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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
REGION 5
Lansing, Michigan
48901

December 3, 1979

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Removal of I-296
Designation, Grand Rapids

Mr. John P. Woodford, Director
Michigan Department of Transportation
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Woodford:

Your letter of October 24, 1979 requesting approval to remove the I-296 designation from all signing and map designations for the US-131/I-296 freeway in Grand Rapids has received approval from our Washington office.

Attached is a copy of the memorandum from the Associate Administrator for Planning which officially approves your request.

Please note the final sentence of the penultimate paragraph, that all official correspondence, fiscal documents, project numbering, and other records should continue to refer to the highway as I-296.

Sincerely yours,

David A. Merchant
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Division Administrator

Attachment

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INFORMATION: Removal of Signing
and Map References to I-296 in
Grand Rapids, Michigan

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Associate Administrator for Planning
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Mr. Donald E. Trull
Regional Federal Highway Administrator
Homewood, Illinois

This is in response to your memorandum of November 8 which transmitted a request by the Michigan Department of Transportation to remove reference to I-296 in Grand Rapids.

As we understand the request, the State has proposed that all signing of this route as part of the Interstate System and all map references to it as Interstate 296 be eliminated. However, the route would remain as part of the Interstate System designated under provisions of 23 U.S.C. 103(e)(1) and would continue to be eligible for Interstate funds.

Please advise the Michigan Department of Transportation that their request to eliminate reference to this route for all signing and mapping purposes is approved. This approval does not remove the route from the Interstate System nor does it change its official designation as Interstate Highway 296. All official correspondence, fiscal documents, project numbering, and records should continue to refer to this route as I-296.

This action has been coordinated with the Office of Engineering and the Office of Traffic Operations.

/s/ Thomas M. Downs

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