

## **OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION**

### **Resolution Extending the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission's Business Inclusion Program for an Additional Six-Month Period**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 43-2016, adopted on June 20, 2016, the Commission established a Small, Minority and Disadvantaged Business Inclusion Program (the "Program") with the purpose of "...ensuring there are equal opportunities for small, minority and otherwise disadvantaged businesses [i.e., veteran owned businesses] to participate in the Commission's business transactions, preventing its contracting dollars from disparately affecting disadvantaged businesses, and eliminating the effects of discrimination on competition for its contracting opportunities;" and

WHEREAS, the Program was authorized for an initial period of six (6) years, subject to review and reauthorization by the Commission, and that initial six (6) year period expired as of June 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 35-2022, adopted May 16, 2022, the Commission extended the Program for an interim period of one (1) year until June 19, 2023, to allow time for the Commission to complete an Availability Study and present to the Commission a formal request to reauthorize the Program with best practice changes to ensure the Program continues to serve its intended purpose; and

WHEREAS, Commission staff presented the proposed Program updates to the Commission at its meeting on May 15, 2023, and the Commission members asked questions and requested additional information; and

WHEREAS, to allow adequate time to address the Commission members' questions, Commission staff is requesting that the current Program be extended for an additional 6-month period, until December 19, 2023, to provide time for the Commission members and staff to consider the proposed Program updates; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director recommends that the Commission extend the Program for an additional 6-month period until December 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered such recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby extends the Commission's current Business Inclusion Program for an additional six-month period, retroactive to June 19, 2023, through December 19, 2023, to allow sufficient time for the consideration of proposed Program updates to include in a formally reauthorized program.

**(Resolution No. 50-2023 adopted June 20, 2023)**