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Subject: Interchange Access Request for Interstate 65 at Buckner Road Extension, Williamson County

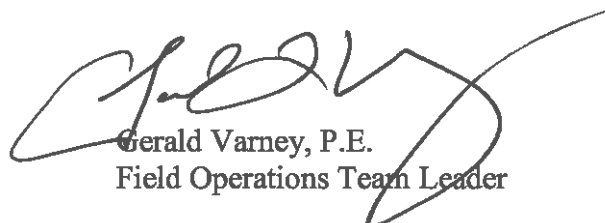
Dear Mr. Allen:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has received the Tennessee Department of Transportation's (TDOT) Interchange Access Request (IAR) for the proposed modification of Interstate 65 at the proposed Buckner Road Extension, in Williamson County. After reviewing the request in accordance with FHWA's Policy on Access to the Interstate System, the Division has determined the alternative presented in your submittal is both engineering and operationally acceptable. Therefore, the alternative as presented, is conceptually approved and may now proceed into the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) phase for environmental review and analysis. If significant engineering and operational changes occur during the course of the NEPA process, then further review will be warranted by FHWA.

To receive approval to proceed with Final Design, TDOT will need to notify FHWA once the NEPA process is complete, that the design studied and approved in the NEPA document is consistent with the recommended alternative from the IAR, and the project is in the current TIP/STIP and LRTP.

If you or your staff needs additional assistance, please contact Thor Steffen at 615-781-5763.

Sincerely,



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