

MINUTES OF THE 379th MEETING OF THE OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

August 31, 1992

Pursuant to the bylaws, the Ohio Turnpike Commission met in regular session in the Bryan Chamber of Commerce building at 138 S. Lynn Street, Bryan, Ohio, at 11:25 a.m., on August 31, 1992, with key members of the staff; Bruce Gabriel of the fiscal and labor counsel, Squire, Sanders & Dempsey; W. Robson Fleischman, of the consulting engineers, Greiner Engineering, Inc. - Ohio; five members of the media, Pauline Thoma, The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer; Hank Harvey, The (Toledo) Blade; Karl Mauerhan, (Edon) Commercial; Bill Priest, WXCT (AM) and WBNU (FM) Radio, Bryan; and Steven Smith WLZZ (FM) Radio, Montpelier; and others in attendance.

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

Present: M. Ben Gaeth, Jerry Wray, Charles R. Pinzone, Umberto P. Fedeli, Edwin M. Bergsmark, James H. Brennan

Absent: Joseph J. Vukovich

A motion was made by Mr. Bergsmark, seconded by Mr. Fedeli that the minutes of the meeting of June 15, 1992, which had been examined by the Members, be approved without reading.

A vote by ayes and nays was taken and all Members present responded to roll call. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Bergsmark, Mr. Pinzone, Mr. Wray, Mr. Fedeli, Mr. Brennan

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the minutes stood approved with all Members present voting in the affirmative.

The Chairman said the meeting was the 379th meeting of the Ohio Turnpike Commission and it was being held at the Bryan Chamber of Commerce building. He said it was the first time ever that the Commission had met in Bryan and it was being done to emphasize and express the Commission's interest in the communities served by the Turnpike. He said he wanted to thank the Chamber for making the room available to the Commission. He said Representative Vukovich was unable to attend the day's meeting.

The Chairman said he would ask the Executive Director, Allan V. Johnson, to introduce some of the guests at the meeting.

Mr. Johnson said he would begin with the Commission's staff in attendance. He said they were: Diane Pring, secretary in the Legal Department; Leah Fox, ODOT, who helps with the meeting minutes; Barbara Lesko, his secretary; Bob Barnett, Director of Information & Research; Rob Fleischman, Greiner Engineering, Inc.-Ohio, the Commission's general consultants; Jim McGrath, General Counsel; Alan Plain, Deputy Executive Director-Chief Engineer; Pat Patton, Government Liaison Officer; Lou Disantis, Director of Administrative Services; Craig Rudolphy, Comptroller; Don Sharp, Director of Operations; Les Gaines, Minority Business Coordinator; and Hank Williams, Commander of District 10 of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Mr. Johnson said further that also attending the meeting were: Dan Ritzler and Mike Corcoran, Great Lakes/Mid Atlantic Corridor Committee; Pauline Thoma, The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer; Hank Harvey, The (Toledo) Blade; Stewart Fuchs, Goldman Sachs and Company; Steven Smith, WLZZ (FM), Montpelier; Bruce Gabriel, Squire, Sanders & Dempsey; Bill Priest, WQCT (AM) and WBNU (FM), Bryan; Dan Rohr, Bank One Capital; Jim McCarty, Deputy Director for District 2 of ODOT in Bowling Green; Ruth Shafer, UE Secretary; Joyce Bishop, an observer; Dennis Golem, McDonald Securities Company; and Charles Brown, Chase Edward and Associates.

The Chairman said Senator Gaeth had invited a number of local officials and citizens to the meeting and he would now ask the Senator to introduce those individuals.

Senator Gaeth said he would first like to extend his appreciation to the Commission for holding its meeting in Bryan. He said he wanted to introduce some of the people who were active in the creation of the Turnpike interchange with State Route 49. He said they were: Orin Elliott, Edgerton; Dick Letterbein, Letterbein Lumber in Edgerton; John Toner, Eaton Bank; Roger Stroup, in the insurance business in Edgerton; and Karl Mauerhan, publisher of the Edon Commercial.

Senator Gaeth said further that he also wanted to introduce Bill Runkle, Mayor of Bryan, who would introduce the rest of the people from Williams County.

Mr. Runkle said he would like to begin by introducing the three Williams County Commissioners. He said they were Mike Rikenberg, Roseanne Fisher and Paul Brown. He said sitting next to the Commissioners was the Bryan Chamber of Commerce Executive, Jeri Adams. He said he would next introduce the several local mayors at the meeting. He said they were: Lavern Calvin, Village of Stryker; Bill Shatzer, Village of Montpelier; and Dennis Johnston, Mayor of Edgerton.

The Executive Director said he missed introducing Frank Lamb, Huntington National Bank.

The Chairman said that returning to the minutes of the Commission meeting on July 21, 1992, he had a couple of questions to ask about them. He said that on page 5 reference was made to taking a look at the Commission's banking relationships and he thought that it was part of the request for proposal that would be before the Members at the meeting.

Mr. Bergsmark said that item was not in the proposal.

The Chairman said the next question was whether or not anything had been done regarding the rest rooms at the Turnpike service plazas. He said that at the last Commission meeting he and Senator Gaeth had mentioned that they had stopped at a service plaza rest room and found some of the equipment was in need of replacement.

The Executive Director said he had stopped at the service plaza rest room the Chairman had mentioned. He said he had discussed the rest rooms with the Commission's general consultant. He said a list was being prepared of when the equipment was last replaced. He said remodeling of the rest rooms would be in the Turnpike's long-range plan.

The Chairman said he wanted to know about what had been done about installing directional signs on the Turnpike for the Toledo Mudhens baseball stadium.

The Executive Director said he had been discussing those signs with the president of the Mudhens, Mr. Bergsmark. He said he now knew what the wording on the signs should be and the staff would proceed from there.

Mr. Bergsmark said the staff had been working with the city, county and ODOT about placement of trail blazer signs off the Turnpike which would direct travelers to the stadium.

The Chairman said he thought those signs should be in place by next spring.

Mr. Bergsmark said the signs would be in place by then.

The Chairman said further that on page 27 of the minutes Mr. Winzeler's name was misspelled four times. He asked that the spelling be corrected.

Mr. Johnson said that would be done.

The Chairman reported also that the Commission had a limited agenda for the meeting. He said that after the meeting had been adjourned, the Members, staff and others planned to travel to Blakeslee for lunch and then to inspect the new Turnpike interchange at State Route 49 and the relocated Westgate Toll Plaza.

The Chairman said further that before the Members moved to the regular agenda items, there was a matter he wished to discuss and request approval of the Members.

The Chairman said further that for some time that the Commission had indicated that it was positioned to be a catalyst for economic development in the state and, now that the obstacles on both the state and federal levels were removed, the Commission could move ahead to examine the financial aspects of its future activities.

The Chairman said further that the Members of the Commission and the staff were not expert in the field of public finance, nor were they capable of evaluating which firm or firms might be best suited to work on various financials for the Commission. He said that for that reason it was his thought that the Commission should send out a request for proposal for the services of a financial advisor to assist in evaluating a multitude of options which would be presented to the Commission. He said that, to that end, he had taken the liberty of having prepared a request for proposal which he proposed to mail, with the approval of the Commission, to 41 firms, all of whom had an Ohio presence, plus any other firm requesting a proposal, and ask that they be submitted to the Commission by September 21.

The Chairman said further that he had given each one of the Members, and those staff affected, a copy of the draft proposal the morning of the meeting. He said he wanted to read one paragraph of the proposal, as follows:

"Facilities under consideration include a new Maumee River crossing in Toledo, upgrade State (United States) Route 30 to Interstate quality, and extensions to and upgrade to Interstate quality of Interstate Routes 73 and 74."

The Chairman said further that those facilities were in line with what the Commission decided to take a look at last March and the proposal was the next step in the process of moving along with that program.

The Chairman said further that he had given the Members a draft of the request for proposal and he asked that a motion be made so that it could be mailed out.

Mr. Wray said that on the last page of the proposal it said that the Commission would evaluate all the proposals. He wanted to know if that meant all five Members of the Commission.

The Chairman said the Committee on Budget and Finance would do the initial review of the proposals submitted. He said the committee would then come up with a short list of proposals for review by the Members.

Mr. Wray asked how many interviews would the Members be involved in.

The Chairman said he thought there would probably be half a dozen.

Mr. Bergsmark said he thought that would be the number. He said the real thrust of it was the fact that over the next five years the Commission was looking at \$300 to \$500 million in financing to construct those different projects. He said the Commission was looking for financial advisors to analyze some proposals from the different investment banking houses to help assist in developing a financial program.

Mr. Wray said he understood that, as a whole, the Commission was going to be dealing with a short list of proposals.

The Chairman said he did not expect Mr. Wray to review all the proposals that were received, although it would be nice if Mr. Wray would volunteer to do so. He said he expected a short list.

Mr. Wray said that the meeting minutes should note that he did not volunteer to review all the proposals.

A motion to approve the mailing of a request for proposal for the services of a financial advisor was moved for adoption by Mr. Bergsmark, seconded by Mr. Wray.

A vote by ayes and nays was taken and all Members present responded to roll call. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Bergsmark, Mr. Wray, Mr. Pinzone,  
Mr. Fedeli, Mr. Brennan

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion was adopted with all Members present voting in the affirmative.

The Chairman said the request was for the proposals to be in the hands of the Commission by September 21, so it was not something that would drag out for a long period of time. He said he did not know how long it would take to evaluate them, but he hoped the process would move along quickly.

The Chairman said the remaining primary business of the meeting was to act on two resolutions, draft copies of which had been previously sent to the Members and also were in the Members' folders. He said the resolutions would be explained and introduced during the various committee and staff reports.

The Chairman said the report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Bergsmark, would be received.

The Secretary-Treasurer said the following items had been sent to the Members since the last regular meeting of the Commission, July 21, 1992:

- (1) Weekly traffic statistics
- (2) Investment transactions which occurred during July 1992
- (3) Draft of Commission Meeting minutes of July 21, 1992
- (4) Traffic accident analysis for July 1992
- (5) Traffic and Revenue Report for July 1992
- (6) Financial Statement for July 1992
- (7) Budget and Expense Report for the first six months of 1992

The Chairman said the report of the Secretary-Treasurer was accepted as offered. He said the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance would be received.

The chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance, Mr. Bergsmark, said that, in addition to the proposal for a financial advisor, the committee also was examining a request for proposal to take a look at the cash management activities of the Turnpike, as well as establishing the depository relationship pursuant to the Uniform Depository Act. He said that by the next Commission meeting he expected to have a format to take a look at the cash management activities.

The Chairman said the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance was accepted as offered. He ascertained there would be no report from the Committee on Audit/Legal. He said the report of the Committee on Service Plazas would be received.

The chairman of the Committee on Service Plazas, Senator Gaeth, said he thought the Executive Director had brought the Members up to date on plans for replacing the rest room equipment at the Service Plazas.

The Chairman said that, even though the equipment was in need of repair at the rest room he and Senator Gaeth had observed, the facility had a very clean appearance.

The Chairman said the report of the Committee on Service Plazas was accepted as offered. He said the report of the Committee on Employee Relations would be received.

The Chairman of the Committee on Employee Relations, Mr. Fedeli, said the committee had reviewed wage and salary adjustments for certain non-union employees. He said the Members had before them a resolution calling for a salary increase of 5% effective on September 1. He said he would read the resolved of the resolution as follows:

"RESOLVED that the Ohio Turnpike Commission hereby approves the recommendations of the Committee on Employee Relations, which recommendations have had prior approval of the Chairman and the

Executive Director, and adopts such recommendations granting Commission employees who are neither members of the collective bargaining unit nor those employees who currently have a petition before the State Employee Relations Board requesting a representation election, a salary increase of 5% effective September 1, 1992."

The Chairman asked Mr. Rudolphy if it would be more convenient to make the effective date of the salary increase August 31 from the standpoint of payroll purposes.

Mr. Rudolphy said it didn't make any difference.

The Chairman asked how many employees were involved in the group requesting a representation election.

The Executive Director said there were eight employees in the Turnpike radio room.

The Chairman said that, obviously, they could not be affected by the salary increase because of the fact that they would have an election on September 4.

The Executive Director said it was illegal for the Commission to do anything for those employees in the midst of the petitioning for representation election process.

A resolution approving and adopting 1992 wage increases for certain Commission employees was moved for adoption by Mr. Fedeli, seconded by Mr. Pinzone as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 35-1992

"WHEREAS, the Commission, acting through its Committee on Employee Relations, has conducted discussions with representatives of various employee groups, who are not part of the collective bargaining unit, concerning wages and salaries;

"WHEREAS, the Commission's Committee on Employee Relations has made a recommendation to the executive director and the executive director in turn has made a recommendation to the chairman concerning wage and salary adjustments for certain of its employees, who are neither part of the collective bargaining unit nor those employees who currently have a petition pending before the State Employee Relations Board requesting a representation election and the chairman has approved such recommendation;

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

"RESOLVED that the Ohio Turnpike Commission hereby approves the recommendations of the Committee on Employee Relations, which recommendations have had prior approval of

the chairman and the executive director, and adopts such recommendations granting Commission employees who are neither members of the collective bargaining unit nor those employees who currently have a petition before the State Employee Relations Board requesting a representation election, a salary increase of 5% effective September 1, 1992."

A vote by ayes and nays was taken and all Members present responded to roll call. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Fedeli, Mr. Pinzone, Mr. Wray,  
Mr. Bergsmark, Mr. Brennan

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the resolution stood adopted with all Members present voting in the affirmative. The resolution was identified as No. 35-1992.

The Chairman said the report of the Committee on Employee Relations was accepted as offered. He ascertained there would be no report from the Committee on Safety. He said the report of the Executive Director would be received.

The Executive Director said he had a brief report and would begin by explaining and introducing a resolution to award a bid for the Turnpike's salt supply for the upcoming winter season. He said the resolution was entitled resolution concerning award of contract pursuant to invitation No. 3223. He said the contract was for approximately 36,000 tons of sodium chloride. He said it was a routine matter and bids were taken every year. He said the different items were for the eight maintenance buildings and one other storage area between the Sandusky-Norwalk (No. 7) and Lorain-Elyria (No. 8) Interchanges. He said he would read the resolved of the resolution as follows:

"RESOLVED that the bid of North American Salt Company of Overland Park, Kansas, for Items 1, 3 and 6 in the total estimated amount of \$380,767.00 and Morton International, Inc., Morton Salt Division, of Chicago, Illinois, for Items 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9 in the total estimated amount of \$791,917.00 for Invitation No. 3223 are, and are by the Commission deemed to be the lowest responsive and responsible bids received and are accepted and the chairman and executive director, or either of them, is hereby authorized (1) to execute a contract with each successful bidder in the form heretofore prescribed by the Commission pursuant to the aforesaid invitation; (2) to direct the return to the other bidders of their bid security, when appropriate; and (3) to take any and all action necessary to properly carry out the terms of said contract."

The Executive Director said further that the bids had been analyzed by the staff and by the legal department. He said he



was recommending the awards to the low bidder in each instance, and he recommended that the resolution be adopted.

The Chairman asked if the amount of road salt called for in the resolution was about the same amount used each year. He said that, for instance, last winter was rather mild.

The Executive Director said he doubted that 36,000 tons were used the past winter. He said the salt was stored in the salt domes at storage areas at each of the eight maintenance buildings, which each had a capacity of 4,000 tons. He said the costs included freight charges and fees to shoot the salt into the storage domes. He said the total cost was about \$33.00 per ton.

A resolution concerning award of contract pursuant to invitation No. 3223 was moved for adoption by Mr. Pinzone, seconded by Mr. Wray as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 36-1992

"WHEREAS, the Commission has advertised for bids for Invitation No. 3223 for furnishing to the Commission its requirements for sodium chloride estimated at approximately 35,900 tons, and three bids were received in response to that invitation, such bids having been reviewed by the Commission's staff;

"WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the expenditures of the Commission for sodium chloride under Invitation No. 3223 shall exceed \$500,000 and in accordance with Article V, Section 2.10 (16) of the Commission's Code of Bylaws, Commission action is necessary for the award of such contract;

"WHEREAS, the bids were reviewed by the deputy executive director-chief engineer who has stated that the lowest responsive and responsible bid for Items 1, 3 and 6 was submitted by North American Salt Company of Overland, Kansas, in the total amount of \$380,767.00 and for Items, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 by Morton International, Inc., Morton Salt Division of Chicago, Illinois, in the total amount of \$791,917.00 and that both bidders propose to furnish materials and services in accordance with the Commission's specifications;

"WHEREAS, the Commission's general counsel has reviewed the bids received and has advised the Commission that the procedure followed by the Commission in advertising for Invitation No. 3223 is in accordance with Section 5537.07 of the Revised Code of Ohio, and that the bids of North American Salt Company and Morton International, Inc. are the lowest responsive and responsible bids received and that the Commission may legally enter into contracts with North American Salt Company and Morton International, Inc. to furnish sodium chloride in accordance with Invitation No. 3223;

"WHEREAS, the executive director has reviewed the bids received and has recommended to the Commission that contracts be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidders, North American Salt Company and Morton International, Inc.;

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

"RESOLVED that the bid of North American Salt Company of Overland Park, Kansas, for Items 1, 3 and 6 in the total estimated amount of \$380,767.00 and Morton International, Inc., Morton Salt Division, of Chicago, Illinois, for Items 2, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 in the total estimated amount of \$791,917.00 for Invitation No. 3223 are, and are by the Commission deemed to be the lowest responsive and responsible bids received and are accepted and the chairman and executive director, or either of them, is hereby authorized (1) to execute a contract with each successful bidder in the form heretofore prescribed by the Commission pursuant to the aforesaid invitation; (2) to direct the return to the other bidders of their bid security, when appropriate; and (3) to take any and all action necessary to properly carry out the terms of said contract."

A vote by ayes and nays was taken and all Members present responded to roll call. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Pinzone, Mr. Wray, Mr. Fedeli,  
Mr. Bergsmark, Mr. Brennan

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the resolution stood adopted with all Members present voted in the affirmative. The resolution was identified as No. 36-1992.

The Executive Director said further that he had only one other item to mention. He said the week before the Commission meeting there was a meeting of the Turnpike Oversight Committee in Columbus which he, Mr. Plain and Mr. Patton attended on behalf of the Commission. He said he had copies of a statement that he made on behalf of the Commission to the committee on information previously requested by the committee.

The Executive Director said that following presentation of his written statement there had been a rather heated discussion. He said he would give the Members a report on those discussions once notes of the meeting were transcribed. He said one member of the Committee, Representative Rocco Colonna, was rather heated on two matters. He said one concerned the operation of triple combination trucks on the Turnpike and the other was the lack of sound barriers along the Turnpike in his district. He said Senator Gaeth was at that meeting and he might want to comment.

Senator Gaeth said he had been in the legislature long enough to know when somebody gets abusive and when they are not. He said it was the worst display of abuse by a legislator to a person who actually came to testify and answer questions that he had ever witnessed. He said he did think that Mr. Colonna did attempt to apologize after the meeting. He said he sat there in awe because he thought the chairman of the committee should have stopped the abuse, but he did not. He said Mr. Colonna ended his triples statement by saying, "Mr. Johnson, I want to see that the triple trailers are taken off of the Turnpike immediately."

Senator Gaeth said further he thought Mr. Colonna was very, very abusive and he hoped that the situation could be resolved because there was no reason for such abuse. He said he thought Mr. Johnson handled himself as best he could. He said that before the meeting even started Mr. Colonna came up to him and Mr. Johnson and used some very profane language and said, "You can expect that I'm going to get you today."

The Chairman asked if Senator Scott Oelslager was chairing the meeting.

Senator Gaeth said Scott Oelslager was, but did nothing about the situation and he said he thought that was unfortunate.

The Chairman said he thought it would be in order to commend the Executive Director for maintaining his cool under the circumstances.

Mr. Wray asked if Mr. Colonna's objections to the triple trailers had to do with the noise or safety.

The Executive Director said Mr. Colonna claimed it was safety. He said a fatality had occurred on the Turnpike involving one of those units about three weeks before the Committee meeting. He said it was the only fatal accident involving a combination unit on the Turnpike in more than thirty years. He said there were no witnesses to the single-vehicle accident. He said there was some indication that the driver may have hit a wheel that probably came off another vehicle traveling in the opposite direction. He said the wheel probably came across the median like a missile. He said the driver apparently tried to avoid the wheel and lost control of the triple unit. He said it was unfortunate that the driver was killed.

The Executive Director said further that he explained the operation of the triple trailer program at the last meeting of the committee when the Chairman was present. He said it was a very strict permit program. He said the safety record of the program was outstanding.

Mr. Brennan said Mr. Colonna was known to have very bad days and Mr. Johnson said this was one of them.

Mr. Bergsmark said that Indiana allowed triple combinations on its toll road.

Mr. Johnson said that was true and the Ohio Turnpike was not unique with its program.

Mr. Bergsmark asked if, from an economic development standpoint, the existence of the program was why United Parcel Service had big terminals in Ohio and Mr. Brennan said it was the reason UPS had built its terminal at (Exit 4) Maumee.

The Executive Director said it started out as a long-double program, which still continued. He said that if all the safety records were as good as the operation of the long, combination units the staff's jobs would be a lot easier.

The Chairman said it would seem as though the type of vehicle the man was driving didn't have a lot to do with the fact that he lost his life. He said it could have been a delivery truck in the same circumstances.

The Executive Director said freak accidents have happened before on the Turnpike. He said wheels have come off vehicles before and if they are off a tractor-trailer unit, they are virtually missiles.

The Chairman said a county auditor in Lucas County was killed in a similar accident in December 1983 and he was on Reynolds Road, not even close to the Turnpike.

The Executive Director said a Highway Patrol trooper was killed on the Turnpike in an accident involving a loose tire. He said he thought the accident happened prior to Captain Williams' time at the Turnpike. He said it was not something that could be foreseen and certainly not anything that could be prevented.

Mr. Wray asked if Mr. Colonna wanted sound barriers along the Turnpike as it passed throughout his district.

The Executive Director said he did bring up a case about installations that were going up north of Columbus on Interstate Route 71 between Interstate Route 270 and the new Polaris interchange where lanes were being added which he thought was justification to warrant putting sound barriers in a situation where development occurred after the original facility had been built. He said he had said over and over again that most of the Turnpike had been built through rural areas and the things that were next to the Turnpike were built after it was constructed. He said that, unfortunately, in a lot of cases, those developments have been jammed right up next to the Turnpike. He said the developers or property owners then turn around and ask the Commission to do something to correct the noise problem.

The Executive Director said Mr. Colonna made the statement, "If you don't have noise walls up on the Turnpike in my district by next year, I'm gonna introduce legislation to require it." He said Senator Allan Zaleski said, "If you are going to do that, then I want them in my district, too." Senator Zaleski added, "I hope you have the billion dollars it's going to take to do all that."

The Chairman asked if Representative Vukovich had attended the committee meeting.

Senator Gaeth said Representative Vukovich had not attended.

The Chairman said the report of the Executive Director was accepted as offered. He said the report of General Counsel would be accepted.

General Counsel said that as he had mentioned a couple of meetings ago the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals had sustained the Commission's position in the case of Marshall Martin vs. the Commission. He said that subsequent to that decision there was a motion for rehearing filed. He said he had received a notice that the motion had been turned down. He said the Commission was not through with the case, but it continued to get favorable results and he hoped the Commission would come to the end of the line.

The Chairman asked General Counsel to repeat the circumstances of the case.

General Counsel said the Marshall Martin case was a class action suit against the Commission requesting that the Commission pay overtime to certain employees as a result of being "on call." He said it was a case which had been reported in the Wall Street Journal and the Bond Buyer.

The Chairman said the report of General Counsel was accepted as offered. He ascertained there would be no report from the consulting engineers. He asked the Deputy Executive Director-Chief Engineer if he had some comments to make.

Mr. Plain said he wanted to report that the construction projects were coming along well, despite the terrible weather that had occurred through July and August. He said construction at the Westgate project was about a week behind schedule. He said that with favorable weather the project could be brought back to its original schedule.

Mr. Plain said further that work on the Lordstown interchange was proceeding on schedule. He said some time had also been lost on that project due to inclement weather. He said the contractor was to start work on the toll plaza the week of the Commission meeting.

Mr. Plain said further that remodeling work at the maintenance buildings was on schedule and the remainder of the resurfacing work would begin after Labor Day and be completed by November.

The Chairman asked if the recent labor problems at Lordstown had affected construction of the interchange.

Mr. Plain said there were no problems in that area.

The Chairman said there was nobody there at the Lordstown GM Plant due to a strike, but the Commission still wanted to get the interchange built. He said that at some point in time he anticipated that the employees at the plant would return to work before they shut the whole corporation down.

There being no further business before the Commission, a motion was made by Mr. Pinzone, seconded by Mr. Bergsmark, that the meeting adjourn until the next meeting on October 5.

A vote by ayes and nays was taken and all Members present responded to roll call. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Pinzone, Mr. Bergsmark, Mr. Wray,  
Mr. Fedeli, Mr. Brennan

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned. Time of adjournment was 12:04 p.m.

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



Allan V. Johnson  
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer