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# Memorandum

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Subject: **INFORMATION:** Transportation Pooled  
Fund (TPF) Solicitation #1597 “Human-  
centered Steel Bridge Inspection enabled by  
Augmented Reality and Artificial Intelligence”

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This memorandum is in response to the April 17, 2023, email from Catherine M. 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 1597, “Human-centered Steel Bridge Inspection enabled by Augmented Reality and Artificial Intelligence”. We understand that the Kansas Department of Transportation will be the lead agency for this project and David Behzadpour 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](http://www.pooledfund.org), which serves as the primary mechanism for communication regarding pooled fund studies.

Hoda Azari, Nondestructive Evaluation Research Program Manager, will be the Federal Highway Administration’s technical liaison for this study. Hoda Azari can be reached via telephone at (202) 493-3064 or via email at [hoda.azari@dot.gov](mailto:hoda.azari@dot.gov).

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