

OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

**Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Issue Public Notice
and Hold Public Hearings Regarding Proposal to Close Points
of Ingress to and Egress from the Ohio Turnpike at Interchange No. 2**

WHEREAS, the Commission by Resolution 3-1990 authorized the construction of Interchange No. 2 located at Milepost 2.1 in Williams County, which resolution is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, Interchange No. 2 was constructed to permit unrestricted access off of the Turnpike on to State Route 49 which intersects State Route 20; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised by the director of transportation that increased commercial vehicular traffic on to State Route 49 and State Route 20 from the Turnpike has created traffic congestion in this area of the State, which congestion has also impacted the condition of these public roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been advised by the State Highway Patrol that the unrestricted access off of the Turnpike at Interchange No. 2 is being utilized by commercial trucking carriers that exceed the weight limitations permitted by state law for traffic on State roadways and highways; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is authorized by the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 5537.04(A)(9) to designate the locations and establish, control and limit the points of ingress to and egress from the Turnpike as are necessary or desirable in the judgment of the Commission and of the director of transportation to ensure the proper operation and maintenance of the Turnpike, and vehicular traffic on the State's public roads and highways; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to close the westbound entrance ramp from State Route 49 and the eastbound exit ramp to State Route 49 from the Turnpike, and to take other measures as may be necessary at Interchange No. 2 in order to ensure the proper operation and maintenance of the Turnpike, and to alleviate traffic congestion on State Routes 49 and 20.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Commission hereby authorizes the executive director, or his designee, to issue a public notice of its intention to close the westbound entrance ramp from State Route 49 onto the Turnpike, and the eastbound exit ramp to State Route 49 from the Turnpike, and to hold two (2) public hearings regarding the proposal at such locations within the vicinity of Interchange No. 2, during such days and times that the executive director deems appropriate so as to encourage public comment on the proposal and to take any other measures as may be necessary at Interchange No. 2 in order to ensure the proper operation and maintenance of the Turnpike and to alleviate traffic congestion on State Routes 49 and 20; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the executive director shall present a report to the Commission after issuing the notice and conducting the public hearings regarding the proposal.

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