OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Resolution Approving the Location, Design and Acquisition of Right-of-Way for an Interchange with Baumhart Road and the Ohio Turnpike in the Vicinity of Milepost 136.2 in Lorain County, Ohio

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WHEREAS, there has been a long-standing interest expressed by local officials, agencies and the general public for the construction of an interchange between the Turnpike and Baumhart Road;

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes the need and desirability to connect these roadways so as to facilitate vehicular traffic in the area and to promote the agricultural, commercial, recreational, tourism and industrial development in accordance with Section 5537.03 of the Revised Code;

WHEREAS, the Director of Transportation has concurred in the designation of Baumhart Road as a point of ingress to and egress from the Turnpike;

WHEREAS, the Commission will perform and fund the design, right-of-way acquisition and construction of the interchange between the Turnpike and Baumhart Road with its own financial resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 5537.04 (A)(9) of the Ohio Revised Code, this Commission does hereby formally designate a connection of Baumhart Road as a point of ingress to and egress from the Ohio Turnpike in Lorain County, Ohio;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman and Executive Director are authorized and directed to engage the services of such consulting firm or firms as they deem capable and appropriate to accomplish the expeditious study and design of a toll interchange between Baumhart Road and the Ohio Turnpike and to confer with the Ohio Department of Transportation so as to coordinate such design with any other projects contemplated for this area that would affect the proposed interchange; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission determines hereby that the costs and expenses for the study, design, right-of-way acquisition and construction of the toll-interchange project shall be paid by the Commission;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director be, and hereby he is, directed to develop, along with the Commission's Committee on Budget and Finance and the Commission's Financial Advisor, and present to the Commission a funding proposal for the project at such time as the design and related cost estimates have progressed sufficiently.