



NORTHEAST ARKANSAS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMISSION

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Brad McCaleb
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Re: MPO Support for I-555 Designation

Dear Mr. McCaleb:

On behalf of the Northeast Arkansas Regional Transportation Planning Commission (N.A.R.T.P.C.), the MPO serving Bay, Bono, Brookland, Jonesboro, and the unincorporated parts of Craighead County, I would like to express our support for the pending designation of US63 as I-555. The N.A.R.T.P.C. has been discussing and looking forward to this project for many years.

Once designated, the Interstate will be instrumental in the economic development of the jurisdictions within the MPO area and the surrounding areas. Furthermore, the designation could lead to improved planning coordination and project development at the MPO level. Therefore, we encourage the Federal Highway Administration's approval of the designation.

Sincerely,

John Street
N.A.R.T.P.C. Transportation Policy Committee Chair