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Subject: Request for use of 100% SP & R Funds

Dear Mr. Reisenberg:

The Minnesota Department of Transportation requests approval to use 100% SP & R Funds for the following Minnesota Lead project/solicitation.

New Project Solicitation

National Road Research Alliance – NRRRA

A strong transportation network is essential for competing in the global marketplace in the past as it will be in the future. Yet as our infrastructure is aging, construction costs are rising and the public is demanding a higher level of service while revenues are on the decline, the challenge to provide synergistic research into materials, products process and service improvement as well as technological transfer is even greater. Furthermore the need for implementable solutions to preserve the current asset serves as investment into the future. The National Road Research Alliance (NRRRA) much-needed for the conceptualization innovation selection, research and implementation. NRRRA exists to:

- Focus on Agency and Local transportation road owner research needs
- Fund common agency and local research needs
- Technology Transfer / Implementation of Results
- Establish regional and national networks to exchange information, share ideas, and learn research results
- Training

Enclosed for your review is a copy of the complete proposal. Thank you for your consideration of this request and we look forward to your favorable concurrence.

If you have any questions, please contact Deb Fick at (651) 366-3759 or deb.fick@dot.state.mn.us

Sincerely,

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