



Memorandum

U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Highway
Administration**

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Subject: **ACTION:** Waiver of Match for State
Planning and Research (SPR) Funds for the
Mid-America Freight Coalition (MAFC) Phase
4 Transportation Pooled Fund Study

Date: November 16, 2022

From: Harlan Miller
Acting Director, Office of Planning

In Reply
Refer to: HEPP-10

To: Kenneth N. Petty II
Acting Associate Administrator for
Planning, Environment and Realty

This is a request for your approval to waive the matching requirement for State Planning and Research (SPR) Part A (Planning) funds in support of the Mid-America Freight Coalition (MAFC) Phase 4 Transportation Pooled Fund Study (Solicitation Number: [1588](#)) from 2023-2026.

This pooled-fund project will assist State Departments of Transportations (DOTs) with guidance and best practices at a national level related to multi-state coordination of freight activities in support of the goals of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The focus of the project is on planning and research that will support the critical linkage between freight movement and services and economic and community development. The project includes collaboration, innovation, development of freight planning, freight policy and operations across the 10-state Mid America Association of State Transportation Officials (MAASTO) region. Major emphasis areas support advances in multimodal freight planning practices, freight operations and technology, governance and best practices that support collaboration.

It is in the best interest of the Federal-aid Highway Program to allow the use of SPR funds without matching in order to meet the following goals:

- Provide guidance and solutions for state-defined freight-related research;
- Support the IIJA goals through multistate collaboration in freight policy, facility development, and operations harmonization;
- Improve cross-state freight-related coordination and facility development;
- Increase awareness of the importance of freight transportation for state, regional, and national economies;
- Act as a freight professional resource to the states;

- Provide freight professional development resources and peer to peer networking; and
- Maintain and expand the region’s reputation as being freight-friendly.

I Concur:

Signature

November 16, 2022
Date

I DO NOT Concur:

Signature

Date