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Mr. Paul Ziman Pavement & Materials Engineer Federal Highway Administration – Utah Division 2520 West 4700 South, Suite 9A Salt Lake City, UT 84129

RE: Pooled Fund 100 Percent SP&R-Subpart B Waiver Request – Solicitation # 1599 – Western Transportation Research Consortium

Dear Mr. Ziman:

With this letter the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is requesting approval from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to establish a pooled fund study using 100 percent SP&R-Subpart B funding for solicitation # 1599, "Western Transportation Research Consortium," included in our approved FY 2024 work program.

We estimate up to 11 state DOTs will initially participate in this project, with UDOT serving as the lead agency. We anticipate that many of the participating state DOTs will use SP&R-Subpart B funding. The amount of funding initially requested to complete the project is \$360,000, which we expect will come from pooled fund partners.

Your approval to establish this pooled fund study at 100 percent SP&R-Subpart B funding, while waiving the non-Federal funds match requirement, would be greatly appreciated. **Please forward a copy of this letter, with your endorsement, to Tricia Sergeson (FHWA TPF PM) at <u>patricia.sergeson@dot.gov</u>, and she will coordinate the official waiver approval letter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 801-589-8340 or <u>davidstevens@utah.gov</u>.**

Sincerely,

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CC: Cameron Kergaye, UDOT Research & Innovation Director Tricia Sergeson, FHWA Transportation Pooled Fund Program Manager