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Mr. Nelson J. Castellanos
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Dear Mr. Castellanos:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (Maryland DOT) is the lead state for the pooled fund study TPF-5(138) Mid-Atlantic Rail Operations (MAROps) Study Phase II. The Maryland DOT 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 funding transfer request form for this project to their respective FHWA Division Office for concurrence. To ensure Maryland DOT has accurate financial records, the participating agencies are also requested to copy me when they send these documents to their FHWA Division Office.

Please contact me at 410-545-2916 or ahardt@sha.state.md.us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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