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Mr. Thomas J. Madison, Jr  
Commissioner, New York  
Department of Transportation  
50 Wolf Road  
Albany, New York 12232

Through: Mr. Robert Arnold  
Division Administrator  
Albany, New York

Dear Mr. Madison:

Your letter of December 5, 2005, to Mr. Robert Arnold requested addition of I-86 from NY 17 Exit 75 Binghamton to NY 17 Exit 79 at NY 79 Windsor. 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 enumerated in the "Request for Interstate 86 Designation of NYS Route 17 Exit 75 to Exit 79 Broome County, NY" are accepted as adequate and are hereby granted design exceptions. The categories of exceptions include alignment (roadway curvature and superelevation), grade, stopping sight distance, horizontal clearance with barrier, median width, shoulder width on structures and ramp alignment. The non-conforming lengths for acceleration and deceleration lanes are also considered acceptable.

The proposed segment meets a requirement of Section 1105(e)(5) by connecting to existing I-81.

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 requested segment 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 9.9-mile (16-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 52 Horseheads and NY 17 from Exit 75 at I-81 east of Binghamton easterly to Exit 79 Windsor.

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,

*Original Signed by Frederick (Bud) Wright for:*

J. Richard Capka  
Acting Administrator