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Mr. Vance C. Smith, Commissioner  
Georgia Department of Transportation  
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600 West Peachtree NW  
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Dear Mr. Smith:

The IMR/IJR/SA for the proposed Northwest Corridor Project [Federal Project CSNHS-0008-00(256)] has been reviewed. The project will involve the construction of reversible managed lanes along I-75 and I-575 in Cobb and Cherokee Counties. The project will include the construction of four new managed lane interchanges at Terrell Mill, Roswell, Big Shanty, and Hickory Grove Roads on I-75. Access along I-575 will be provided through three transfer ramps along the median.

Based on an operation and engineering review, the proposed modifications are acceptable. If there are no major changes to the proposed design, final approval may be given upon completion of the environmental process. 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).

If you have any questions regarding these comments please contact Melinda Roberson at (404)562-3652.

Sincerely,

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