

February 22, 2005

Raymond McCormick  
Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration  
J. Allen Frear Federal Building  
300 S. New Street, Room 2101  
Dover, DE 19904-6726

Dear Mr. McCormick:

On January 21, 2005 a public notice, copy attached for easy reference, was issued regarding our I-95/SR1 Interchange Modifications and I-95 Mainline Widening from SR1 to SR141 (Project 95-090-01, IM-N056 (27)). The notice announced the Department's intention to request a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) from the Federal Highway Administration. We received no comments on the notice or the Final Environmental Assessment, forwarded to Mr. Robert Kleinburd of your office and state and federal environmental resource agencies at our quarterly meeting on January 13, 2005. The document was also available for review at four locations noted in the public notice.

Based on this, we request your concurrence in a Finding of No Significant Impact determination.

Should you have any questions or need additional information regarding this request, please call me at 302-760-2095.

Sincerely,

Therese M. Fulmer  
Manager, Environmental Studies

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Enclosure

Cc: Carolann Wicks, Chief Engineer/Director  
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Chief Engineer Ms. Carolann Wicks  
Delaware Department of Transportation  
Dover, Delaware

Subject: I-95 Mainline and I-95/SR-1 Interchange, Environmental Documentation

Dear Ms. Wicks:

This is in response to your transmittal of the subject Environmental Assessment Document, and request for the preparation of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). We have completed our review, and a signed FONSI is attached for your use.

Per the requirements of 23 CFR 771.121(b), please notify all appropriate agencies of the availability of the Environmental Assessment, and make the document available to the public upon request.



Sincerely yours,

Robert Kleinburd  
Environmental Program Manager

c.c. Therese Fulmer ✓



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION  
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
FOR

I-95 MAINLINE @ I-95/SR-1 INTERCHANGE  
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DELAWARE

The proposed transportation project consists of making operational improvements and adding capacity along the Interstate 95 corridor. Congestion is a persistent problem along I-95, between the SR-141 and SR-1 interchanges, and the existing I-95/SR-1 interchange is functionally deficient. This project will add an additional (fifth lane) on I-95 between SR-1 and SR-141, and will make modifications to the I-95/ SR-1 interchange.

The FHWA has determined that the selected construction alternative will have no significant effect on the human environment. This FONSI is based on the project Final Environmental Assessment (dated January, 2005), which has been independently evaluated by the FHWA and determined to adequately and accurately discuss the need, environmental issues, and impacts of the proposed project, along with appropriate mitigation measures. It provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an EIS is not required.

In making this determination the FHWA takes into account that;

1. Appropriate permits are being applied for, from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
2. Sec. 106 coordination has resulted in a finding of "No Historic Properties Affected".

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