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Ms. Melinda Roberson  
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Dear Ms. Roberson:

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) accepts the role of lead state for the pooled fund study TPF-5(494) "Western States Rural Transportation Consortium Phase 2." WSDOT agrees to receive, obligate, expend, and manage contributions from participating agencies.

Participating agencies are requested to submit a copy of this letter with their funding transfer request form for this project to their respective FHWA Division Office for concurrence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 360-705-7975 or by email at [paintef@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:paintef@wsdot.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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