

## HIGHWAY PORK (JULY 1996)

At first I thought it was just more political pork posturing as highway improvement. Then I considered why else one would label each and every one tenth of a mile on I-75 with new, bright blue signs showing the interstate crest, northbound or southbound and how many miles and tenths of miles I was from the southern border. I was stumped why a deficit ridden government with unfulfilled needs in education, health care and nutrition would spend hard earned tax dollars for these signs. Then I realized what the reason must be. The baby boomers are reaching age 50 and these are just the first sign of things to come. The highway mileage markers are needed because boomers can no longer remember where they are and the old green mile markers are long forgotten after one or two tenths of a mile journey. These signs can help a befuddled boomer remember not only how far they have driven, but on what highway and in what direction. I was convinced of their usefulness when I exited the highway and was told that I was on the Southbound ramp to Mitchell; with my musing I had forgotten that I was heading home.

P.S.

I do have one slight concern. The blue mileage signs don't color coordinate very well with the larger green exit signs. Perhaps we can get some new shiny blue exit signs to tell us where we can go, to match those that tell us where we are.