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Ms. Iris Vaughan
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Federal Highway Administration
400 North 8th Street
Room 750
Richmond, VA 23240

Dear Ms. Vaughan

Virginia DOT (Virginia Transportation Research Council) is the lead state for FHWA Pooled Fund Study TPF-5(571) “*Pavement Surface Properties Consortium Phase IV - Improving Safety and Saving Lives through Pavement Surface Optimization*”. Virginia 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.

Please contact Bill Kelsh (434-293-1934), Bill.Kelsh@VDOT.Virginia.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Michael Fitch', is written over a rectangular box. The signature is stylized and cursive.

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Director

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