

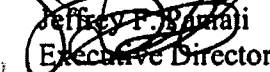


U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Highway  
Administration**

# Memorandum

Subject: **ACTION:** Ohio, Interchange Modification Study,  
I-75 Thru the Valley Project, Hamilton County

Date: August 3, 2011

From:   
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Executive Director

In Reply Refer To:  
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To: Ms. Laurie Leffler  
Division Administrator  
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We have reviewed the Interchange Modification Study (IMS) submitted on July 8 for proposed improvements on the I-75 corridor in the Cincinnati area. The project will reconstruct 7.3 miles of I-75 between the Paddock Road and I-275 interchanges; increase mainline capacity; reconstruct 1 system interchange; consolidate local street network ramps; and remove a substandard collector-distributor system. The proposed improvements will enhance the safety and flow of traffic on I-75 and the associated local street network.

Based on our review, the proposed interchange improvements are acceptable. An Environmental Assessment for this project has been completed with the signing of a Finding of No Significant Impact on March 29. Final approval may be given provided that the scope and design of this proposed project is consistent with the design that is included in the July 8 IMS and the approved environmental document. This approval is subject to reevaluation if significant changes occur in the final design or if the construction is delayed (as specified in 23 CFR 771.129).

Should you have any questions, please contact Michael Matzke at (202) 366-4658.