

## Memorandum

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Subject: **INFORMATION:** Transportation Pooled Fund (TPF) Solicitation #1531 "National Road Research Alliance - NRRA (Phase-II)" Date:

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This memorandum is in response to the October 21, 2020 e-mail from Andrew Emanuele 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 TPF solicitation - "National Road Research Alliance - NRRA (Phase-II)". We understand that the Minnesota Department of Transportation will be the lead agency for this project and Glenn Engstrom will be the lead agency contact.

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 TPF website: <u>www.pooledfund.org</u>, 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 lead agency contact should notify Tricia Sergeson via email at <u>patricia.sergeson@dot.gov</u> and Masha Shelton at <u>masha.shelton.ctr@dot.gov</u> when the contract is signed and electronic copies of the quarterly and final reports and other relevant study documents are posted on the Transportation Pooled Fund website. By doing so, the lead agency will be fulfilling its obligation to provide information to its partners on the status of the project.

Bob Orthmeyer, Senior Pavement Engineer, at the Resource Center will be the Federal Highway Administration's Technical Liaison for this study. Mr. Orthmeyer can be

reached via telephone at (708) 574-8134 or e-mail: <u>robert.orthmeyer@dot.gov</u>. We hope that Mr. Orthmeyer will have the opportunity to participate in the study activities as a technical resource to the project.

You may contact Tricia Sergeson via telephone (202) 493-3166 or email at <u>patricia.sergeson@dot.gov</u> if you have questions or need further assistance.