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Dear Mr. Koepfel:

Governor Haley asked that I respond on her behalf regarding the extension of the I-20 designation along I-95 between Florence and Lumberton and future consideration along I-74 between Lumberton and Wilmington.

As you noted in your letter the re-designation of Interstate routes require FHWA approval as well as approval of federal-aid funding used for a re-signing project. Most Interstate routes do not generally overlap except for short distances where building parallel routes are not practical. In cases where interstate routes do overlap the primary designation is the lower route number and in this particular instance I-20 would be the primary designation for the both I-95 section as well as the future I-74 section.

I-95 serves as the major north-south interstate route on the eastern seaboard between Maine and Florida. The lower primary designation of I-20 for the 38 miles between Florence and Lumberton would not be consistent with the rest of the I-95 corridor and could confuse motorists traveling along I-95. Upon completion of the I-74 corridor, as stated in your letter, there will be interstate route connectivity between Wilmington and Atlanta. Based on these points and other higher priority unfunded needs along the interstates in South Carolina, the South Carolina Department of Transportation is not in a position to proceed forward with this request.

Thank you for your interest in the both transportation and economic needs in South Carolina. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further please let me know.

Sincerely,

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