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OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LOCATION, DESIGN AND  
CONSTRUCTION OF AN INTERCHANGE WITH STATE ROUTE 2  
(AIRPORT HIGHWAY) AND THE OHIO TURNPIKE IN THE  
VICINITY OF MILEPOST 52.9 IN LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO

WHEREAS, Revised Code of Ohio, Section 5537.04 (J) provides that this Commission may designate the locations, and establish, limit, and control such points of ingress to and egress from the Ohio Turnpike as are necessary or desirable in the judgment of the Commission and of the Director of Transportation to insure the proper operation and maintenance thereof;

WHEREAS, the Commission, in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration performed Environmental and Engineering Studies to determine, among other things, the location of additional interchanges desirable for operation of the Ohio Turnpike as a toll-free Interstate Highway, and one of the locations so determined is with State Route 2 (Airport Highway) in Lucas County, Ohio;

WHEREAS, the Turnpike has remained and will remain a toll road for longer than was then anticipated which has precluded the construction of a freeway-to-freeway interchange;

WHEREAS, there has been a longstanding interest expressed by local officials and agencies for an interchange between the Turnpike and S.R. 2 to be constructed as soon as possible to improve transportation and access to the area and particularly to the adjoining Toledo Express Airport;

WHEREAS, the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority has proposed to cooperate with the Commission insofar as it can legally and practically in advancing the design, financing for and the construction of an interchange with S.R. 2, and also is willing to include the interchange between the Turnpike and Interstate Route 75 which has been approved previously by the Commission in Resolution No. 4-1987 adopted June 11, 1987;

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes the need and desirability to connect the Turnpike and S.R. 2 without further delay so as to promote the purposes of the Ohio Turnpike Act, particularly as set forth in the Ohio Revised Code, Section 5537.03, and also to relieve congestion on connecting roadways;

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to cooperate and coordinate with the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, the State of Ohio, and other agencies interested and involved in the highway network in the vicinity of the Ohio Turnpike at its intersection with S.R. 2;

WHEREAS, the Commission is willing to perform and fund the design, construction and operation of a toll-type interchange between the Turnpike and S.R. 2, but also wishes to pursue the offer of the Port Authority to assist in the financial arrangements and acquisition of necessary right-of-ways for the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 5537.04 (J) of the Ohio Revised Code, this Commission does hereby formally designate State Route 2 (Airport Highway) as a point of ingress to and egress from the Ohio Turnpike at the approximate crossing of S.R. 2 at milepost 52.9 of the Turnpike in Lucas County, Ohio, subject to the concurrence of the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission's Executive Director be, and hereby he is, authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement between the Commission and the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority to establish and set forth the responsibilities of the respective agencies in carrying out this project, provided, however, that such agreement first shall be approved by the General Counsel and, if the agreement should call for the Port Authority to provide any financing to be reimbursed by the Commission, it shall also be approved by the Commission's fiscal counsel; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the actions of the Executive Director and General Counsel to review the proposals of the Port Authority and to engage the services of consulting firms to represent the Commission hereby are confirmed and ratified; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director be, and hereby he is, directed to pursue and ascertain whether other funds might be available on a timely basis to help finance the construction of the project, and to develop and present to the Commission a funding proposal (or proposals) for the construction of this project and the I-75 project, as previously authorized by Resolution No. 4-1987, at such time as the designs and related cost estimates have progressed sufficiently.

(Resolution No. 1-1988 adopted March 21, 1988)