

OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

Resolution Expressing Support for the Turnpike Mitigation Program

WHEREAS, Am. Sub. H.B. 51, effective July 1, 2013, contained provisions under which the Director of Transportation was authorized to establish a “turnpike mitigation program” to “assist political subdivisions through which a portion of the Ohio Turnpike passes and address concerns resulting from the proximity of the Ohio Turnpike;” and

WHEREAS, “the program may provide monetary and other resources, and shall address conditions including bridge embankments, drainage, bridge repair, grade separations, noise mitigation and other related conditions;” and

WHEREAS, the Director of Transportation has conducted a process whereby affected political subdivisions were invited to submit applications for projects to be funded by ODOT under the Turnpike Mitigation Program; and

WHEREAS, forty-one project applications were timely received by ODOT, which were then reviewed and evaluated by ODOT staff in consultation with a representative from the Commission’s Engineering staff; and

WHEREAS, the project applications were then ranked to determine which projects would be selected for the limited amount of funding available under the Program; and

WHEREAS, of the forty-one applications received, ODOT has announced sixteen project awards for the performance of bridge embankment repairs, pavement improvements, guardrail repairs and/or replacement, and drainage/storm sewer improvements; and

WHEREAS, twelve of the forty-one applications received were for noise barrier projects, five of which ODOT has identified for further investigation and study prior to advancement in the process; and

WHEREAS, the Commission wishes to applaud the efforts undertaken by ODOT to conduct a fair and equitable process under which communities were given the opportunity to apply for projects to be funded under the Turnpike Mitigation Program; and

WHEREAS, the Commission further desires to express its support for the Turnpike Mitigation Program development and the projects to be funded by ODOT thereunder, and looks forward to working with ODOT to successfully accomplish the goals of the Program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission, with this Resolution, hereby applauds the efforts undertaken by ODOT to conduct a fair and equitable process under which communities were given the opportunity to apply for projects to be funded under the Turnpike Mitigation Program; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby expresses its support for the Turnpike Mitigation Program development and the projects to be funded by ODOT thereunder, and looks forward to working with ODOT in successfully accomplishing the goals of the Program; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of said Resolution shall be sent to the Director of Transportation, and to the Chief Executive Officer of each local jurisdiction that will be awarded an ODOT-recommended project.

(Resolution No. 33-2014 adopted June 16, 2014)