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Memorandum

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Subject: **INFORMATION:** Transportation Pooled
Fund (TPF) Solicitation #1666 “Roadmap to
Routine Implementation of Fiber-Reinforced
Polymer Reinforcement in State DOT Bridges”

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This memorandum is in response to the email from Iris Vaughan of your staff, requesting the waiver of the non-Federal funding match for State Planning and Research funds for TPF project solicitation number 1666, “Roadmap to Routine Implementation of Fiber-Reinforced Polymer Reinforcement in State DOT Bridges.” We understand that the Virginia Department of Transportation will be the lead agency for this project and Mr. Bernie Kassner 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. Timothy Barrett, Research Civil Engineer, will be the Federal Highway Administration’s technical liaison for this study. Dr. Barrett can be reached via telephone at timothy.barrett@dot.gov.

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