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Subject: HAM-IR 75-7.85, PID 77889

Dear Director Wray:

This letter is in response to your February 24th 2015 request for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) review and approval of proposed Design Exceptions for the HAM-IR 75-7.85 project (PID 77889). The scope of this project involves widening of Interstate 75 between SLM 7.85 and 10.10, reconstruction of 0.65 miles of SR 562 (Norwood Lateral), interchange work, and railroad reconstruction and is also known as Phase 8 of the Mill Creek Expressway project.

The exceptions to the design standards are proposed for mainline Interstate for:

- 1) Curbed shoulder width at 4 locations due to existing bridge piers.
- 2) Curbed shoulder width under the Paddock Road Gateway Bridge.

Based on the documentation provided in the request, FHWA approves the proposed Design Exceptions with the caveat that proper shoulder width will be provided when these structures are rebuilt in the future.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Andy Thompson, Transportation Engineer, at (614) 280-6836, or andy.thompson@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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