

OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Sixteen Portable Changeable Message Boards in the Total Amount of \$246,928.00 Under the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine issued Executive Order 2020-01D declaring a State of Emergency for the entire State of Ohio in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, during the State of Emergency, the Commission continued operations as Essential Infrastructure and Essential Governmental Functions under orders issued by the Director of Health, specifically the “Director’s Stay Safe Ohio Order,” dated April 30, 2020, and the “Updated and Revised Order for Business Guidance and Social Distancing,” dated May 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2021, the Director of Health rescinded several health orders, including those under which the Commission was continuing its operations, and issued a new order titled “Director’s Order for Social Distancing, Facial Coverings and Non-Congregating” which was amended on April 8, 2021 and contains requirements applicable to all Ohioans to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including requirements for wearing face coverings, social distancing, congregating, sanitation, large gatherings, signage (i.e., requiring masks), ventilation in buildings accessible to the public, procedures for confirmed cases, and more; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer recommends that the Commission finds and determines that the purchase of sixteen portable changeable message boards approved pursuant to this Resolution is necessary for the Commission to continue its operations and that all activities required to participate in the contract described herein shall comply with the requirements of the “Director’s Amended Order for Social Distancing, Facial Coverings and Non-Congregating,” as may be amended from time to time, unless or until such order is lifted entirely; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is authorized to participate in contracts awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) for the purchase of machinery, materials, supplies, or other articles under Ohio Revised Code Section 5513.01(B); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer has determined that the purchase of sixteen portable changeable message boards is necessary for maintaining traffic on the Ohio Turnpike in a safe and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, the Maintenance Department staff has recommended that the best equipment available to perform its operations is the American Signal CMS-T333 full matrix message boards with cellular telecommunications and GPS; and

WHEREAS, the portable changeable message boards are available for acquisition through the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program, under ODOT Contract No. 048-21A from Lightle Enterprises of Ohio, LLC, of Frankfort, Ohio, in the amount of \$15,433.00 each for a total price of \$246,928.00; and

WHEREAS, Commission action is necessary under Article V, Section 1.00 of the Commission’s Code of Bylaws because the expenditure required to purchase the sixteen portable changeable message boards exceeds \$150,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director and Chief Engineer have reviewed the recommendation of the Maintenance Department and concur with the recommendation that the Commission approve the purchase of the sixteen portable changeable message boards from Lightle Enterprises of Ohio, LLC through the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission that the purchase of sixteen portable changeable message boards, specifically the American Signal CMS-T333 full matrix message board with cellular telecommunications and GPS, from Lightle Enterprises of

Ohio, LLC, of Frankfort, Ohio, through the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program under Contract No. 048-21A, in the total amount of \$246,928.00, is approved; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission finds and determines that all activities required to purchase sixteen portable changeable message boards from Lightle Enterprises of Ohio, LLC, of Frankfort, Ohio, through the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program under Contract No. 048-21A, as authorized above, shall comply with the requirements of the “Director’s Amended Order for Social Distancing, Facial Coverings and Non-Congregating,” as may be amended from time to time, unless or until such order is lifted entirely.

(Resolution No. 19-2021 adopted April 19, 2021)