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Sherri H. LeBas, P.E.  
Secretary  
Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development  
P.O. Box 94245  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

Dear Ms. LeBas:

Thank you for your letter requesting that a new alignment from LA Highway 1 to the Louisiana/Arkansas State line be added to the Interstate System as I-49. This segment is part of High Priority Corridor #1 that Section 1105(e)(5) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, as amended, designated as a future part of the Interstate System.

Our Louisiana Division Office confirms that the 31-mile segment of new alignment from LA Highway 1 to the Louisiana/Arkansas State line has been completed to Interstate standards and meets a statutory requirement that it be planned to connect to existing Interstate highway, in this case I-220. Based on our review and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' conditional approval of the numbering, I hereby approve the addition of this segment to the Interstate System.

Sincerely,

Gregory G. Nadeau  
Administrator

cc: Marty Vitale (AASHTO)