
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: MDOT'S REQUEST FOR YOUR APPROVAL OF EXCHANGE OF ARC MILEAGE
DATE: 1/21/2001
CC: SIMMONS
FILE

MDOT has requested your approval for the department to exchange a portion of Appalachian Corridor V in Tupelo that is currently scheduled to be completed with state funds for a segment of equal mileage that is programmed for Appalachian Development Highway System funding near the Alabama State Line. ARC technical staff suggested that MDOT request this swap last August so that ARC funds could be used to complete the Tupelo segment sooner than the segment near the Alabama State Line.

The exchange should result in earlier completion of the Tupelo segment, which the FHWA and ARC technical staff consider to be vital to continued economic development in the Tupelo area. This exchange would also result in earlier completion of four lanes from I-55 (Highway 6) to the Alabama State Line.

According to MDOT staff, the Tupelo segment has an estimated cost of \$32 million and the Alabama State Line segment is estimated to cost \$26 million. ARC requires that segments of equal mileage be swapped, regardless of the cost estimate of the segments. Thus, if the swap is approved, ARC will pick up the \$32 million Tupelo segment and the state will pick up the \$26 million segment, saving the state approximately \$6 million.

Your approval is required for the swap to be approved by the FHWA and the ARC. **MDOT has submitted the attached letter for your signature.**