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**Federal Highway  
Administration**

Office of the Administrator  
May 2, 2005

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Washington, D.C. 20590

Refer to: HIPA-10

Len A. Sanderson, P.E.  
State Highway Administrator  
North Carolina Department of Transportation  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699

Through: John F. Sullivan III  
Division Administrator  
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Sanderson:

We have completed the review of your request to Division Administrator John F. Sullivan III that I-85 be relocated between I-85 southwest of Greensboro and I-85/I-40 east of Greensboro in Guilford County. Your request is made as a system modification in accordance with the policies and procedures established under 23 U.S.C. 103(c)(3) and 23 CFR Part 470. The new 12.90-mile segment of I-85 has been designed and built to Interstate System standards and was accepted by the North Carolina Division Office in 2004.

Based on the information provided, and the coordination among the various Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) offices, and in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 103(c)(3) and 23 CFR Part 470, the modification is approved as requested. We understand that the former segment of I-85 that did not overlap I-40 will be designated as Business 85. The portion of the former segment of I-85 that overlapped I-40 remains on the Interstate System as I-40. This system modification does not affect the route's continued eligibility for Interstate Maintenance program funds.

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Route Numbering Committee approved the relocation of route number I-85 on July 16, 2004, subject to FHWA concurrence. We hereby concur in the relocation of the I-85 route number and will inform the association by a copy of this letter.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Peters  
Administrator



FHWA:HIPA:Bwong:bw:64651: 04/27/05

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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SECRETARY

January 5, 2005

Mr. John F. Sullivan, III  
Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration  
310 New Bern Avenue, Suite 410  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

SUBJECT: Proposed Relocation of I-85

Based on discussions between members of your staff and NCDOT staff, we hereby resubmit our August 6, 2004 request for the relocation of Interstate 85 in Guilford County.

The proposed I-85 route is a controlled access, divided four-lane facility on a new location, south of Greensboro. It will be part of the National Highway System and extends from I-85 southwest of Greensboro to I-40/I-85 on the east side of Greensboro. The total length of the new alignment is 12.90 miles. See the attached map.

We request that this 12.90 mile length of roadway be approved as a modification of Interstate Route 85 under Title 23 USC 103(c)(3).

This facility will satisfy a great need to alleviate congestion in the Triad Region, an urbanized area. The three core counties of the Triad Region, Davidson, Forsyth and Guilford, have approximately 950,000 residents. The new Interstate alignment will shift a substantial portion of heavy commercial traffic away from the congested area of the I-40/I-85 interchange in Greensboro, and on to a new substantially more efficient highway with an I-40/I-85 interchange designed for safely handling the large volume of traffic. In addition, traffic will have more efficient access to Burlington, Lexington and Charlotte, as well as the Piedmont Triad Airport. This new facility will ensure the potential for economic growth and development in this region.

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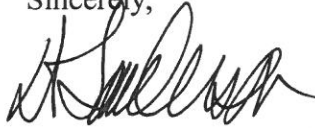
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1 SOUTH WILMINGTON STREET  
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Mr. John F. Sullivan, III  
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We appreciate your favorable consideration of this request. Please let me know, if you need any additional information.

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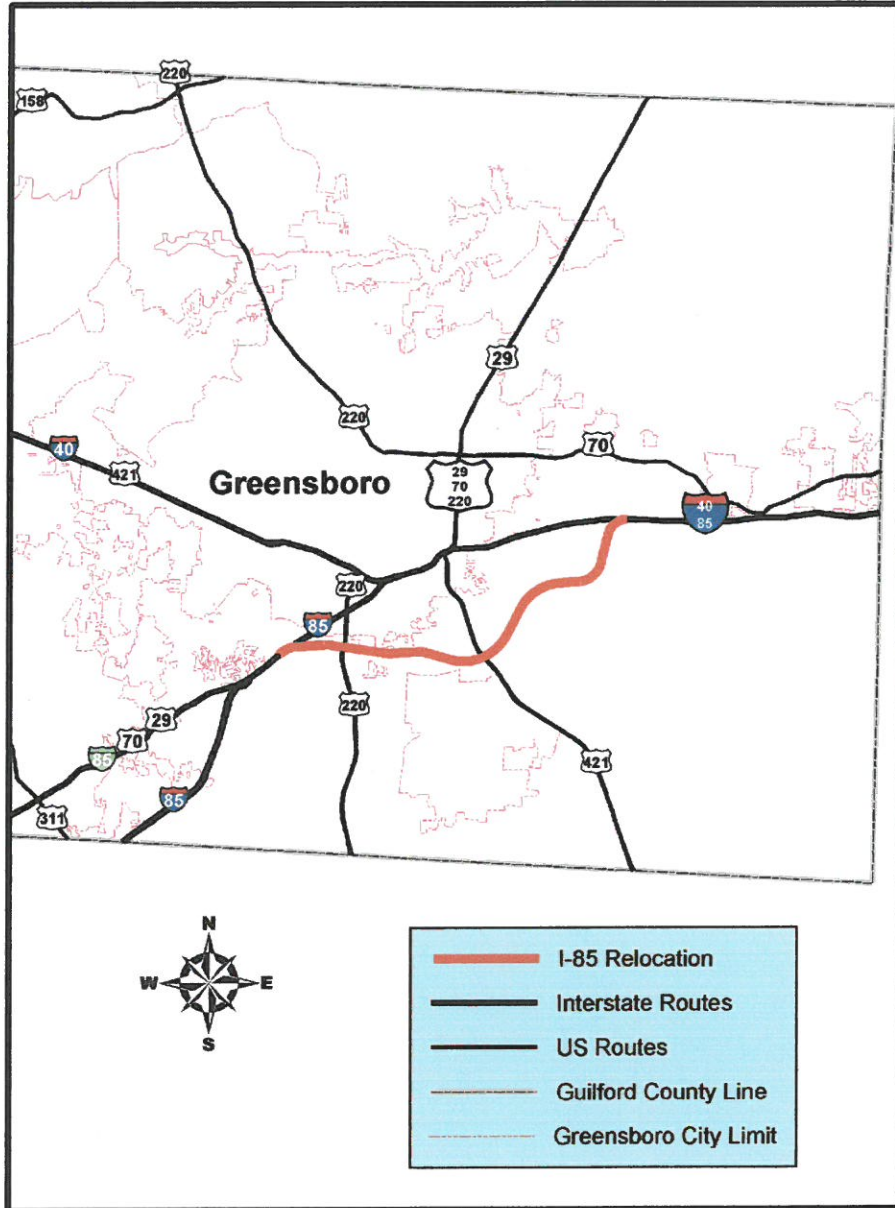
Len A. Sanderson, P.E.  
State Highway Administrator

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Attachment

cc: Lyndo Tippett, Secretary, Department of Transportation  
✓ J. Kevin Lacy, P.E., State Traffic Engineer

Relocate Interstate 85 onto new Greensboro Bypass  
(12.90 miles)





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August 6, 2004

Mr. John F. Sullivan III  
Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration  
310 New Bern Avenue, Suite 410  
Raleigh, N.C. 27601

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

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3401 CARL SANDBURG CT.  
RALEIGH, NC 27610

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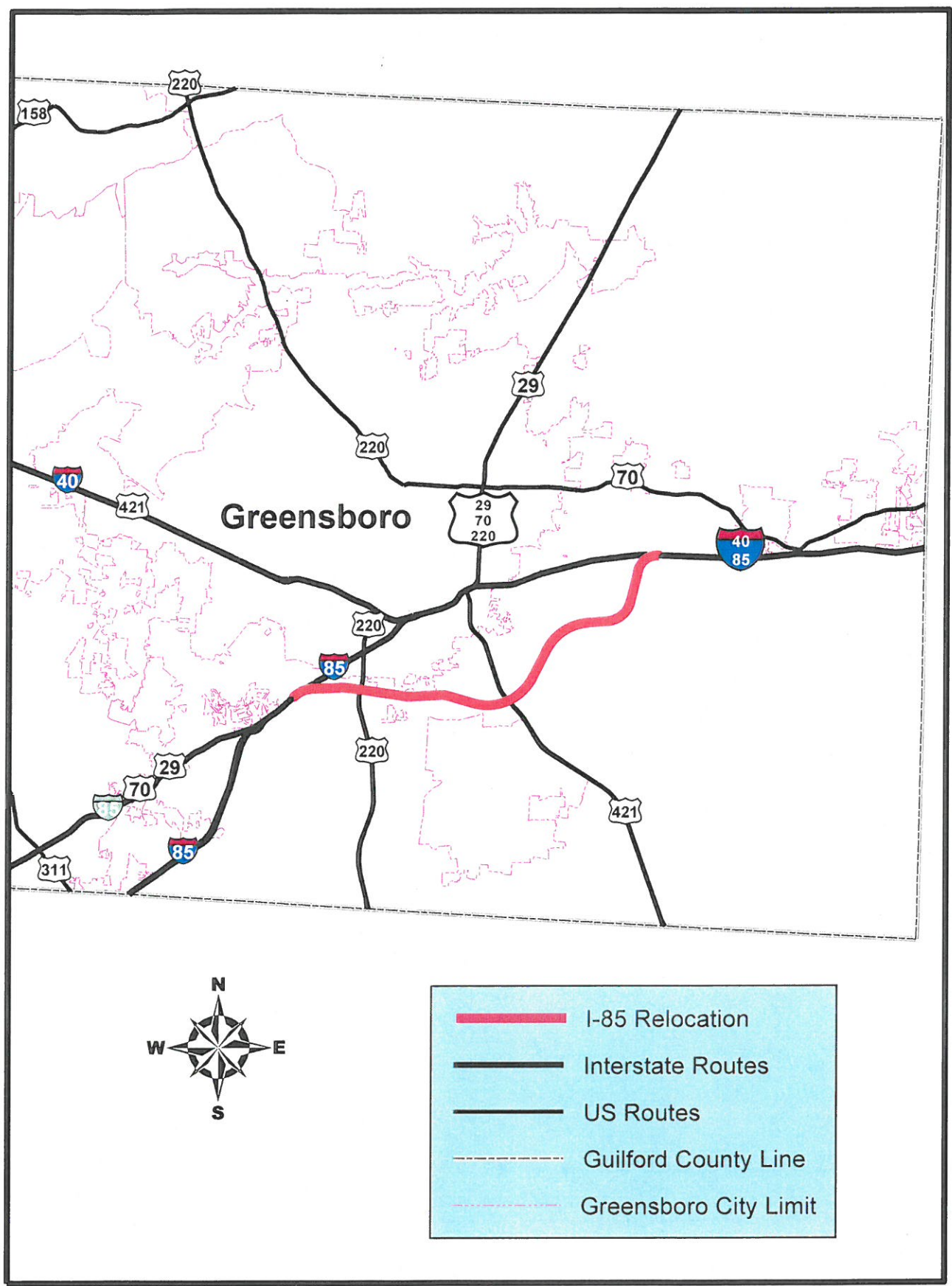
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# Relocate Interstate 85 onto new Greensboro Bypass (12.90 miles)







American Association of  
State Highway and  
Transportation Officials

John R. Njord, President  
Executive Director  
Utah Department of Transportation

John Horsley  
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July 16, 2004

Forrest Robson, P.E.  
Director, GIS Unit  
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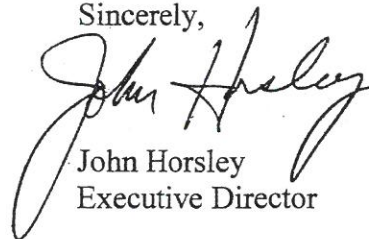
Dear Mr. Robson:

This is to inform you that the AASHTO Special Committee on Route Numbering and the Standing Committee on Highways have approved your route numbering application for the relocation of U.S. Route 158 in Roxboro. Your applications for the relocation of Interstate Route 85 and the Extension of Interstate **Route 85 Business** near Greensboro was approved conditionally based upon the concurrence of the Federal Highway Administration.

A copy of each of the applications is enclosed for your files.

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Tamburelli of the AASHTO staff.

Sincerely,



John Horsley  
Executive Director

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Enclosures

# American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials



## An Application from the State Highway or Transportation Department of NORTH CAROLINA for

- the Elimination of a U.S. (I) Route \_\_\_\_\_
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  - \*  the Relocation of a U.S. (I) Route I-85 \_\_\_\_\_
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  - the Establishment of a U.S. Alternate Route \_\_\_\_\_
  - \*\*  the Establishment of a Temporary U.S. Route \_\_\_\_\_
  - \*\*  the Recognition of a By-Pass Route on U.S. Route \_\_\_\_\_
- Between 0.92 mi. S of US 220 and New Interchange of I-40/85 E. of Greensboro

The following states or states are involved:

NORTH CAROLINA  
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For AASHTO Use Only	3-10-04
Date received	3-10-04
Date application acknowledged	4-20-04
Date to Special Committee on U.S. Route Numbering	5-14-04
Date considered by the Standing Committee on Highways	5-15-04
Action of Standing Committee on Highways	Approved - subject to FHWA con currence
Member Department Notified	7-16-04

Date Submitted:

March 1, 20 04

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