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In Reply Refer To:  
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Mike L. Holder, P.E.  
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North Carolina Department of Transportation  
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Through: Mr. John F. Sullivan III  
Division Administrator  
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Holder:

Thank you for your letter requesting that the Charlotte Outer Loop from I-77 north of Charlotte, NC clockwise to I-85 northeast of Charlotte, NC, be added to the Interstate System in accordance with the existing future Interstate agreement. You have reaffirmed your commitment to upgrade this entire facility to Interstate standards.

Our North Carolina Division Office confirms that there are projects under way, which will bring this entire segment to Interstate standards. As noted in your letter and confirmed by our Division Office, there are no expected design exceptions.

Based on our reviews and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials approval of the numbering, the addition of this segment to the Interstate System is conditionally approved as requested. Designation of this 6.71-mile segment as part of the Interstate System will be effective upon formal notification by the Division Office to Headquarters that the work has been completed to Interstate standards.

Sincerely,

Gregory G. Nadeau  
Acting Administrator

cc: Marty Vitale (AASHTO)