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Subject: Request for use of 100% SP & R Funds

Dear Mr. Reisenberg:

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

New Project Solicitation – #1437
Clear Roads Phase II

This new solicitation is the second phase of the current Pooled Fund TPF-59218). This new phase of Clear Roads Pooled Fund will address both operational and management research needs, investigating the most effective tools and practices for clearing snow and ice and for managing program resources, budgets and performance measures. It will also include an even stronger emphasis on promoting the use of the research results in the field. The project will provide expanded support for implementation and technology transfer through the development of user manuals, training modules, peer exchanges, and quick turnaround syntheses of the most effective state practices from around the country. This new phase will also include expanded collaboration with other research organizations focused on winter maintenance (such as the Aurora Pooled Fund) to further leverage the research funding investment.

Enclosed for your review is a copy of the complete proposal. Thank you for your consideration of this request and 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,

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