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New Executive Director Appointed to Turnpike Commission

Berea, OH (Wednesday, November 2, 2011) The Ohio Turnpike Commission today voted to appoint Rick Hodges as Executive Director. Hodges will assume the role on November 7, 2011 and will be responsible for managing the Turnpike's day-to-day business operations.

"It is exciting to have Rick Hodges join us as the Executive Director of the Ohio Turnpike Commission," said Chairman Jerry Hruba. "His extensive knowledge of the Turnpike as a former commission member and regular Turnpike customer will serve Ohioans well. He possesses vast business and legislative experience as a former state Representative from northwest Ohio and he understands how important the Turnpike is to Ohio's economy and the customers it serves."

During his tenure in the Ohio House of Representatives (1993-1999), Hodges chaired the House Commerce and Labor Committee and served on the House Transportation and Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation Oversight committees. He also served on the Ohio Turnpike Commission.

Hodges worked as Executive Vice President of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Northwest Ohio from 2000-2005. He then served as Chief Executive Officer for the Tucson, Ariz. Association of REALTORS®, and helped lead a community effort to pass a \$2 billion fundamental restructuring of the region's transportation system.

Currently he is the Director of Legislative Development and Operational Reform at the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation.

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