OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Resolution Awarding Contract No. 43-97-14

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly advertised according to law for bids upon a contract for third-lane construction from Milepost 185.32 to Milepost 187.43, which includes the widening of Tinkers Creek Bridge, Milepost 185.6, and the widening of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad Bridges, Milepost 186.0 located in Summit and Portage Counties, Ohio;

WHEREAS, the Commission has received bids from seven bidders for the performance of said contract;

WHEREAS, said bids have been reviewed and analyzed by the Commission's chief engineer, and he has submitted a report concerning such analysis and his report is before the Commission and the Commission's executive director has made his recommendation to the Commission predicated upon such analysis;

WHEREAS, the Commission's minority business enterprise coordinator has reviewed the documents submitted by the bidders and has determined that there is satisfactory evidence of compliance with the Commission's Minority Business Enterprise Program;

WHEREAS, all bids for said contract were solicited on the basis of the same terms and conditions and the same specifications, and the bid of The Ruhlin Company of Sharon Center, Ohio in the amount of \$9,426,881.18 for the performance of Contract No. 43-97-14 has been determined by the Commission to be the lowest responsive and responsible bid received;

WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised by its general counsel that said bid conforms to the requirements of Section 5537.07, Section 9.312 and Section 153.54, all of the Revised Code of Ohio, and that a performance bond with good and sufficient surety has been submitted by The Ruhlin Company;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the bid of The Ruhlin Company of Sharon Center, Ohio, in the amount of \$9,426,881.18 for the performance of Contract No. 43-97-14, is, and is by the Commission, determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bid received for the performance of said contract, and is accepted, and that the chairperson and executive director, or either of them, hereby is authorized (1) to execute a contract with said successful bidder in the form heretofore prescribed by the Commission pursuant to the aforesaid bid; (2) to direct the return to the other bidders of their bid security, when appropriate, and (3) to take any and all action necessary or proper to carry out the terms of said bid and of said contract; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that Project No. 43-97-14 is designated a System Project under the Commission's 1994 Master Trust Agreement.

(Resolution No. 54-1997 adopted October 20, 1997)