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Subject: Route 1, Sections 2S and 3J
Mercer and Middlesex Counties, New Jersey
Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Section 4(f) Evaluation [DEIS/4(f)]

To Whom It May Concern:

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Section 4(f) Evaluation (FHWA-NJ EIS-03-01-D) for the Route 1, Sections 2S and 3J project was approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on May 22, 2003 for public distribution. Enclosed for your review are copy(s) of the DEIS/4(f) and the supporting Technical Environmental Studies (if required).

The DEIS/4(f) has been prepared in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 4321 et. seq., National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, related Statutes and Orders, and the Procedural Provisions of 40 CFR 1502. The FHWA has also chosen to coordinate the Section 106 consultation process with the NEPA process in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.8. Accordingly, copies of the DEIS are being circulated to all consulting parties (including the Advisory Council) and identified tribal contacts, and comments pertinent to the Section 106 consultation process are being sought as part of the current review process.

Your agency's comments should be as specific and substantive as possible. A Public Hearing has been scheduled for June 30, 2003 and comments on the DEIS/4(f) have been requested by August 1, 2003. This is in compliance with the requirements of 40 CFR 1506.10, that allows a 45-day minimum review period beginning with the publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register. Copies or summaries of all substantive comments on the DEIS/4(f) and documentation of appropriate responses will be incorporated in the FEIS/4(f).

The person within New Jersey Department of Transportation who is responsible for the distribution and contents of the DEIS/4(f) is Anthony Sabidussi. He can be reached at 609-530-2989. The FHWA contact person is Young Kim who can be reached at 609-637-4233.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: DEIS/4(f), TES (if requested)