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Mr. Milton Sees
Secretary, Illinois
Department of Transportation
2300 South Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL 62764

Through: Norman R. Stoner
Division Administrator
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Dear Secretary Sees: *MJS*

We have completed review of Director Dick Smith's and the Illinois Tollway's requests submitted through Division Administrator Norman R. Stoner that the extension of I-355 from I-55 south to I-80 be designated as part of the Interstate System under 23 U.S.C. 103(c)(4)(A).

After careful consideration of the request, I find the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 103(c)(4)(A) have been satisfied because the extension would be a logical addition to the Interstate System and it has been constructed to Interstate standards. Therefore, I hereby approve designation of the requested segment as part of the Interstate System.

The route numbering of the Interstate corridor as an extension of I-355 is approved as a reasonable accommodation to avoid confusion to the traveling public. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials is being notified of this approval by copy of this letter.

The route description reflecting the 12.5-mile (20.1-km) addition, therefore, will read as follows:

IL I-355 Located from I-290/355 Itasca southerly to I-80 New Lenox

We advise that, under 23 U.S.C. 103(c)(4)(A), designation of this route as a part of the Interstate System creates no new Federal financial responsibility nor eligibility for Interstate Maintenance (IM) funds. However, its lane miles and vehicle miles traveled will become eligible for inclusion in the IM funds apportionment formula.

Sincerely,

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Administrator

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