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Thomas Sharp, Commissioner  
Indiana Department of Transportation  
100 North Senate Avenue  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Mr. Sharp:

Thank you for your letter to our office dated November 22, 2006, concerning the announcement that tolling of I-69 between Evansville and Indianapolis is no longer being considered and that finalization of the Re-evaluation of Tier 1 or a revised Tier 1 ROD will no longer be necessary.

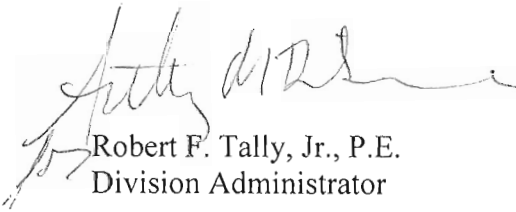
We agree that a revised Tier 1 ROD will not be necessary based on this decision and others that negated most of the issues that were considered in the Tier 1 Re-evaluation report to which most comments received on that document pertained. The Tier 2 studies can proceed as appropriate.

Please note that it will be necessary to continue to consider the comments received on the Re-evaluation report and, if necessary, address them in the appropriate Tier 2 study or studies. These issues typically relate to Section 7 of the Re-evaluation. As we have discussed, it has been determined that the Tier 1 commitment regarding bridging the Patoka River Floodplain will not be changed (Section 7.3 of the Re-evaluation) and, therefore, that issue requires no further consideration in Tier 2.

We appreciate the opportunity you have given us to assist in the development of the tolling concept. The experience gained will contribute to a number of projects in Indiana and across the country that are considering a number of similar concepts.

If you require further information please contact Tony DeSimone of this office at (317) 226-5307 (e-mail: [Anthony.desimone@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:Anthony.desimone@fhwa.dot.gov)).

Sincerely,



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