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OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director To Implement Temporary Flat Toll Rate in the Event of an Emergency

WHEREAS, the Commission, by Resolution 38-1955, established a schedule of tolls and classifications of weight which was effective October 1, 1955, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Commission by Resolutions 40-1956, 16-1981, 16-1995, 18-1995, 56-1995, 59-1995, and 40-2003 has adopted several different revisions in the schedules of toll rates which imposed changes in the schedules of toll rates then in effect; and

WHEREAS, the 1994 Master Trust Agreement, as amended and supplemented by fourteen supplemental trust agreements, allows the Commission to make a temporary change to the schedule of tolls that it deems to be necessary and proper, so long as the Comptroller/Chief Financial Officer certifies that the Commission will not fail to comply with the debt service requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been directed to a prepare a Continuity of Operations Plan pursuant to the Governor's Cabinet Advisory No. 06-235 in order to ensure the continuous provision of essential services by all State Departments, Boards and Commissions in the event an emergency is declared pursuant to the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 5502.24; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's staff have prepared a Continuity of Operations Plan that sets forth policies and procedures to be followed in the event an emergency is declared in order to ensure that the Turnpike System is open and operational, and in order to assure the safety and security of customers on the System; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 5537.26(D) permit the Commission to implement a temporary reduction in the schedule of tolls upon issuing a public notice and holding a public meeting regarding its intent to implement a temporary reduction in the toll rate schedule; and

WHEREAS, the executive director has advised the Commission that it may be necessary to implement a flat toll rate in the event of an emergency in order to keep the Turnpike open and operational as outlined in the attached proposal and only for such period of time as may be necessary to resume minimum staffing levels or until the next regular or special meeting of the Commission is held; and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller/Chief Financial Officer has reported that the proposed flat toll rates set forth in the attached proposal represents an overall aggregate decrease in the current toll rates for all classes of vehicles traveling on the Turnpike.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby authorizes the executive director to issue public notice and hold a public meeting in accordance with the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 5537.26(D) regarding its intention to implement a flat toll rate as outlined in the attached proposal in the event an emergency is declared under Ohio Revised Code Section 5502.24 and the implementation of such flat toll rate is necessary to keep the Turnpike System open and operational; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the executive director shall prepare a report to the Commission after issuing public notice and holding the public meeting required by law.

(Resolution No. 20-2006 adopted June 26, 2006)

Ohio Turnpike Commission – Proposed Emergency Flat Rate Plan in the Event of an Emergency

A Continuity of Operations Plan has been developed that will ensure that the Ohio Turnpike remains open and operational in the event of an emergency. In the event of an emergency, the Commission is prepared to implement the following flat toll rates regardless of the distance traveled:

Passenger vehicles (Ready Toll/Charge Cards only)	\$0.50
Passenger vehicles (cash)	\$1.00
Single unit trucks and buses	\$5.00
Tractor-trailers and LCV's	\$10.00

Charge account and Ready Toll customers may continue to use their cards, but will be charged according to the above rates. The detailed report that will accompany the charge account invoice or Ready Toll statement will not indicate the entry point or weight class of the vehicle, but will include the location, date and time of exit, along with the appropriate toll from the categories listed above. Although drivers may still use their charge cards, the Commission prefers that tolls be paid in cash to facilitate the movement of traffic.

If customers experience any difficulty entering or exiting the Turnpike system during an emergency, they should contact the Commission's administrative offices at (440) 234-2081 for assistance, or the Ohio State Highway Patrol at (440) 234-2096 in the case of an emergency.

I, Gary C. Suhadolnik, Executive Director 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 June 26, 2006, at which a quorum was at all times present and voting.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Ohio Turnpike Commission on this _____ day of June, 2006.

Gary C. Suhadolnik
Executive Director