

# OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

## **Resolution Ratifying the Selection of Suburban Maintenance & Construction, Inc. for Emergency Bridge Project No. 99-23-06 (Phase B) in the Amount of \$1,129,645.00**

WHEREAS, in the early morning of January 6, 2023, a commercial truck accident resulted in a fire underneath the State Route 15 bridge over the Ohio Turnpike, at Milepost 13.2 (the Bridge"), in Williams County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, based on preliminary review, the Chief Engineer determined it was safest to close the Bridge until an inspection could be performed and Ohio Department of Transportation ("ODOT") and state and local law enforcement assisted with detouring traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission's ("Commission") consultant, AECOM Technical Services, Inc. ("AECOM"), inspected the Bridge and recommended keeping the northbound lanes of the Bridge closed and ODOT set up temporary traffic control devices; and

WHEREAS, AECOM's inspection found a bowed diaphragm, severe beam haunch spalling, extensive delaminated concrete on the columns and cap of the shoulder pier, three (3) beam lines with buckled bearing stanchion stiffeners and four (4) beam lines with melted/failed lines and based on these findings, AECOM recommended continuing to keep all but the southbound lanes of the Bridge closed; and

WHEREAS, AECOM prepared permanent repair plans and specifications and the work was planned for two phases: (1) Phase A (Replacement of damaged structural steel members, including: bearing load plates, stanchions, and elastomeric pads; maintenance of traffic; and all other items incidental to the completion of the work); and (2) Phase B (repair portions of structure and replacement of damaged structural steel members, including bearing load plates, connection plates, elastomeric pads, painting; maintenance of traffic; and all other items incidental to the completion of the work); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5537.07(G)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Commission may contract for the purchase of equipment, materials, and services without public advertisement "[w]hile responding to circumstances created by an extraordinary emergency, as determined by the commission;" and

WHEREAS, based on the circumstances and pursuant to Section 5537.07(G)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Executive Director determined the condition of the bridge to be an extraordinary emergency and authorized staff to proceed with obtaining bids to perform the required repair work; and

WHEREAS, given the present emergency, the Commission solicited competitive bids from seven (7) contractors for Bridge Repair (Phase A), at State Route 15 over the Ohio Turnpike at Milepost 13.2 in Williams Count, Ohio, designated as Project No. 99-23-06 (Phase A); and

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was received on February 9, 2023, and it was reviewed and analyzed by the Commission's Chief Engineer, who submitted a report identifying the lowest responsive and responsible bidder as Suburban Maintenance & Construction, Inc., which bidder submitted a bid in the amount of \$147,850.00 for Phase A of Project No. 99-23-06; and

WHEREAS, under the authority of Article V, Section 1.00 of the Code of Bylaws, the Executive Director authorized the award of a contract to Suburban Maintenance & Construction, Inc. under Project No. 99-23-06 (Phase A) in the amount of \$147,850.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer reports that Suburban Maintenance & Construction, Inc. has successfully completed the Phase A work on the Project which opened the northbound lanes of the Bridge to traffic, but this was a temporary repair; and

WHEREAS, given the present emergency, the Commission solicited competitive bids from seven (7) contractors for Bridge Repair (Phase B), at State Route 15 over the Ohio Turnpike at

Milepost 13.2 in Williams Count, Ohio, designated as Project No. 99-23-06 (Phase B) (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, no bids were received, and based on staff inquiries with potential bidders, some bidders had concerns about the location of the work site, the lead time for materials, and the schedule; however one potential bidder, Suburban Maintenance & Construction, Inc. expressed interest in submitting a bid, subject to the Commission answering a few questions about the Project, which the Commission addressed; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2023, Suburban Maintenance & Construction, Inc. submitted a bid in the amount of \$1,129,645.00, which the Commission’s Chief Engineer reviewed and identified the bid as the lowest responsive and responsible bid to perform the necessary services for the Project; and

WHEREAS, Suburban Maintenance & Construction, Inc. has submitted a performance bond with good and sufficient surety and all other documentation required by the Commission in the award of construction contracts; and

WHEREAS, due to the emergency nature of these repairs, a contract award was authorized by the Executive Director, and the Chief Engineer authorized Suburban Maintenance & Construction, Inc. to proceed with performing said repairs; and

WHEREAS, Commission action is necessary to ratify the contract in accordance with Article V, Section 1.00 of the Commission’s Bylaws because the amount of the bid received will require expenditures that will exceed \$150,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered such recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission that the damage to the bridge as described in the recitals constitutes circumstances created by an extraordinary emergency under Section 5537.07(G)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission that the bid of Suburban Maintenance & Construction, Inc. for Project No. 99-23-06 (Phase B) in the amount of \$1,129,645.00 is approved as the lowest responsive and responsible bid received, and the contract previously awarded by the Executive Director for said emergency repairs is hereby ratified by the Commission, and the Executive Director is authorized to take any and all action necessary and proper to carry out the terms of said bid and of said contract.

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