Musson, Ohio Turnpike; Diana Anthony, Ohio Turnpike; Chris Matta, Ohio Turnpike; Dennis Albrecht, Ohio Turnpike; Lisa Mejac, Ohio Turnpike; Adam Greenslade, Ohio Turnpike; Joseph Mannion, Ohio Turnpike; Eric McCaslin, Ohio Turnpike; and Brian Newbacher, Ohio Turnpike.

Approved as a correct transcript of the proceedings of  
the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission

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Sandra K. Barber, Secretary-Treasurer

# **EXHIBITS**

1. Resolution No. 13-2017: Approving the Selection of Suburban Maintenance & Construction, Inc. to Repair, Rehabilitate and Widen Bridges in Mahoning County under Project No. 43-17-06 for the Total Amount of \$4,650,928.26, and Approving the Assignment of MS Consultants, Inc. and ACA Engineering, Inc. to Perform the Professional Services for Constructing the Project; and
2. Resolution No. 14-2017: Authorizing the Purchase of Eight Incident Response Vehicle Cab and Chassis Under DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program from Bob Ross Auto, Inc. in the Total Amount of \$257,998.00.



## OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

### **Resolution Approving the Selection of Suburban Maintenance & Construction, Inc. to Repair, Rehabilitate and Widen Bridges in Mahoning County under Project No. 43-17-06 for the Total Amount of \$4,650,928.26, and Approving the Assignment of MS Consultants, Inc. and ACA Engineering, Inc. to Perform the Professional Services for Constructing the Project**

WHEREAS, the Commission published notice in accordance with law advertising its invitation to bid on a Contract for the Bridge Deck Repair, Rehabilitation and Widening of the Ohio Turnpike over Kirk Road at Milepost 222.8, the Ohio Turnpike over State Route 7 at Milepost 232.6, Ohio Turnpike Ramp over State Route 7 at Milepost 232.6, Ohio Turnpike over Ohio Turnpike Ramp at Milepost 232.9, and the Ohio Turnpike over Garfield Road at Milepost 240.8 in Mahoning County, Ohio, designated as Project No. 43-17-06 (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Commission received three bids to perform the Contractor's obligations on the Project, and the Assistant Chief Engineer and the Chief Engineer reviewed and evaluated the bids received, and whose report concerning such analysis is before the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer reports that Suburban Maintenance & Construction, Inc., of North Royalton, Ohio, submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid to perform the Contractor's obligations for the Project for the total amount of \$4,650,928.26, which they recommend the Commission accept and approve authorization for the Executive Director to award; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Contracts Administration advises that bids for Contract No. 43-17-06 were solicited on the basis of the same terms and conditions and the same specifications, that the bid of Suburban Maintenance & Construction for Contract No. 43-17-06 conforms to the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Sections 5537.07, 9.312 and 153.54, and Suburban Maintenance & Construction submitted a performance bond with good and sufficient surety and made a good faith effort to attain the participation of disadvantaged businesses in the Project; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the bid received will require expenditures under Contract No. 43-17-06 that will exceed \$150,000.00, and Commission action is necessary to approve the Contract in accordance with Article V, Section 1.00 of the Commission's Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's Executive Director has reviewed the reports of the Chief Engineer and the Director of Contracts Administration and concurs with the recommendation that the Commission approve the award of Project No. 43-17-06 to Suburban Maintenance & Construction as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered such recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED by the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission that the bid of Suburban Maintenance & Construction, Inc. in the total amount of \$4,650,928.26 for Project No. 43-17-06 is approved as the lowest responsive and responsible bid received, and the Executive Director is authorized to execute a Contract on the basis of said bid and enter into an agreement; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission approves the Executive Director and the Chief Engineer assigning MS Consultants, Inc., of Youngstown, Ohio, to perform the necessary construction inspection and administration services for the Project under the agreement previously approved in Resolution No. 51-2016 and ACA Engineering of Boardman, Ohio to perform materials testing services in accordance with its Miscellaneous Engineering Services Agreement with the Commission; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director has the authority to approve such extra work or change orders under said contracts as a result of an increase in necessary quantities, newly mandated requirements that did not exist at the time of original contract awards, or circumstances that would create a life, safety, or health threatening situation or would unduly delay the completion of the Project or increase its costs.

**(Resolution No. 13-2017 adopted March 20, 2017)**

## **OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION**

### **Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Eight Incident Response Vehicle Cab and Chassis Under DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program from Bob Ross Auto, Inc. in the Total Amount of \$257,998.00**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 32-2003, adopted on July 21, 2003, the Executive Director is authorized to participate in state contracts under the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (“DAS”) Cooperative Purchasing Program, through which members may purchase supplies, services, equipment and other materials in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 125.04; and

WHEREAS, the Maintenance Engineer has determined that the purchase of eight incident response vehicle cab and chassis are necessary to replace eight cab and chassis for incident response vehicles used in operating and maintaining the Ohio Turnpike that have reached the end of their viable economic life and suitable for disposal under the Commission’s Property Disposal Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Maintenance Department staff has recommended that the best equipment available to perform its operations is the 2017 GMC Sierra 3500HD Cab and Chassis Trucks, to be four-wheel drive, extended cab, long bed with a minimum Gross Vehicle Weight of 12,800 pounds; and

WHEREAS, the incident response vehicle cab and chassis are available for acquisition through the DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program, and the Procurement Manager has determined that the lowest cost of obtaining the eight cab and chassis for incident response vehicles is under DAS Contract Schedule No. RS901017, Index No. GDC093, Item 29AT, from Bob Ross Auto, Inc. of Centerville, Ohio, in the total amount of \$257,998.00 (four for the Western Division at \$32,215.00 each and four for the Eastern Division at \$32,284.50 each, including delivery); and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director and Chief Engineer have reviewed the evaluation and report of the Maintenance Engineer and concur with the recommendation that the Commission approve the purchase of the eight cab and chassis for the incident response vehicles from Bob Ross Auto, Inc. through the DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, once the Executive Director has the authority to execute a contract for the eight cab and chassis for the incident response vehicles, the Commission will be issuing an invitation to bid upon the proper specifications for a contractor to supply the labor and materials necessary to outfit the authorized cab and chassis with the appropriate bodies for the incident response vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Commission action is necessary under Article V, Section 1.00 of the Commission’s Bylaws because the expenditure required to purchase the eight incident response vehicle cab and chassis exceeds \$150,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED by the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission that the purchase of eight incident response vehicle cab and chassis trucks from Bob Ross Auto, Inc. through the DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program under DAS Contract Schedule No. RS901017, Index No. GDC093, Item 29AT, in the total amount of \$257,998.00, is approved.

**(Resolution No. 14-2017 adopted March 20, 2017)**