

OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Resolution Approving the Acquisition of Right-of-Way for Construction of Service Plaza Facilities in Fulton County

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Sections 5537.03 and 5537.04 authorizes the Commission to maintain, construct and operate the Ohio Turnpike System, including those service facilities it deems necessary to operate Ohio Turnpike; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to continually provide for the transportation needs of Ohio travelers and to effectively operate and maintain the Ohio Turnpike and its service plaza facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Commission constructed the Indian Meadow and Tiffin River Service Plazas at Milepost 20.8 in Williams County, and the Oak Openings and Fallen Timbers Service Plazas Services Plazas at Milepost 49.0 in Lucas County, as part of the original construction of the Ohio Turnpike, which service facilities have not been reconstructed since their opening and are in need of significant repair and renovation; and

WHEREAS, the executive director has recommended that the Commission not replace or reconstruct the Indian Meadow, Tiffin River, Oak Openings and Fallen Timbers Service Plazas due to well established traffic and travel patterns in this region of the Ohio Turnpike; and

WHEREAS, the executive director has recommended that the Commission develop plans for the location, design and site development of one set of service facilities located in Fulton County which would replace the two sets of service facilities in Williams and Lucas Counties in order to more efficiently serve the needs of the traveling public using the Ohio Turnpike; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 5537.06 to acquire such property as it deems necessary for the operation of the Ohio Turnpike System, and the Commission desires to begin the process to acquire the necessary properties, and to begin discussions with the appropriate state and local officials for the construction of service plaza facilities in Fulton County; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 5537.13 to contract for the operation of service facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the executive director and general counsel hereby are authorized and directed to take any and all action necessary to begin the process for acquiring the necessary properties and to begin discussions with the appropriate state and local officials for the designation of locations for a new set of service plazas in Fulton County; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the executive director is authorized to issue requests for qualifications to prospective service plaza operators in order to further proceed with the development of design plans for these service plazas.

(Resolution No. 24 -2005 adopted May 16, 2005)