

MINUTES OF TWENTY SECOND MEETING

AUGUST 7, 1951

Pursuant to call of the Chairman, the Ohio Turnpike Commission met in open session in Room 1012 A, State Office Building, Columbus, Ohio at 10:30 o'clock a. m. on August 7, 1951 with representatives of the press, of the consulting engineers, of the Financial Advisor, of Bond Counsel, of the Department of Highways, and others 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, Teagarden, McKay, Seasongood, Kauer
Absent: None

Whereupon the Chairman announced that a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Mr. Seasongood, seconded by Mr. Teagarden, that the reading of the minutes for the meeting of July 24, 1951 be dispensed with and that the minutes be adopted as submitted to the members of the Commission since the last meeting and as amended in accordance with the request and understanding of the members. 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, Seasongood, Kauer
Nays, None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Thereupon the Chairman reported that since the last meeting there have been many consultations between the Director of Highways and the Chairman and the consulting engineers and that there has been favorable reaction to the appointment of a Financial Advisor by the Commission. He observed that it is becoming apparent that the matter of an over-all consultant to the Commission must be concluded and that such consultant must be chosen just as a Financial Advisor and the Bond Counsel have been chosen. The Chairman reported that the Director of Highways had invited the members of the Commission, as individuals, to meet in his office on August 6 to participate in the final meeting with the consulting engineers prior to the submission of their reports to the Commission and that all of the members except Mr. Seasongood had spent the afternoon and evening of August 6 with the Director of Highways and with the consulting engineers. He pointed out that this had not been an executive session and that the Commission had never met in executive session.

The Chairman expressed his hope that the Commission may take final action on the reports at its meeting on September 4, 1951 but that in order to do so it will be necessary to hold special meetings prior to September 4 to consider pavement design, the crossing of the Maumee River, and other matters. He stated that he would call a special meeting to hear any group qualified to appear before the Commission to discuss transposed flow and that other special meetings will be called to interview certain financial institutions which have indicated an interest in serving as Trustee and Paying Agent to the Commission. The Chairman announced that the Pennsylvania and Indiana Commissions have accepted an invitation to meet with the Ohio Turnpike Commission in Columbus on September 4 and asked the members to convene at 9:00 o'clock on that day to transact the business of the Commission.

The Secretary-Treasurer then reported as follows:

- a. that increasing numbers of applications and inquiries are being received from individuals and organizations interested in the work of the Commission.
- b. that the Auditor of the Department of Highways has advised that as of July 15, 1951 charges totaling \$276,949.24 have been incurred for the turnpike studies. The charges which are still to be made in connection with the turnpike studies will include \$60,000 under the contract of the Director of Highways with the J. E. Greiner Company, \$25,000 under the contract of the Director of Highways with Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Hall and Macdonald, and certain costs of the Highway Department itself which remain to be determined.

In the absence of objection, the report of the Secretary-Treasurer was accepted as received.

The Chairman requested that the Director of Highways report to the Commission. The Director of Highways reported that estimates of the required tonnage of steel, copper and aluminum for the turnpike project for the year 1952 and the first quarter of 1953 have been furnished to the Bureau of Public Roads in order that such requirements might be forwarded to the National Production Authority.

The Director of Highways then read to the Commission a letter dated August 7, 1951 from Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Hall and Macdonald by which that firm submitted its final draft of the traffic and earnings report and which stated that the consultant had reviewed its recommended toll rates and assignment of traffic and resultant earnings

from heavy trucks and finds that its original recommendations were founded on sound judgment. The Director also read to the Commission a letter from the J. E. Greiner Company dated August 7, 1951 which transmitted a final draft of the engineering report which advised that changes had been made that will favorably alter the costs of the project without affecting the standards of design, and that the revised estimated project costs, exclusive of interest during construction and financing costs , were as follows:

Normal Traffic Flow	\$ 283, 356, 000
Transposed Traffic Flow	\$ 283, 577, 000

He advised the Commission that the pavement which was recommended for the project by the Greiner Company consists of a ten inch thick reinforced concrete pavement laid on a six inch layer of densely graded granular sub-base material so graded that pumping will not occur at the joints in the pavement. The sub-base material will also be non frost-bearing and will be laid on a compacted sub-grade from which all potentially bad frost-heaving soils will have been removed.

The Director then submitted the engineering reports to the Commission with the following letter:

"August 7, 1951

Hon. James W. Shocknessy, Chairman
Ohio Turnpike Commission
Room 612 Huntington Bank Bldg.
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Sir:

The Director of Highways was requested by the Chairman of the Ohio Turnpike Commission on behalf of the Commission in his letter of October 5, 1949, pursuant to a resolution of the Commission adopted at its meeting on October 4, 1949, to make the necessary traffic, engineering and related studies for a toll turnpike project beginning at the eastern boundary of the State of Ohio and connecting with the proposed Western Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike at the termination thereof at the Ohio boundary and proceeding generally in a westerly direction across Ohio in accordance with all provisions of Section 1201 through 1222 of the General Code of Ohio. Pursuant to the request and in accordance with the provisions of the Ohio Turnpike Commission's resolution, I entered into a contract on June 14, 1950 with each of two nationally recognized firms of consulting engi-

neers for the preparation of an engineering report and a report of traffic and revenues.

On June 30, 1951 there was delivered to me by each of the two consulting engineering firms a tentative draft of a report which the consulting engineers offered for my criticism and advice. On July 3, 1951 the tentative drafts were presented to the Commission for the information of its members. Between July 3, 1951 and this date the Department of Highways has reviewed the tentative reports of the consultants and I have been in almost continuous consultation with them making a detailed analysis and review of their reports. A number of revisions and corrections have been made to the reports as I indicated in the interim discussion I had with the Commission at its special meeting on July 24, 1951.

The reports of the consulting engineers are now in final draft form and are complete except for the preparation of an amortization table, which table cannot be incorporated in the traffic and earnings report until financial negotiations have been completed by the Commission. Subject to this exception only, the reports are now ready for review by the Commission. The printing of these documents, however, will not be undertaken unless they are approved and adopted by the Commission.

The reports of the consulting engineers, subject to the exception, are acceptable to me and in accordance with the provisions of Section 1201 of the General Code, I have approved the alignment and design standards proposed for Ohio Turnpike Project No. 1. The reports are, therefore, presented to the Commission at this time in fulfillment of the request made to the Director of Highways as hereinabove set forth.

Very truly yours,

T. J. Kauer
Director of Highways"

The Chairman stated on behalf of the Commission that it was a great pleasure to receive the reports from the Director of Highways; that he had great confidence in the reports and in the Director of Highways, and that he had every hope that the Commission will be able to take final action on September 4, 1951. With the acquiescence of the Commission the reports were taken under advisement.

A motion was made by Mr. McKay, seconded by Mr. Kauer, that a special meeting be held in Columbus at 10:30 a. m. on August 20, 1951 to hear publicly the proponents of the several types of pavement design; that the speakers be limited to three for each type of pavement and be restricted to twenty minute presentations; and that the Secretary be authorized to make the necessary arrangements. 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, Seasongood, Kauer
Nays, None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Teagarden, seconded by Mr. McKay, that a special meeting be held in Maumee, Ohio at 10:30 a. m. on August 24, 1951 to hear publicly the proponents and opponents of the location proposed for the turnpike in that vicinity; that the Department of Highways and the consulting engineers be appropriately represented at the meeting, that the Director of Highways be prepared to disclose the location of the turnpike in the vicinity of the Maumee River crossing; and that the Secretary be authorized to arrange with the City Manager of Toledo and the Mayor of Maumee as to the details of the meeting. 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, Seasongood, Kauer
Nays, None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. McKay, seconded by Mr. Kauer, that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the engineering reports and other essential turnpike data now or hereafter available be delivered to Bond Counsel and to the Financial Advisor of the Commission.

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, Seasongood, Kauer
Nays, None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. Dennis E. Murphy, representative of the Financial Advisor, stated that the economic feasibility of the turnpike project could be reported upon in a preliminary way on September 15, 1951.

Mr. Henry Crawford, representative of Bond Counsel, had no report.

The Chairman then entertained discussion of the draft of proposed By-laws previously submitted to the Commission and the comments of the several members were referred to Mr. Crawford for further study.

A motion was made by Mr. Teagarden, seconded by Mr. McKay, that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, it is essential that the Commission now consider the employment of a consulting engineer for the construction of Turnpike Project No. 1, and

WHEREAS, the Commission has carefully considered the firms who are qualified to undertake such work,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ohio Turnpike Commission, as a result of such study, that should it be willing to act in such capacity and be employed as Consulting Engineer, the J. E. Greiner Company is hereby requested to submit to the Commission a proposal for its employment in such capacity; provided that reimbursement for services performed shall be payable solely from revenues of the Commission.

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, Seasongood, Kauer
Nays, None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

Mr. Edward Donnelly of the J. E. Greiner Company stated that his firm will be most happy and willing to submit a proposal and expressed gratitude for the confidence in his firm which the Commission had indicated by its action. The Chairman pointed out that the action of the Commission did not imply approval of the engineering report at this time.

A motion was made by Mr. Seasongood, seconded by Mr. Teagarden, that Mr. Shocknessy and Mr. Kauer be authorized to represent the Com-

mission at the opening ceremonies for the Delaware Memorial Bridge at Wilmington on August 15, 1951. 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, Seasongood, Kauer
Nays, None

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. McKay, seconded by Mr. Seasongood, that the Secretary be authorized to make the necessary arrangements for the meeting in Columbus with the Turnpike Commissions of Pennsylvania and Indiana on September 4, 1951. 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, Seasongood, Kauer
Nays, None


The Chairman declared the motion adopted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Kauer, seconded by Mr. McKay, that the meeting adjourn subject to call of 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, Seasongood, Kauer
Nays, None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned. The time of adjournment was 12:00 o'clock noon.

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


T. J. Kauer
Secretary-Treasurer

Sept. 4, 1951