



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Highway  
Administration**

Office of the Administrator

1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

April 1, 2021

Mr. J. Eric Boyette  
Secretary  
North Carolina Department of Transportation  
1 South Wilmington Street  
Raleigh, NC 27699

Dear Mr. Boyette:

Thank you for the North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) letter requesting the addition to the Interstate Highway System as I-885 of an 8.63-mile segment comprised of US-70, NC-147, and the unbuilt East End Connector from I-85 to I-40. Construction of the East End Connector to Interstate System standards will be completed by June 2021.

Our North Carolina Division Office confirms that the roadway geometry of the segment complies with the 10 controlling criteria designated by the Federal Highway Administration for Interstate System Design Standards. As noted in your request and confirmed by the North Carolina Division Office, there are four non-controlling criteria design exceptions. We find them acceptable. The requested segment also meets the regulatory requirement by connecting at both ends to the existing Interstate System.

Based on our reviews and upon the approval of the numbering by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), I hereby conditionally approve the addition of this segment to the Interstate System, as requested. Designation of this segment will be effective upon formal notification by the Division Office to Headquarters that the work has been completed on the East End Connector to Interstate standards and AASHTO's approval of the numbering.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Pollack".

Stephanie Pollack  
Acting Administrator

cc:  
Jim McDonnell, P.E.  
(AASHTO)