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April 3, 2014

Mr. Jim McDonnell
AASHTO Program Director for Engineering
444 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 249
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Dear ~~Mr.~~ ^{Jim} McDonnell:

Reference is made to the solicitation for applications for U.S. Route Numbering changes.

Enclosed you will find an application requesting approval that U.S. Highway 49 through Brookland be redesignated as U.S. Highway 49 Business. This change only affects routes in the State of Arkansas.

This application has been electronically submitted to usroutes@ashto.org. If additional information is needed, please advise.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Scott E. Bennett in cursive.

Scott E. Bennett
Director of Highways
and Transportation

Enclosure

c: Senator Mark Pryor
Senator John Boozman
Congressman Rick Crawford
Highway Commission
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American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

An Application from the State Highway or Transportation Department of Arkansas for:

- Elimination of a U.S. (Interstate) Route
- Establishment of a U.S. (Interstate) Route
- Extension of a U.S. (Interstate) Route
- Relocation of a U.S. (Interstate) Route
- Establishment of a U.S. Alternate Route
- Establishment of a Temporary U.S. Route
- **Recognition of a Business Route on U.S. (Interstate) Route
- **Recognition of a By-Pass Route on U.S. Route

US 49B

AASHTO Use Only

Action taken by SCOH:

Between Brookland (North) and Brookland (South)

The following states or states are involved:
Arkansas

- ***"Recognition of..." A local vicinity map needed on page 3. On page 6 a short statement to the effect that there are no deficiencies on proposed routing, if true, will suffice.
- If there are deficiencies, they should be indicated in accordance with page 5 instructions.
- **All applications requesting Interstate establishment or changes are subject to concurrence and approval by the FHWA**

DATE SUBMITTED:

SUBMIT APPLICATION ELECTRONICALLY TO usroutes@aaashto.org

- *Bike Routes: this form is not applicable for US Bicycle Route System

The purpose of the **United States (U.S.) Numbered Highway System** is to facilitate travel on the main interstate highways, over the shortest routes and the best available roads. A route should form continuity of available facilities through two or more states that accommodate the most important and heaviest motor traffic flow in the area.

The routes comprising the **National System of Interstate and Defense Highways** will be marked with its own distinctive route marker shield and will have a numbering system that is separate and apart from the U.S. Numbered Highway System. For the convenience of the motorist, there must be continuity and a uniform pattern of marking and numbering these Interstate routes without regard to state lines.

The U.S. Numbered System was established in 1926 and the Interstate Numbered System was established in 1956. Both have reached the period of review, revision, and consolidation. They now need perfecting rather than expansion. Therefore, any proposed alteration in the established systems should be extremely meritorious and thoroughly, though concisely, explained in order that the Special Committee on U.S. Route Numbering and the Standing Committee on Highways of the Association may give prompt and proper consideration to each and every request made by a member department.

Explanation and Reasons for the Request: (Keep concise and pertinent.) _____

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has constructed a new location, four-lane undivided facility that bypasses the City of Brookland, Arkansas. A separate request has been submitted to relocate U.S. Highway 49 to this new location route. It is requested that the bypassed portion of U.S. Highway 49 through Brookland be redesignated as U.S. Highway 49 Business.

Date facility available to traffic 1/2001

Does the petition propose a new routing over a portion of an existing U.S. Route? Yes If so, where? Brookland

Does the petition propose a new routing over a portion of an existing Interstate Route? No If so, where? _____

Map of state, or portion thereof, indicating proposed addition or change in the U.S. Numbered or Interstate Numbered System:

Send your PDF color map to usroutes@aaashto.org or mvitale@aaashto.org with this application.

(Indicate termini and control points on the map for the route, and number them in sequence. Use the same numbers in column 1 tabulation, page 6, when listing mileage. **Towns, cities, major highway intersections and state lines to be used as control points.** The top of column 1, page 6, will be one terminus, and column 1 will give the log of the route as needed to describe the route in the Association publication *U.S. Numbered Highways* if the application is approved by the Standing Committee on Highways.)

State of Arkansas Proposed Change to the U.S. Highway System



 Proposed U.S. Highway 49 Business
Section 3B

Craighead County
Arkansas



The State agrees and pledges its good faith that it will not erect, remove, or change any U.S. or Interstate Route Markers on any road without the authorization, consent, or approval of the Standing Committee on Highways of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, notwithstanding the fact that the changes proposed are entirely within this State.

The weighted average daily traffic volume along the proposed route, as shown on the map on page 3, is 4,000 as compared to 6,100 for the year 2012 for all other U.S. Numbered Routes in the State.

The Purpose and Policy in the Establishment and Development of the United States Numbered Highways, as Retained from October 3, 1991 or the Purpose and Policy in the Establishment of a Marking System of the Routes Comprising the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways as Retained from August 10, 1973 has been read and is accepted.

In our opinion, this petition complies with the above applicable policy.

Chief Executive Officer

(Signature)

(Member Department)

This petition is authorized by official action of _____

under date of _____ as follows: (Copy excerpt from minutes.)

A letter from your Chief Executive Officer with the CEO's signature is sufficient when submitting your application, if you choose not to include the signature on this form.

Instructions for Preparation of Page 6

Column 1: Control Points and Mileage. Top of column is one terminus of road. Indicate control points by identical number as shown on map on page 3. Show mileage between control points in miles and tenths.

Column 2: Pavement Type.	Code
High type, heavy duty	H
Intermediate type	I
Low type, dustless	L (show in red)
Not paved	N (show in red)

Column 3: Pavement Condition	Code
Excellent	E
Good	G
Fair	F (show in red)
Poor	P (show in red)

NOTE: In columns 2 and 3, where pavements types and conditions change, the location of the change shall be indicated by a short horizontal line at the proper place opposite the mileage log and the proper code letter (shown above) shall be entered in the respective column between the locations so indicated.

Column 4: Traffic. Indicate average daily traffic volumes in this column. Points of changes in these data to be indicated by short horizontal lines opposite the appropriate mileage point on the mileage log. Any existing main line rail crossing that is not separated shall be indicated at the appropriate mileage point by RXR - black if signalized - red if not protected by signals.

Columns 5 & 6 Pavement Width and Shoulder Width. These columns to be completed by comparing standards of highway involved with applicable AASHTO standards. Entries that fall to the right of the tolerance lines (dashed) should be shaded in red. If there are no deficiencies indicate by use of the word NONE.

Columns 7 & 8 Major Structures. Show in these columns those structures that do not meet AASHTO standards. Show by horizontal line sufficiently long to indicate percentage of deficiency. Portion on right of tolerance line shall be shown in red. Indicate length of structure in feet immediately under the line. Any sub-standard highway underpass structure shall be shown opposite the appropriate mileage point by the designation LP with the vertical clearance in feet following and shown in red. If there are no deficiencies indicate by the use of the word NONE.

Column 9: Vertical Sight Distance. Items to be shown in this column as a horizontal line, the length of which will indicate the deficiency as determined in accordance with comparisons with comparable AASHTO standards. Portions of the line past the tolerance line shall be shown in red.

Column 10: Horizontal Curvature. Curves in excess of AASHTO applicable standards to be shown in this column by a short horizontal line with degree of curve shown immediately above the line. To be shown in red.

Column 11 Percent Grades. Show by horizontal lines opposite proper mileage point on mileage log. Show percent of grade above the line and length of grade in feet immediately below. To be shown in red.

What follows is an Excel worksheet that you can open by right clicking your mouse and select "Worksheet Object" – you can then Edit, Open or Convert but you must first unlock the form as show when inserting maps..

Mileage	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11							
	Control Points and Mileage	Pavement Type	Pavement Condition	Traffic ADT	Comparison to Applicable AASHTO Design Standards								Show When In Excess of Standard					
					Pavement Width Deficiency	Shoulder Width Deficiency	Major Structures				Vertical Sight Distance Deficiency	Horizontal Curvature	Percent Grade					
							Roadway Width Deficiency		H - Loading Deficiency									
							Percent		Percent					Percent				
10	20	30	40	20	40	60	80	10	20	30	40	20	40	60	80	Degree	Length	
0	There are no deficiencies on this route.																	
20																		
40																		
60																		
80																		
100																		
120																		
140																		
160																		

Attach additional sheet here if necessary

Contact Information:

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The following description will be provided to the AASHTO Highways Special Committee on U. S. Route Number (USRN).

Where does the route begin?

Where is it going?

What type of facility is it traveling over?

Explain the direction (north, east, south, and west)

Name the focal point city or cities

Total number of miles the route will cover

Where does it end?

Begin your description here:

1. The route begins one mile north of the City Limits of Brookland, Arkansas.
2. The route travels through the City of Brookland, Arkansas.
3. The route is a two-lane, undivided roadway on existing location.
4. The route travels in a north-south direction in Arkansas.
5. The focal city is Brookland, Arkansas.
6. The route is 3.66 miles long.
7. The route ends in the City of Brookland, Arkansas.

US 49 & US 49 Bus						
US Route Number	State	Type	Intersection	Point to Point	Accumulated	Remarks
49	Arkansas	Regular	Piggott	0	0	Route begins, Jct. U.S. 62
49	Arkansas	Regular	Rector	13	13	NONE
49	Arkansas	Regular	Paragould	17	30	Crosses U.S. 49 Bus.
49	Arkansas	Regular	Paragould	2	32	Crosses U.S. 412
49	Arkansas	Regular	N. Brookland	9	41	U.S. 49 Bus. begins & leaves
49	Arkansas	Regular	Brookland	3	44	U.S. 49 Bus. rejoins and ends
49	Arkansas	Regular	Jonesboro	5	49	Crosses U.S. 63 Bus./Hwy. 91
49	Arkansas	Regular	Jct. Jonesboro	4	53	Joins U.S. 63
49	Arkansas	Regular	Jct. S. Jonesboro	3	56	Leaves U.S. 63
49	Arkansas	Regular	Fair Oaks	45	101	Crosses U.S. 64
49	Arkansas	Regular	North Brinkley	25	126	Crosses I-40
49	Arkansas	Regular	Brinkley	2	128	Joins U.S. 70
49	Arkansas	Regular	South Brinkley	2	130	Leaves U.S. 70
49	Arkansas	Regular	Jct. N. Blackton	13	143	Crosses U.S. 79
49	Arkansas	Regular	Jct. W. of West Helena	32	175	U.S. 49 Bus. begins & leaves
49	Arkansas	Regular	Jct. S. of Helena	5	180	U.S. 49 Bus. rejoins and ends
49	Arkansas	Regular	State Line	1	181	NONE
49	Arkansas	Business	Jct. N. Jonesboro	0	0	Route begins, leaves U.S. 49
49	Arkansas	Business	Jonesboro	2	2	Joins U.S. 63 Bus.
49	Arkansas	Business	Jonesboro	2	4	Leaves U.S. 63 Bus.
49	Arkansas	Business	Jct. S. Jonesboro	1	5	Route ends, rejoins U.S. 49 & U.S. 63
49	Arkansas	Business	Jct. W. of West Helena	0	0	Route begins, leaves U.S. 49
49	Arkansas	Business	Helena	5	5	NONE
49	Arkansas	Business	Jct. S. of Helena	2	7	Route ends, rejoins U.S. 49