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The Honorable David L. Rainer
Camden County Board of Commissioners Chairman
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Subject: Proposed interchange on I-95 @ Horse Stamp Church Road
GDOT Project NH-95-1(167), P.I. 511430

Dear Chairman Rainer:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has recently completed their review of the revised final Interchange Justification Report submitted by Camden County's consultant (Moreland Altobelli Assoc.) for a new I-95 interchange at Horse Stamp Church Road. As noted on their enclosed letter, FHWA has determined that the report now demonstrates that the proposed project meets the necessary criteria required to gain their approval for new access on to the Interstate System. Consequently, FHWA has approved the new access break and the Department can proceed with the project.

Please note that FHWA's approval is conditional on paving/reconstructing Ella Park Church Road from east of I-95 to Dover Bluff road. In addition, they also request that adequate access control is provided on the east side of I-95, which is an issue that should be addressed during the project's design phase. Final approval will be given by FHWA once the "environmental document" is submitted and approved for this project.

If you have any questions please contact Tom McQueen in the Office of Planning at (404) 657-6697.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph P. Palladi".

Joseph P. Palladi, P.E.
State Transportation Planning Administrator

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cc: Pat Smeeton, Moreland Altobelli Assoc.
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**IN REPLY REFER TO:
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**Subject: Interchange Justification Report I 95 at Horse Stamp Church Road Project No.
NH-95-1(167), Camden County**

Dear Mr. Linnenkohl:

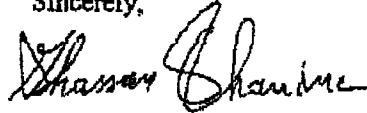
We have reviewed the subject Interchange Justification Report (IJR) that was submitted by your April 7, 2005 letter. Based on our review, we hereby grant approval of the IJR. This approval pertains to the engineering and operational analysis only, and final approval of this new interchange will be conditional upon completion of the Concept, environmental process, and review of final design plans before this project is let to construction.

During our field review of this proposal, we noted that the crossroad (Ella Park Church Road) east of I-95 is an unpaved roadway. Please note that the Federal criteria require that crossroads (and other streets) must have the ability to collect and distribute traffic to and from the new interchange. Since an unpaved facility cannot provide such access, provisions to reconstruct Ella Park Church Road from the new interchange to Dover Bluff Road must be made.

Also, it appears from the graphics included with the report that adequate access control is proposed west of I-95, particularly since the Spring Bluff Road intersection with Horse Stamp Church Road will be relocated. However, it was difficult to determine from the graphics whether the required access is being achieved on the east side. This issue should be addressed during the design phase of the project.

If you have any questions, please contact Floyd Moore at (404) 562-3654.

Sincerely,



For: Robert M. Callan, P.E.
Division Administrator

cc: Mr. Tom McQueen, GDOT Office of Planning

