

OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

Resolution Approving an Agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation to Contribute \$1,500,000.00 Towards the Project Costs for Replacing the State Route 164 Bridge Over the Ohio Turnpike

WHEREAS, Section 5501.03(A)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) to coordinate its activities with other appropriate state departments, public agencies and authorities, and enter into any contracts with such departments, agencies, and authorities as may be necessary to carry out its duties, powers, and functions; and

WHEREAS, Section 5537.04(A)(11) of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (“Commission”) to make all contracts and agreements necessary to the performance of its duties and the execution of its powers; and

WHEREAS, Section 5537.17(A) of the Ohio Revised Code requires that the Commission maintain and keep the Turnpike in good condition and repair, which includes the structural members of bridges carrying public roads across grade separations from the Turnpike; and

WHEREAS, ODOT determined that it is in the public interest and for the benefit of public safety to make improvements to Interstate Route 680 by adding an interchange with State Route 164 in Mahoning County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the addition of an interchange between Interstate Route 680 and State Route 164 will require a wider bridge structure than is currently in place carrying traffic on State Route 164 over the Ohio Turnpike, and ODOT has determined that replacing the existing bridge with a shorter, 4-span structure is more cost effective than expanding the current bridge to accommodate the expected increased traffic resulting from the new interchange; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer concurs with ODOT that replacing the Commission’s existing State Route 164 bridge over the Ohio Turnpike will eliminate the need for the Commission to replace the bridge deck, which is scheduled to take place within the next five years, and the responsibility to rehabilitate the structure for the foreseeable future as part of its maintenance and repair obligations under Section 5537.17(A) of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the value of the cost avoidance to the Commission resulting from the new State Route 164 bridge over the Ohio Turnpike is estimated in the amount of \$1,500,000.00, which is included in the 2017 Capital Improvement Budget approved by the Commission through Resolution No. 71-2016, and the Chief Engineer recommends that the Commission agree to contribute those funds for ODOT to undertake the project using contractors selected through competitive process provided under Ohio law; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has reviewed the recommendation and concurs that contributing towards the project will serve as a cost-effective means to maintain and keep the Turnpike in good condition and repair; and

WHEREAS, Commission action is requested to approve the agreement with ODOT in accordance with Article V, Section 1.00 of the Commission’s Bylaws because the expenditure amount exceeds \$50,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered such recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED by the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission that entering into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation to fund a portion of the project cost for replacing the overhead bridge for State Route 164 at a cost to the Commission in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 is approved.

(Resolution No. 31-2017 adopted June 19, 2017)