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Dear Dr. Ocel,

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is the lead state for the pooled fund study TPF-5(493) "Investigation of Dual Grade / Hybrid Steel Plate Girders Utilizing Stainless Steel."

NCDOT accepts the role of lead agency and agrees to receive, obligate, expend, and manage contributions from participating agencies.

The participating agencies are requested to submit a copy of this letter with their state-to-state funding transfer request form for this project to their respective FHWA Division Office for concurrence.

Project details can be found on the Pooled Fund website:
<https://www.pooledfund.org/Details/Study/723>

Until February 18, 2022, you may contact me at 919-707-6661 or jmastin@ncdot.gov. Afterward, please contact Mr. Mustan Kadibhai, Research Engineer at makadibhai@ncdot.gov or 919-707-6667. Technical questions should be directed to the agency champion for this project, Mr. Brian Hanks at bhanks@ncdot.gov or 919-707-6419

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Neil Mastin".

J. Neil Mastin, PE
NCDOT Research and Development Manager