

OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Resolution Approving the Location, Design and Acquisition of Right-of-Way for a "Limited Access" Interchange with State Route 109 and the Ohio Turnpike in the Vicinity of Milepost 40.3 in Fulton County

WHEREAS, Revised Code of Ohio, Section 5537.04(A)(9) 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 of the Ohio Turnpike;

WHEREAS, an interchange at State Route 109 was considered as part of comprehensive engineering and environmental studies performed by the Commission between 1979 and 1983 but was eliminated from final consideration, largely because of lack of local support;

WHEREAS, there now is considerable local interest for such an interchange generated by the prospect of economic development projects in Fulton County and the surrounding area, particularly the announcement of a mini-steel mill to be constructed by North Star Steel Company just south of the Turnpike adjacent to State Route 109;

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes the need and desirability to connect these roadways so as to increase access to the turnpike, 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 State Route 109 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 State Route 109 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 formally designate a connection of State Route 109 as a point of ingress to and egress from the Ohio Turnpike in Fulton County, Ohio;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the executive director is authorized and directed to engage the services of such consulting firm or firms, as he deems capable and appropriate, to accomplish the expeditious study and design of a toll interchange between State Route 109 and the Ohio Turnpike to be done contingent upon and to coincide with the construction of the North Star mini-mill, and to confer with the Ohio Department of Transportation and Fulton County officials so as to coordinate such design with any other projects contemplated for this area that would affect the proposed interchange.

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