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**Federal Highway
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**STATE HIGHWAY
ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Len A. Sanderson
State Highway Administrator
North Carolina Department
of Transportation
Raleigh, NC 27699-1536

Through: John Sullivan
Division Administrator
Raleigh, NC

Dear Mr. *Sanderson*:

We have completed review of your revised request to Division Administrator John Sullivan that the 23.5-mile segment of U.S. 52 from I-85 Lexington northerly to I-40 Winston-Salem be designated a future part of the Interstate System under 23 U.S.C. 103(c)(4)(B).

You have indicated that the segment will be brought up to Interstate standards within the required 12-year period. After careful consideration of the criteria, I find that the segment would be a logical addition for relieving traffic congestion in the Winston-Salem/Greensboro urbanized area and for providing more efficient access to the Piedmont Triad International Airport. I hereby designate, under 23 U.S.C. 103(c)(4)(B), the segment of existing U.S. 52 between Lexington and Winston-Salem as a future part of the Interstate System.

This action will be effective upon your execution of the required 103(c)(4)(B) agreement. We have drafted an agreement and signed the two copies enclosed. Please sign them and return one for our file of executed agreements.

Under the agreement, all projects on the proposed route must meet Interstate System design standards. We recommend that you continue to closely coordinate with the FHWA Division Office during construction of the work to correct substandard features in the U.S. 52 corridor. When requesting formal addition of this route segment to the Interstate system under 103(c)(4)(A), a design exception must be requested for any substandard feature that remains within the segment limits. Action on a design exception request will be taken at the same time as action on the 103(c)(4)(A) request.



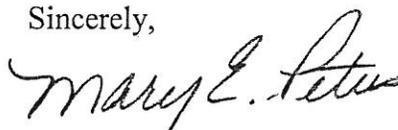
We concur with your proposed I-285 connecting route number for this route segment. The numbering is also subject to concurrence by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, and we are informing the Association by copy of this letter. Our concurrence is also on the condition that the route segment may only be referred to as "Future I-285" until added to the System.

The last subparagraph of Section 103(c)(4)(B) provides that:

No law, rule, regulation, map, document, or other record of the United States, or of any State or political subdivision of a State, shall refer to any highway under this subparagraph, nor shall any such highway be signed or marked, as a highway on the Interstate System until such time as the highway is constructed to the geometric and construction standards for the Interstate System and has been designated as a route on the Interstate System.

We advise that, under 23 U.S.C. 103(c)(4)(A) and (B), designation of this route as a part or future part of the Interstate System creates no new Federal financial responsibility nor eligibility for Interstate Maintenance (IM) funds. However, when this route is added to the Interstate System, its lane miles and vehicle miles traveled will be included in the next calculation of the IM funds apportionment formula.

Sincerely,



Mary E. Peters
Administrator

2 Enclosures

cc: Marty Vitale (AASHTO)

23 U.S.C. 103(c)(4)(B) AGREEMENT
FOR
INTERSTATE HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION
IN THE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

This Agreement between the State Highway Administrator, North Carolina Department of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administrator:

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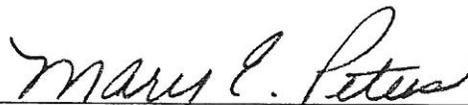
WHEREAS, the State Highway Administrator requests that U.S. 52 from I-85 Lexington northerly to I-40 Winston-Salem (a distance of about 23.5 miles or 37.8 km) be designated a future part of the Interstate System pursuant to the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 103(c)(4)(B); and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administrator has determined that this portion of U.S. 52 would be a logical addition to the Interstate System (the "Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways") and would qualify for designation as part of said System when completed to the geometric and construction standards for the Interstate System;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto do hereby agree that this portion of U.S. 52 shall be constructed by the State in accordance with all requirements of 23 U.S.C. 103(c)(4)(B) and all other applicable provisions of Title 23, United States Code, within twelve years, and, upon completion of such construction, the Federal Highway Administrator shall designate said route as a part of the Interstate System in North Carolina under 23 U.S.C.103(c)(4)(A).



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



Mary E. Peters
Administrator,
Federal Highway Administration

6-29-05

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