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INFORMATION: Request II-248(Expr.), Interstate Reference Markers and Fire Hydrant Marker Indicator

Director, Office of Transportation Operations HHS-10

Mr. Arthur Fendrick Division Administrator (HDA-IN) Indianapolis, Indiana

We have had an opportunity to review Indiana Department of Transportation's request to modify the experimentation plan for evaluating a new interstate reference marker system to improve incident management. We approve the modification to include the fire hydrant marker indicators which consist of a white delineator post with a blue strip. We are looking forward to receiving status reports as this project progresses. In addition we remind you that semi-annual progress reports are required as per MUTCD Section 1A-6(a). Please let us know your time line for completing this evaluation so that we have an idea of when to expect the final report. Please contact Ms. Linda L. Brown of my staff at (202) 366-2192.

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