



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

Memorandum

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Subject: **INFORMATION:** Transportation Pooled
Fund (TPF) Solicitation #1664 “Reassessing
the Subsurface Conditions and the Durability of
Buried Foundation Elements at a Texas
National Geotechnical Experimentation Site”

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This memorandum is in response to the email from Kirk Fauver of your staff, requesting the waiver of the non-Federal funding match for State Planning and Research funds for TPF project solicitation number 1664, “Reassessing the Subsurface Conditions and the Durability of Buried Foundation Elements at a Texas National Geotechnical Experimentation Site.” We understand that the Texas Department of Transportation will be the lead agency for this project and Danny Souraphath 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. Jennifer Nicks, Geotechnical Research Engineer, will be the Federal Highway Administration’s technical liaison for this study. Dr. Nicks can be reached via telephone at (202) 493-3075 or via email at jennifer.nicks@dot.gov.

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