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Memorandum

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Subject: **INFORMATION:** Transportation Pooled
Fund (TPF) Solicitation #1579 “Standardizing
Rigid Inclusions for Transportation Projects –
Phase I”

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This memorandum is in response to the May 20, 2022, email from Catherine Patrick of your staff, requesting the waiver of the non-Federal funding match for State Planning and Research, Subpart B (SPR-B) funds for TPF project solicitation number 1579, “Standardizing Rigid Inclusions for Transportation Projects – Phase I.” We understand that the Kansas Department of Transportation will be the lead agency for this project and Dan Wadley will be the lead agency contact.

The proposed study meets the criteria for use of SPR-B funds used for research and development studies without non-Federal matching funds. The approval status will be reflected on the TPF website: 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 lead agency contact should notify Tricia Sergeson via email at patricia.sergeson@dot.gov and Masha Shelton via email at masha.shelton.ctr@dot.gov when the contract is signed. Electronic copies of the quarterly and final reports and other relevant study documents are posted on the TPF website. By doing so, the lead agency will be fulfilling its obligation to provide information to its partners on the status of the project.

Dr. Jennifer Nicks, Research Geotechnical Engineer, will be the Federal Highway Administration's technical liaison for this study. Dr. Nicks can be reached via telephone at (202) 493-3075 or via email at jennifer.nicks@dot.gov. We hope that Dr. Nicks will have the opportunity to participate in the study activities as a technical resource to the project.

You may contact Tricia Sergeson if you have questions or need further assistance.