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In Reply Refer To: HEPH-20

Terry R. Gibson, P.E.  
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Through: Mr. John F. Sullivan III  
Division Administrator  
Raleigh, NC

Dear Mr. Gibson:

Thank you for your letter, requesting that I-73/74 from U.S. 220 north of Emery to U.S. 220 south of Ellerbe is added to the Interstate System. This segment is part of the I-73/74 corridor that is designated a future part of the Interstate System by Section 1105(e)(5) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, as amended.

Our North Carolina Division Office confirms this segment has been completed to Interstate standards and meets a statutory requirement by connecting to existing I-73/74. I find the requirements of Section 1105(e)(5)(A) has been satisfied and hereby approve the addition of the 16.26-mile segment to the Interstate System as follows:

I-73/74 from U.S. 220 north of Emery to U.S. 220 south of Ellerbe

The route numbering of the future Interstate corridor is established by Section 1105(c)(5) as I-73/74. Under 23 U.S.C. 119(a)(1)(C), this segment becomes eligible for Interstate Maintenance (IM) funds, and under 23 U.S.C. 104(b)(4), its lane miles and vehicle miles traveled will become eligible for inclusion in the IM funds apportionment formulas.

Sincerely,

Victor M. Mendez  
Administrator