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In Reply Refer To:
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Michael W. Hancock, P.E.
Secretary
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Frankfort, KY 40622

Dear Mr. Hancock:

Thank you for the request from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet that the Edward T. Pennyriple Parkway from the Wendell H. Ford Western Kentucky Parkway to KY 425 south of Henderson, KY, be added to the Interstate System as I-69. This segment is part of High Priority Corridor #18 that is designated as a future part of the Interstate System by Section 1105(e)(5) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, as amended.

Our Kentucky Division Office confirms that there are planned projects, which will bring this entire segment to Interstate standards by the fall of 2015. Kentucky has reaffirmed its commitment to upgrade this entire facility to Interstate standards in the April 6, 2015, I-69 agreement with Federal Highway Administration. We find the design exceptions detailed in the signed I-69 agreement are acceptable. The requested segment will also meet a statutory requirement by connecting to existing I-69 upon completion.

Based on our reviews and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials conditional approval of the numbering, I hereby conditionally approve the addition of this segment to the Interstate System as requested. Designation of this 42.6-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)