

## MINUTES OF TWELFTH MEETING

AUGUST 3, 1950

Pursuant to call of the Chairman, the Ohio Turnpike Commission met in special session in Hearing Room No. 2, State Office Building, Columbus, Ohio, at 1:30 o'clock p. m. on August 3, 1950 with members of the press; Mr. Kinneary of the office of the Attorney General of Ohio; representatives of the J. E. Greiner Company; representatives of Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Hall and Macdonald; and a number of visitors and delegations from northern Ohio 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 Secretary-Treasurer thereupon read the minutes of the meetings of July 14, 1950 and July 25, 1950. There being no objection, the Chairman announced the minutes to be adopted as read.

Thereupon the Chairman requested that the report of the Secretary-Treasurer be given and the Secretary-Treasurer reported that his office had handled only routine acceptance of applications for employment with the Commission in the interim since the last meeting.

The Chairman thereupon advised the Commission that he had received letters advising him that charges for six telegrams sent by the Director of Highways to the members of the Commission totalling \$5.28 had been disallowed by the Auditor of State. He stated that the telegrams would be referred to the Commission for action at some time in the future. The Chairman reported that a wire recording of this meeting is being provided through the Peirce Wire Recorder Corporation without charge.

The Chairman thereupon requested that the Director of Highways report with respect to progress of the turnpike studies. The Director of Highways reported as follows:

"In compliance with the desire of the Commission as expressed at its meeting of July 25, 1950, a report has been prepared and submitted to the Chairman and to the several members of the Commission with respect to the proposed route for the Ohio Turnpike. The report included

a summary of the data and engineering factors upon which the proposed route was based.

"A Report of Progress as of July 31, 1950, has been received from the J. E. Greiner Company and has been transmitted to the members of the Commission. The Report indicates that as of July 31st the engineering studies were essentially abreast of the approved progress schedule."

The Chairman thereupon reviewed the events of the last meeting at which the Director of Highways had recommended for approval a one-mile band as a proposed location for the turnpike across northern Ohio. He stated that the recommendation, together with additional substantiating information, had been considered by the members of the Commission, and that this meeting had been arranged in order that the Commission might hear from those persons who wished to present their views to the Commission either for or against the proposed route.

Thereupon the following listed individuals presented statements to the Commission with respect to the proposed turnpike route:

- a. Mayor Thomas A. Burke of the City of Cleveland stated that a delegation wished to submit an alternate location for the turnpike route through Cleveland indicating his opinion that such an alternate would better serve Cleveland industry and traffic.
- b. Mr. James Lister, Director of the City Planning Commission of Cleveland, presented the alternate route through Cleveland in detail; offered maps and traffic charts in support of the proposed alternate; and emphasized his opinion that the alternate route would provide for traffic in the Cleveland area in a manner superior to the line proposed by the Director of Highways. He requested that the alternate route be further studied by the consulting engineers engaged in the turnpike studies.
- c. Mr. Proctor Noyes, Director of the Cuyahoga County Regional Planning Commission, supported the statements by Mr. Lister.
- d. Mr. H. R. Klepinger, Secretary of the Cuyahoga Heights Manufacturers Association, endorsed Mr. Lister's statements.

- e. Mr. Parker Hill, Vice President of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, believes the alternate line to have enough potentiality to warrant careful study by the engineers.
- f. Mr. Harry Fitzgerald of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company endorsed Mr. Lister's remarks.
- g. Mr. Mervin Robertson of the Akron Chamber of Commerce presented Mr. David Corbin, President of that organization, who stated that Akron is second only to the City of Chicago as a center of truck traffic generation and that the interests of the community and its adjacent industrial centers would best be served by the turnpike route as proposed by the Director of Highways. He stated his opinion that the determination of the location of the turnpike should be made on a purely professional basis.
- h. Mr. Walter F. Stiegel, President of the Akron Trucking Association, supported the statements of Mr. Corbin.
- i. Mr. Marvin L. Davis, Director of Public Service of the City of Akron, stated a conviction that the route recommended by the Director of Highways is based upon the requisite factors of cost of construction as opposed to anticipated revenues, and endorsed the route proposed by the Director of Highways.
- j. Mr. Ralph H. Miner, Assistant Secretary of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, supported the attitude of other Akron speakers.
- k. Mr. P. J. Flaherty, Mayor of Lorain, stressed the importance of the proposed highway to the City of Lorain.
- l. Mr. John W. Brown, Mayor of Medina, presented statistics as to heavy truck traffic through his city, approved the recommendation of the Director of Highways, and opposed any revision which would move the turnpike north nearer to Cleveland.

- m. Mr. A. C. Hutchison, Secretary of Canton Chamber of Commerce, stated that Canton would prefer the more southerly route and endorsed the alignment proposed by the Director of Highways.
- n. Mr. Paul Ritchie, Canton Chamber of Commerce, supported statement of Mr. Hutchison.
- o. Mr. Ernest M. Green, President of the Ohio Highway and Turnpike Association, indicated that the primary interest of his organization was in support of the construction of an Ohio Turnpike.
- p. Mr. A. C. Neff, Vice President of the organization, agreed with Mr. Green.

Thereupon, the Secretary-Treasurer reported that the following statements had been received with respect to the location of the proposed Ohio Turnpike:

- a. A letter from the International Union of Operating Engineers of Cleveland recommending approval of the route selected by the J. E. Greiner Company
- b. A telegram from a Vice President of the Ohio Highway and Turnpike Association offering his personal support of the route approved by the Director of Highways
- c. A statement of Mr. Henry W. Ault, Mayor of Elyria, endorsing the location of the turnpike route as proposed by the Director of Highways

Thereupon, at the request of the Chairman, Mr. E. J. Donnelly of the J. E. Greiner Company and Mr. Lawrence Waterbury of Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Hall and Macdonald discussed briefly the procedure and analyses upon which the recommended location had been based.

Thereupon the Chairman recommended to the Director of Highways that he request the consulting engineers to examine the proposal for a diversion of the turnpike route in the area of the City of Cleveland and to report thereon not later than August 14, 1950.

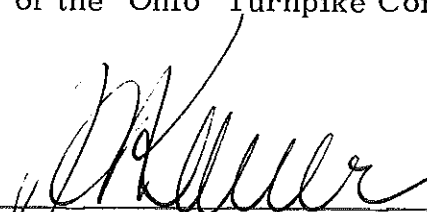
He stated that the Commission will expect to meet on August 15, 1950 to receive the Director's supplemental recommendation and, if possible, to reach a final determination. He then said that there will be no further public hearings planned by the Commission at this stage of the turnpike program.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, motion was made by Mr. Teagarden, seconded by Mr. McKay, 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, Teagarden, McKay, Kauer  
Nays, None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned. The time of adjournment was 3:30 o'clock p. m.

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

  
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T. J. Kauer  
Secretary-Treasurer

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