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OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Resolution Authorizing Studies of
I-73/I-74 (Great Lakes/Mid-Atlantic Corridor) Project

WHEREAS, I-73/I-74 (the Great Lakes/Mid-Atlantic Corridor) has been identified as a high priority corridor on the National Highway System in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, and (I-73) generally would cross Ohio from Michigan in the Toledo area, traverse through the Columbus area, leave Ohio in the Portsmouth area and includes a branch (I-74) through Southwest Ohio to Cincinnati;

WHEREAS, representatives of the Commission have attended meetings of the Great Lakes/Mid-Atlantic Corridor Committee, which committee has been formed to promote the implementation and completion of this project in Ohio;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Ohio and the Director of the Department of Transportation of this state have strongly urged the Commission to conduct detailed feasibility studies of this project to determine if the construction of the interstate-type highway is feasible;

WHEREAS, the recent amendments to Chapter 5537 of the Revised Code, and in particular, Section 5537.19, empowers the Commission to expend funds for the study of proposed turnpike projects and to employ consulting engineers, traffic engineers, and any other individuals or firms that the Commission considers necessary to properly implement studies of turnpike projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Chairman and the Executive Director hereby are authorized and directed to take timely action to issue a Request for Letters of Interest from qualified parties to conduct feasibility studies for the Project;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman and Executive Director shall advise the Commission concerning the responses to the aforesaid Request and their recommendation thereon.

(Resolution No. 30-1993 adopted August 9, 1993)