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# Memorandum

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Subject: **INFORMATION:** Transportation Pooled  
Fund Solicitation #1540 “Bridge Deck  
Preservation Portal”

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This memorandum is in response to the June 23, 2020 e-mail from Micah Loesch of your staff, requesting the waiver of the non-Federal funding match for State Planning and Research–Subpart B (SP&R-Subpart B) funds for transportation pooled fund solicitation 1540 “Bridge Deck Preservation Portal”. We understand that the Iowa Department of Transportation will be the lead agency for this project.

The proposed study meets the criteria for use of SP&R–Subpart B funds used for research and development studies without non-Federal matching funds. The approval status will be reflected on the Transportation Pooled Fund website: [www.pooledfund.org](http://www.pooledfund.org), which serves as the primary mechanism for communication regarding pooled fund studies.

It is important to remember that the lead agency contact is required to report on the status of the pooled fund study on a timely basis. The contact should indicate when a contract is signed, and electronic copies of the quarterly and final reports and other relevant study documents should be posted on the website. By doing so, the lead agency will be fulfilling its obligation to provide information to its partners on the status of the project.

Raj Ailaney, Senior Bridge Preservation Engineer, in the Office of Bridges and Structures will be the Federal Highway Administration’s Technical Liaison for this study. Mr. Ailaney can be reached via telephone at (202) 366-6749 or e-mail at [Raj.Ailaney@dot.gov](mailto:Raj.Ailaney@dot.gov). We hope that Mr. Ailaney will have the opportunity to participate in the study activities as a technical resource to the project.

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