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# Memorandum

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Subject: **INFORMATION:** Transportation Pooled  
Fund (TPF) Solicitation #1659 “Western  
Maintenance Partnership-Phase 4”

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This memorandum is in response to the email from Trevor Hart of your staff, requesting the waiver of the non-Federal funding match for State Planning and Research funds for TPF project solicitation number 1659, “Western Maintenance Partnership – Phase 4.” We understand that the Utah Department of Transportation will be the lead agency for this project and David Stevens 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](http://www.pooledfund.org), which serves as the primary mechanism for communication regarding pooled fund studies.

Dr. Maryam Sakhaeifar, Asphalt Materials Research Engineer, will be the Federal Highway Administration’s technical liaison for this study. Dr. Sakhaeifar can be reached at [maryam.sakhaeifar@dot.gov](mailto:maryam.sakhaeifar@dot.gov).

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