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September 3, 2008

Mr. John F. Sullivan, III
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
310 New Bern Avenue
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Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-1418

Dear John:

As you know, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) designated the Northern Wake Expressway from NC 55 eastward to the proposed *Knightdale Bypass* as a future addition to the Interstate System on June 6, 1996. This action was approved under 23 USC 139(b). FHWA concurred with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials April 21, 1996 approval of route I-540 for this facility. Also, part of the project, from I-40 northeastward to US 70 (5.0 mile) was designated as an addition to the Interstate System under 23 USC 139(a) on that date due to its impending completion.

The section from Falls of the Neuse Rd. (Secondary Road 2000) eastward to US 1 (3.89 miles) was completed in August of 2002. This completed the 12.84 mile portion of the Expressway from US 70 eastward to US 1. This portion of interstate was approved in February 2003 under 23 USC 103(c)(4)(A).

The next segment of this Expressway from US 1 to US 64/ US 264, approximately 9.5 miles (see attached map), has been completed. This facility was designed and built to interstate standards. We request your approval of the next portion of the Expressway as an addition to the Interstate System under 23 USC 103(c)(4)(A).

We plan to submit an application to the Route Numbering Committee of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) at the October 2008 meeting for the addition of Interstate route number I-540 along this section. We understand that approval is needed by both FHWA and AASHTO for the Interstate addition.

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We would appreciate your favorable consideration of this request and prompt submission to your Washington office for coordination with AASHTO. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WFR' followed by a flourish.

W. F. Rosser, P.E.
State Highway Administrator

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Attachments

cc: Secretary Lyndo Tippet, w/attachments
Nina S. Szlosberg, Board of Transportation Member, w/attachments
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