




Memorandum

U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Highway
Administration**

Subject: **ACTION:** Waiver of Match for State
Planning and Research (SP&R) funds to the
*Fostering Innovation in Pedestrian and Bicycle
Transportation Pooled Fund Study*

Date: FEB 28 2017

From: 
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In Reply
Refer to: HEPH-1

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To: Hari Kalla
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This is a request for your approval to waive the matching requirement for State Planning and Research (SP&R) funds in support of the *Fostering Innovation in Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Pooled Fund Study* (Solicitation Number: 1441).

This study will directly inform U.S. DOT's safety goals given that around 18% of all roadway fatalities in the U.S. are pedestrians and bicyclists. It will supplement existing research venues and fill an important missing gap by emphasizing short turnaround practical research on issues immediately relevant to practitioners. It will also support research to test innovations on the ground and evaluate them for broader application, while providing a mechanism for Federal, State, and local coordination and cost sharing.

It is in the best interest of the Federal-aid Highway Program to allow the use of SP&R funds without matching in order to meet the following goals:

- Provide answers to emerging questions about innovative facility design, planning, and implementation to improve safety and mobility for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Conduct effective and efficient research on innovative traffic control devices to accelerate their incorporation into the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
- Facilitate the collection and reporting of robust transportation facility data that will allow for updating Federal, State, local, and other design guidelines, such as the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials design guides.
- Support research on addressing rural multimodal transportation needs, regulatory streamlining, opportunities to improve cost effectiveness and efficiencies in the transportation system, and multimodal investment analysis.

I Concur:

R. Kaler
Signature

2/28/17
Date

I DO NOT Concur:

Signature

Date