

OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Resolution Providing for a Uniform Speed Limit for the Entire Ohio Turnpike

WHEREAS, the Commission is authorized to establish such rules, as it considers advisable for the control and regulation of traffic on the Turnpike pursuant to the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 5537.16, and pursuant to its rules has the authority to determine what the posted speed limit shall be along the Turnpike; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to take those reasonable measures necessary to encourage more commercial motor carriers to use the Turnpike, and in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation is studying additional measures to increase such traffic on the Turnpike, including, but not limited to, financial incentives that comply with the Commission's statutory and legal obligations, and increased enforcement efforts on the routes that run parallel to and are within the corridor of the Turnpike; and

WHEREAS, the Commission and the Ohio Department of Transportation expect to make recommendations to the Governor within the next sixty (60) days with respect to additional measures that can be taken to encourage more commercial motor carriers to use the Turnpike; and

WHEREAS, the chief engineer has advised the Commission that the Turnpike was designed to safely accommodate a uniform speed limit of 65 MPH for all types of vehicles traveling on the Turnpike, and that a higher speed limit for commercial motor vehicles will not jeopardize safe travel on the Turnpike; and

WHEREAS, the rules of the Commission restrict heavy commercial vehicles from using certain traffic lanes on the Turnpike, and signs along the Turnpike notify heavy commercial vehicles of this restriction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Commission hereby authorizes the executive director and chief engineer to post a uniform speed limit of **65 MPH** for all vehicles on the entire Turnpike **effective September 8, 2004**, and to take such additional measures as necessary in cooperation with the Ohio State Highway Patrol to ensure the enforcement of the posted speed limit, lane restrictions and such other provisions of state law as are necessary to ensure the safety of the traveling public on the Turnpike.

(Resolution No. 42-2004 adopted August 23, 2004)

I, Gary C. Suhadolnik, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of the Ohio Turnpike Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the aforesaid resolution which was duly adopted at a meeting of the Commission, duly called for and convened and held on August 23 2004, at which a quorum was at all times present and voting.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Ohio Turnpike Commission on this 23rd day of August, 2004.

Gary C. Suhadolnik
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer