



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**Federal Highway  
Administration**

# Memorandum

Subject: **ACTION:** Waiver of Match for State  
Planning and Research (SP&R) Part A funds to  
the *Collaborative Development of New  
Strategic Planning Models Pooled Fund Study*

Date: May 30, 2017

From: Kenneth N. Petty II  
Director, Office of Planning

In Reply  
Refer to: HEPP-1

To: Hari Kalla  
Acting Associate Administrator for  
Planning, Environment and Realty

This is a request for your approval to waive the matching requirement for State Planning and Research (SP&R) Part A funds in support of the *Collaborative Development of New Strategic Planning Models Pooled Fund Study* (Solicitation Number: 1446).

This study will increase the ability of planning agencies to respond effectively to new transportation technologies and new challenges to the safe and efficient operation of the transportation system. Building on SHRP 2 implementation efforts, this pooled fund will facilitate transfer of responsibility for key strategic planning tools from FHWA to States and MPOs. The pooled fund will enable rapid and cost-effective development and deployment of innovative and responsive planning tools in support of effective performance-based planning and programming.

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

- Ensure access to responsive strategic planning tools that are responsive to new transportation technologies and policies.
- Provide cost-effective support to participating agencies in adapting existing and new strategic planning tools to their needs, and applying those tools in their planning process.
- Further develop resources for the rapid development of new strategic tools so that agencies can continue to respond effectively to new challenges.

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I DO NOT Concur:

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