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Subject: Proposed Change in Highway Designation, Secondary Road to Primary Highway,  
From SR 1200 – NC 186

Dear Mr. Jennings:

On behalf of the Northhampton County Board of Commissioners, I write to request the North Carolina Department of Transportation re-order the designation of primary highway NC-186 as follows:

1. Extend NC-186 from its current terminus at US-301 to the intersection of NC-46 and US-301. The roadway would then carry the US-301/NC-186 designation.
2. Continue NC-186 westward along NC-46 to the intersection of NC-46 and SR-1200 (Lebanon Church Road). The roadway would then carry the NC-46/NC-186 designation).
3. Continue NC-186 northward along the present SR-1200 to its intersection with NC-48, and terminate NC-186 at that intersection. The roadway would then carry the designation of NC-186/Lebanon Church Road with the SR-1200 designation eliminated.

The Board of Commissioners' belief is that this change in highway designation will substantially enhance and assist commercial traffic to and from the Northhampton Commerce Park, located along SR-1200. As you know, the Department of Transportation is working closely with the County to effect improvements to SR-1200 in support of the Enviva manufacturing project. The project will result in a dramatic increase in inbound and outbound truck traffic.

Northhampton County is confident that applying a primary highway designation (NC-186) to this roadway will enhance navigation and traffic management for Enviva and supply chain affiliates.

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We also believe that primary highway designation will be far more attractive to other occupants of the industrial park and companies considering locating there. Additionally, designation of this roadway as a primary highway might prove beneficial if for any reason traffic were required to be rerouted from Interstate 95, thus providing a close-proximity, readily identifiable alternate route along a primary highway.

We believe this roadway re-designation could be accomplished with little difficulty or expense. In advance, thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you desire further information, and please keep me advised of the decisions of the Department in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wayne Jenkins". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Wayne Jenkins  
Northampton County Manager

Cc: Mr. Gary Brown, NCEDC