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In Reply Refer To:  
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Mr. Bud Wright  
Executive Director  
American Association of State Highway  
and Transportation Officials  
444 North Capitol Street, NW.  
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Dear Mr. Wright:

This is in response to your April 16<sup>th</sup> letter requesting comments on Interstate route numbering applications from Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina and Texas. The AASHTO Special Committee on U.S. Route Numbering will consider these requests at their May 14, 2015, meeting. We offer the following comments on the requested actions:

Kentucky                      Establish the Julian M. Carroll Purchase Parkway as I-69 from KY 166 to I-24

This segment is part of the congressionally designated High Priority Corridor #18, designated as future Interstate route by Section 1105(e)(5) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991, as amended. The FHWA has no objections to the proposed numbering of the requested segment as I-69. The State can sign the route as "Future I-69" until it is added to the Interstate System.

Kentucky                      Establish the Edward T. Breathitt Pennyrile Parkway as I-69 from existing I-69 to KY 425

This segment is part of the congressionally designated High Priority Corridor #18, designated as future Interstate route by Section 1105(e)(5) of ISTEA. The FHWA has no objections to the proposed numbering of the requested segment as I-69. The State can sign the route as "Future I-69" until it is added to the Interstate System.

Mississippi                      Establish U.S. Route 78 as I-22 from future I-269 to the Alabama/Mississippi State Line

This segment is part of the congressionally designated High Priority Corridor #45, designated as future Interstate route by Section 1105(e)(5) of ISTEA. The FHWA has no objections to the proposed numbering of the requested segment as I-22. The State can sign the route as "Future I-22" until it is added to the Interstate System.

North Carolina      Extend I-485 (Charlotte Loop) on new alignment from I-77 north of Charlotte clockwise to I-85

The FHWA is currently processing a request from the North Carolina Department of Transportation to add this segment to the Interstate System. The FHWA has no objections to the proposed numbering as it is consistent with previous requests and agreements on the Charlotte Loop. The State can sign the route as "Future I-485" until it is added to the Interstate System.

Texas                      Establish SH 500 as I-169 from existing I-69E to Old Alice Road

This segment is part of the congressionally designated High Priority Corridor #18, designated as future Interstate route by Section 1105(e)(5) of ISTEA. The FHWA has no objections to the proposed numbering of the requested segment as I-169. The State can sign the route as "Future I-169" until it is added to the Interstate System.

We will continue to work with the States on processing the Interstate designation requests and will inform AASHTO of any future actions taken. Please contact Kevin Adderly at (202) 366-5006 with any questions.

Sincerely,



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Acting Administrator

cc: Marty Vitale (AASHTO)