

MINUTES OF ELEVENTH MEETING

JULY 25, 1950

Pursuant to call of the Chairman, the Ohio Turnpike Commission met in special session in Room 1012 A, State Office Building, Columbus, Ohio, at 1:30 o'clock p. m. on July 25, 1950, with members of the press; Senator Winter of the Ohio General Assembly; Mr. Kinneary of the office of the Attorney General of Ohio; Mr. Donnelly of the Greiner Company; Mr. Waterbury and Mr. Fischer of Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Hall and Macdonald; Mr. McKee of the Ohio Contractors Association; Mr. Green of the Ohio Highway and Turnpike Association, and members of the staff of the Director of Highways also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the roll was called and the attendance was reported to be as follows:

Present: Shocknessy, McKay, Teagarden, Kauer
Absent: Seasongood

Whereupon the Chairman announced that a quorum was present.

The Chairman stated that this meeting is called at the request of the Director of Highways for the purpose of learning the relative location which the Director of Highways expects to have examined in detail as the proposed line for the Ohio Turnpike, and he invited the Director of Highways to present his report.

The Director of Highways thereupon advised the Commission that the consulting engineers had agreed upon the location of a band, one mile in width, which was proposed to contain the route of the turnpike across Ohio, that he and his staff had thoroughly reviewed the proposed route and were in agreement upon it. He submitted a map of northern Ohio which indicated the approximate location of the route, and outlined in a general way the factors and arguments upon which the route was based, pointing out that the location was governed primarily by traffic service and revenue considerations since variations in construction costs among the several alternates were outweighed by the traffic factors. He stated that the proposed route had been submitted to the Governor of Ohio for his review and offered the following letter for inclusion in the record of the meeting:

"Hon. Frank J. Lausche
Governor of Ohio
State House
Columbus, Ohio

July 18, 1950

My dear Governor:

"It is my privilege to present herewith a map showing in a tentative way a line for the proposed Ohio Turnpike which has been selected by my consultant for a location and cost study; which has been tested and determined to be sound by my traffic and revenue consultant; which my staff has reviewed and recommended for my approval, and which I personally believe to be the proper approximate line upon which to construct a turnpike across northern Ohio. Your approval of this line is hereby solicited.

"The line which is being presented at this time is in reality a band at least one mile in width within which the final specific location will be selected after further exhaustive field surveys. Accurate analyses of construction costs and of prospective revenue may dictate changes in some parts of the line even beyond the contemplated one mile band. In the event that a major revision to the line may later be proposed, your approval will again be sought.

"You will be interested to learn that the consultants have studied a number of lines in the general area finally selected. There were two complete lines across Ohio and a number of alternate connections between those lines which resulted in a total of twenty-four combinations of routes which were considered in detail, both as to location and cost and as to traffic and revenue. The line now selected appears to offer the greatest service to the highway user and, therefore, would enjoy the maximum revenue from tolls and at the same time is so located as to hold construction costs to a practical minimum.

Respectfully,

T. J. Kauer
Director of Highways"

The Director of Highways reported that the Governor of Ohio favored the proposed route. After its submission for the review and judgment of the Ohio Turnpike Commission and approval of the route by the Commission, it will be resubmitted to the Governor for his approval.

The Chairman thereupon inquired of the Director of Highways and of the representative of the Attorney General of Ohio as to whether or not the approval of the Commission and the Governor of Ohio is required before

completion of the engineering studies. Mr. Kauer said that it was his opinion that such approvals should be obtained as a matter of practical expediency at this time and prior to additional detailed surveys. It was the informal opinion of Mr. Kinneary, however, that the approvals are not a legal requirement at this intermediate stage of the studies.

There was at this point thorough discussion of the report of the Director of Highways. It was the desire of the several members that additional evidence, in summary form, to support the selected route location be presented for study by the Commission and as a basis for its judgment of the route. The Director of Highways stated that such evidence would be made available forthwith.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Waterbury explained the traffic analyses which developed a desire line for the turnpike route and a twenty mile band across the state within which alternate routes were selected. Mr. Donnelly then discussed the analyses of the alternate routes, the determination of critical points such as the Pennsylvania terminus, the Ravenna Arsenal, and the crossings of the Cuyahoga and Maumee Rivers. He stated that five lines had been studied tentatively; that three had then been discarded, and that a detailed analysis and comparative cost estimate had been prepared on the remaining two lines. It was indicated that the differential in cost between a northern and southern line was comparatively minor and that, therefore, the considerations of traffic service and revenue had been paramount in the final selection of a line.

A motion was made by Mr. Shocknessy, seconded by Mr. McKay, that the Commission take under advisement the recommendation of the Director of Highways as to a one-mile band across the state of Ohio; that the Commission await substantiating information underlying the recommendation; and that upon the receipt of this information, the Commission again meet and exercise its judgment upon the proposal of the Director of Highways. A vote by ayes and nays was taken and all members present responded to roll call and voted aye. The vote was as follows:

Ayes, Shocknessy, McKay, Teagarden, Kauer
Nays, None

The Chairman announced the motion adopted.

Thereupon the Chairman entertained discussion as to the advisability of giving an opportunity to the public to indicate its satisfaction of the line by conducting a public hearing in the immediate future. Mr. McKay favored such action. Mr. Teagarden believed that public hearings

should be held at the proper time. Mr. Kauer stated his opinion that public hearings would serve a useful purpose at a later and more appropriate time. Comments were offered by Senator Winter and Mr. Waterbury.

Thereupon the Chairman advised the Commission that a secretary from the Department of Highways had not been available for this meeting and that he had arranged for a wire recording of the proceedings.

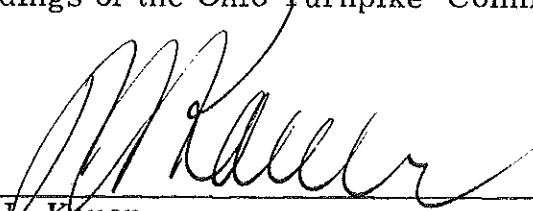
The Director of Highways reported that Highway Department employees engaged in the turnpike studies had received their salaries from the Auditor of State, but that the Auditor of State had not yet come to a decision with reference to the payment of fees for the turnpike consultants.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Mr. McKay, seconded by Mr. Teagarden, that the meeting adjourn until further call by the Chairman. A vote by ayes and nays was taken and all members present responded to roll call and voted aye. The vote was as follows:

Ayes, Shocknessy, McKay, Teagarden, Kauer
Nays, None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned. The time of adjournment was 3:00 o'clock p. m.

Approved as a correct transcript of the proceedings of the Ohio Turnpike Commission.



T. J. Kauer
Secretary-Treasurer

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