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Mr. Kris Riesenber, Technical Services Team Leader
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Subject: Request for use of 100% SP & R Funds

Dear Mr. Riesenber:

New Project Solicitation

The Minnesota Department of Transportation requests approval to use 100% SP & R Funds for the following project.

Title: Solicitation Number TBD – National Accessibility Evaluation

The objective of this pooled fund project is to provide national summary maps and statistics as well as state- and metro-area summary data. The report will be released to national and local media outlets. The contributors will receive detailed maps, statistics, and reports for their appropriate area. Data can be reported for transportation districts, counties, metropolitan areas, or municipalities.

Accessibility measures the ease of reaching valued destinations. By incorporating data about both transportation and land use, accessibility provides a unified view of how well a transportation system fulfills the goal of creating connections between users and their destinations.

By tracking accessibility over time, state DOT's, MPO's, and transit agencies can better understand how well their networks support this goal. Accessibility evaluation can be applied to MAP-21 performance goals related to congestion, reliability, and sustainability.

Enclosed for your review is a copy of the complete solicitation proposal. Thanks for your consideration of the request. We look forward to your favorable concurrence.

If you have any questions, please contact Deb Fick at (651) 366-3759 or deb.fick@dot.state.mn.us

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Linda K Taylor'.

Linda K Taylor, PE
Director, Mn/DOT Research Services and Library

Cc: Kris Riesenber, FHWA Minnesota Division