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Ms. Astrid C. Glynn
Commissioner, New York State
Department of Transportation
50 Wolf Road
Albany, NY 12232

Through: Mr. Jeffrey W. Kolb
Division Administrator
Albany, New York

Dear Ms. Glynn:

The letter of December 19, 2007, from Executive Deputy Commissioner Stanley Gee to Acting Division Administrator Amy Jackson-Grove requested extension of I-86 on NY 17 from Exit 52 at NY 14 Horseheads to Exit 56 Elmira. This segment is part of the Route 17 corridor from I-90 Erie, Pennsylvania, to I-87 Harriman, New York, 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.

The substandard conditions of the radius of the horizontal curve on the eastbound off ramp to Exit 54 and the outside shoulder width of eastbound NY 17 under the East Avenue Bridge are accepted as adequate and are hereby granted design exceptions. Further, the proposed segment meets a requirement of Section 1105(e)(5) by connecting to existing I-86.

After careful consideration of the request, I find the requirements of Section 1105(e)(5)(A) have been satisfied and hereby approve designation of the extension as part of the Interstate System.

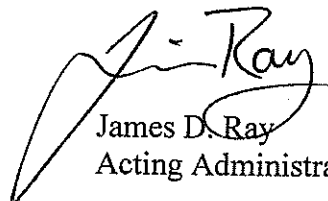
The route numbering of the future Interstate corridor is established by Section 1105(e)(5)(C), formerly 1105(e)(5)(B), as I-86. The route description for the 194.3 miles (302.8 km) of I-86 in New York, including this 5.9-mile (9.4-km) addition, therefore, will read as follows:

I-86 NY 17 from the Pennsylvania State line easterly to I-390 Avoca and thence southeasterly to Exit 56 Elmira and NY 17 from Exit 75 at I-81 east of Binghamton easterly to Exit 79 Windsor.

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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,



James D. Ray
Acting Administrator