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**Federal Highway  
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Office of the Administrator

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In Reply Refer To:  
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Mr. James T. Smith, Jr.  
Secretary  
Maryland Department of Transportation  
7201 Corporate Center Drive  
Hanover, MD 21076

Through: Mr. Gregory Murrill  
Division Administrator  
Baltimore, MD

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your letter requesting that I-70 from I-695 to its terminus in Baltimore City, be withdrawn from the Interstate Highway System.

We understand the withdrawn facility will remain under the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Highway Administration and will be converted to an urban arterial for highway use. The formal disposal of any of the withdrawn right-of-way and removal from the National Network must be coordinated with our Maryland Division Office.

The Federal Highway Administration has confirmed that adequate justification has been provided on how the withdrawal of I-70 from I-695 to its terminus in Baltimore City will impact the Interstate System. Based on our review and the American Association of State Highway Transportation Official's conditional approval of the numbering, the withdrawal of this segment and change to the Interstate System is approved as requested.

Sincerely,

Gregory G. Nadeau  
Acting Administrator

cc: Marty Vitale (AASHTO)