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Memorandum

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Subject: **INFORMATION:** Transportation Pooled
Fund (TPF) Solicitation #1653 “State DOT
Council for Strategic AI Adoption”

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This memorandum is in response to the email from Christopher Paige of your staff, requesting the waiver of the non-Federal funding match for State Planning and Research funds for TPF project solicitation number 1653, “State DOT Council for Strategic AI Adoption.” We understand that the New Jersey Department of Transportation will be the lead agency for this project and Dr. Giri Venkateela will be the lead agency contact.

The proposed study meets the criteria for use of SPR funds 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.

Dr. Craig Thor, Chief Scientist, will be the Federal Highway Administration’s technical liaison for this study. Dr. Thor can be reached via telephone at (202)493-3338 or via email at craig.thor@dot.gov.

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