

January 22, 2001

Mr. Thomas M. Hunter
Executive Director
Appalachian Regional Commission
1666 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20235

SUBJECT: Request for an Exchange of Nonparticipating Mileage, Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS), Corridor V in Pontotoc, Lee, and Itawamba Counties

Dear Mr. Hunter:

The State of Mississippi respectfully requests Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) approval of an exchange of nonparticipating mileage of the Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS) on Corridor V in Pontotoc, Lee, and Itawamba Counties. This action would exchange a segment of the Corridor V in the Tupelo Urbanized Area from other Federal funding and/or State funding to ADHS funding. In return, a segment of equal length on the Corridor V near the Alabama State Line would be completed with other Federal funding and/or State funding. The proposed exchange will better serve current and projected economic development, which is the intended purpose of the ADHS. Approval of the exchange will ensure earliest closure of a gap, providing four lanes for traffic on Appalachian Corridors across Mississippi. Precise details on the exchange of nonparticipating mileage and the benefits of approval are provided in the attached report.

Your support for the proposed exchange of nonparticipating mileage will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or need further information concerning this request, please contact Dr. David Cole, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor, at telephone number 601-359-3150.

Very truly yours,

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