

OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Execute Agreement with Ohio Department of Development to Accept Diesel Emission Reduction Grant Funds

WHEREAS, the Commission is authorized by Section 5537.04(A)(12) to receive and accept federal grant funds for or in aid of the maintenance or operation of the Turnpike; and

WHEREAS, the Commission staff submitted an application to the Ohio Department of Development for grant funds awarded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program in conjunction with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which funds are to be used for the purpose of reducing fuel consumption, operating vehicles on biodiesel fuel, and reducing fuel emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been notified by the Ohio Department of Development that it is eligible to receive the federal grant funds in the total amount up to \$789,600 with a cost share by the Commission in the amount up to \$1,800,000 to replace, purchase or install equipment utilized by the Maintenance Department as detailed below:

Group 1- Up to \$600,000, (25% of total Group 1 cost) to be utilized for the replacement of sixteen (16) tandem-axle dump trucks with eight (8) new tandem-axle dump trucks having an improved snow plow design that meet 2010 emission standards, each with fuel operated cab heater;

Group 2- \$23,400 to be utilized for installation of fuel operated cab heaters and install diesel oxidation catalyst mufflers on six (6) single-axle dump trucks;

Group 3- \$98,000 to be utilized for installation of fuel operated cab heaters in forty-nine (49) single-axle dump trucks; and

Group 4- \$68,200 to be utilized for installation of diesel multi-stage filters on two (2) single-axle dump trucks and diesel oxidation catalyst mufflers on thirty (30) single-axle dump trucks.

WHEREAS, the Executive Director and Chief Engineer have recommended that the Commission participate in this program in order to improve the overall fuel efficiency and reduce the fuel emissions of its existing snow and ice removal equipment, and enhance the efficiency of its roadway maintenance operations on a long-term basis; and

WHEREAS, the Commission must execute a grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Development to receive the grant funds and the General Counsel has advised the Commission that it may lawfully enter into an agreement to accept federal grants funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Development as a sub-grantee for the federal funds available under the American Recovery Reinvestment Act of 2009 for the National Clean Diesel Fuel Program subject to the legal department's review of the grant agreement; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Executive Director and the Chief Engineer are authorized to take those actions necessary to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the grant agreement subject to the limitations set forth in Article V of the Commission's Code of Bylaws; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Executive Director and the Chief Engineer shall report to the Commission regarding the results of the program.

(Resolution No. 30-2009 adopted November 16, 2009)