



## *News from the Ohio Turnpike*

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### ***Turnpike Awards Contracts for Construction and Maintenance***

#### *Reminder for travelers: Move over or slow down in work zones*

April 29, 2014 (Berea) – The Ohio Turnpike & Infrastructure Commission (OTIC) announced awards for construction and maintenance contracts at its April 21 meeting.

Included among the contracts was an award to Aero-Mark, Inc., of Streetsboro, Ohio, in the amount of \$637,000 to furnish and apply retro-reflective pavement markings on the entire Ohio Turnpike mainline roadway and its Interchange ramps.

The Commission also authorized participation in the Ohio Department of Transportation's Cooperative Purchasing Program for Sodium Chloride (rock salt) for the 2014/2015 Snow & Ice Season. The Commission is planning to purchase 82,200 tons of road salt at an estimated cost of \$2.6 million. During the past winter, the Turnpike used 99,237 tons of rock salt, a new record.

In other action, the Commission approved a \$1.75 million contract with Suburban Maintenance and Construction, Inc., to rehabilitate 14 bridges over the Turnpike in Fulton and Lucas Counties.

"These contract awards put Ohioans to work and help keep the Turnpike safe and modern," said Executive Director Rick Hodges. "When you travel the Ohio Turnpike, please be cautious in our work zones. Please move over or slow down to avoid a tragedy and a ticket."

This season, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and OTIC will operate more than 2,000 work zones on roadways around the state. OTIC encourages customers to follow it on

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REMINDER: When driving through work zones, motorists can increase safety by following these simple tips:

- Stay alert and give driving your full attention;
- Follow all posted signs and obey flaggers;
- Don't tailgate or speed; most crashes in work zones are rear-end collisions;
- Expect the unexpected;
- Beware that normal traffic patterns may be shifted.

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The Ohio Turnpike is a 241-mile toll road offering one of the safest, best and most convenient routes for motorists to reach east/west destinations along the northern corridor of Ohio. The Ohio Turnpike & Infrastructure Commission provides excellent customer service and amenities to meet travelers' wants and needs, including state-of-the-art service plazas, a variety of restaurant choices, and routine maintenance for a smooth, pleasant trip. For a better travel experience, choose the Ohio Turnpike.

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