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Mr. J. Richard Capka, Administrator
Federal Highway Administration HOA-1
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Capka:

On Wednesday, July 18, 2007, Governor Edward G. Rendell signed into law H.B. 1590, which will provide billions of dollars for investment in Pennsylvania's highways, bridges and public transportation systems in coming years.

A key element of this new legislation is the tolling and improvement of Interstate 80 under a lease from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, pursuant to the Interstate Reconstruction pilot program or the Value Pricing pilot program provision available under Title 23 of the United States Code. The Legislature has authorized the Turnpike Commission, in consultation with PennDOT, to submit an application to USDOT for that purpose, and to enter into any agreements that may be necessary to implement the program.

The purpose of this letter is to apprise you that the Turnpike Commission and PennDOT anticipate submitting a joint expression of interest letter to FHWA in the very near future. We understand that USDOT strongly supports tolling and pricing initiatives, and we look forward to working with you, your Tolling and Pricing Team, and the Pennsylvania Division on this exciting new "public-public partnership".

Sincerely,

Allen D. Biehler, P.E., Secretary
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Joseph G. Brimmeier, CEO
Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission

cc. Edward G. Rendell, Governor
James A. Cheatham, FHWA Division Administrator