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Memorandum

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Subject: INFORMATION: Transportation Pooled Fund
(TPF) Solicitation #1648 “Determination of
Load and Flexural Capacity of Press Brake
Formed Tub Girder Bridges”

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This memorandum is in response to the email from Kara Greathouse of your staff, requesting the waiver of the non-Federal funding match for State Planning and Research funds for TPF project solicitation number 1648, “Determination of Load and Flexural Capacity of Press Brake Formed Tub Girder Bridges.” We understand that the West Virginia Department of Transportation will be the lead agency for this project and David Chappell 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.

Justin Ocel, Senior Structural Engineer, will be the Federal Highway Administration’s technical liaison for this study. Mr. Ocel can be reached via telephone at (202) 281-8213 or via email at justin.ocel@dot.gov.

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