



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5595.04 Powers of governing board.

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Legislation: House Bill 33

The governing board of a regional transportation improvement project may do any of the following:

- (A) Make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its functions and the execution of its powers under this chapter and in accordance with the cooperative agreement and, if applicable, the memorandum of understanding. The procuring of goods and awarding of contracts with a cost in excess of fifty thousand dollars shall be done in accordance with the competitive bidding procedures established for boards of county commissioners by sections 307.86 to 307.91 of the Revised Code.
- (B) Sue and be sued in its own name, plead and be impleaded, provided any actions against the governing board or the regional transportation improvement project shall be brought in the court of common pleas of a county that is a party to the cooperative agreement or in the court of common pleas of the county in which the cause of action arose, and all summonses, exceptions, and notices shall be served on the governing board by leaving a copy thereof at its principal office with a member of the governing board or an employee or agent thereof;
- (C) Employ or retain persons as are necessary in the judgment of the governing board to carry out the project, and fix their compensation;
- (D) Acquire by purchase, lease, lease-purchase, lease with option to purchase, or otherwise any property necessary, convenient, or proper for the construction, maintenance, repair, or operation of one or more transportation improvements and, if applicable, one or more opportunity corridor improvements. The governing board may pledge net revenues, to the extent permitted by this chapter with respect to bonds, to secure payments to be paid by the governing board under such a lease, lease-purchase agreement, or lease with option to purchase. Title to real and personal property shall be held in the name of the governing board. Except as provided under section 5595.041 of the Revised Code, the governing board is not authorized to acquire property by appropriation.



(E) Issue securities to pay for the costs of transportation improvements and opportunity corridor improvements pursuant to section 5595.05 of the Revised Code;

(F) If the regional transportation project was undertaken pursuant to section 5595.02 of the Revised Code before March 23, 2018, the effective date of the amendment of this section by S.B. 8 of the 132nd general assembly:

(1) Create a transportation financing district and declare improvements to parcels within the district to be a public purpose and exempt from taxation as provided under section 5709.48 of the Revised Code;

(2) Negotiate and enter into voluntary agreements under section 5709.481 of the Revised Code that impose assessments on real property located in a transportation financing district.