

**OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION**

**Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director  
to take Further Action Concerning  
Award of Contract for Improvements at  
Interchange 7 and U.S. Route 250 in Erie County**

WHEREAS, in order to remove potential and anticipated hazards on the mainline of the Ohio Turnpike at Interchange 7 and U.S. Route 250 and to facilitate vehicular traffic in the State of Ohio pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code including, but not limited to, Sections 5537.03, 5537.05, 5537.17; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to improve Interchange 7 of the Turnpike providing for the safe flow of ingress and egress to U.S. 250; and

WHEREAS, the improvements to Interchange 7 shall require the replacement of a railroad bridge located just north of Interchange 7 and over U.S. Route 250; and

WHEREAS, the improvements to Interchange 7 shall require widening of U.S. Route 250; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to commence planning, design and construction of this project as soon as possible, and the amount necessary to retain an engineering consulting firm may exceed the authority of the executive director to award and contract;

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to delegate to the executive director authority to take action on behalf of the Commission concerning the award of a contract to an engineering consultant firm to provide planning and design services for improvements to Interchange 7, replacement of a railroad bridge just north of Interchange 7 and over U.S. Route 250, and widening approximately 1,300 feet of U.S. 250 just north of the Interchange 7 ramp; and if such action is deemed necessary prior to the next Commission meeting so that the work called for under a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the services of an engineering consultant can move forward as promptly as possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the authority hereby granted to the executive director and general counsel shall include authority, if deemed appropriate, to execute an agreement with ODOT and any other agency or department, including but not limited to, counties, municipalities or township; and

RESOLVED that the executive director is authorized and directed to prepare and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the services of an engineering consulting firm to assist in implementing this Interchange 7/U.S. 250 project for the Turnpike and to take such other actions as are necessary to proceed with the project, provided, however, that the executive director shall keep the Commission apprised of such action and obtain the approval of the Commission for any actions not authorized to be performed by him under this resolution and the Code of Bylaws;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the executive director may take such action aforesaid provided the chief engineer recommends the award for planning and design services, and the general counsel issues an opinion that the successful bidder complies with all statutory requirements of the State of Ohio and complies with the policies of the Commission; and

RESOLVED that the executive director of the Ohio Turnpike Commission is hereby authorized to take any action necessary concerning award and execution of a contract for planning and design services, prior to the next meeting of the Commission, including the award of contract for such invitation or the rejection of all proposals received in response thereto; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the executive director and the comptroller take any and all necessary action, if appropriate, to designate this Interchange 7/U.S. Route 250 project a System Project under the terms and provisions of the Commission's Master Trust Agreement of 1994 and therefore payable from the System Project Fund.

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