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Subject: Transportation Pooled Fund Project TPF-5(228)/
ALDOT Research Project 930-763P, "Superpave Regional Center, Southeastern
Region"
Letter of Direction – REVISED (No. 13)

Dear Dr. Mason:

This is your "Letter of Direction" to continue work on the above referenced research project. This authorization to begin work is based upon the proposal that was approved by the Department, and the General Agreement with the National Center for Asphalt Technology (K-11-1147) that was approved by the Governor on October 16, 2011 and extended by the Transportation Director on October 3, 2014.

The researcher should adhere to the proposal and approved budget as his guide for conduct during the review. This office, with the recommendation of the Project Advisory Committee (PAC), must approve any deviation from the proposal. A PAC was appointed to monitor the researcher's progress and to provide technical guidance when required or requested. The researcher should occasionally meet with the PAC to update them on project progress and accomplishments. The PAC is comprised of representatives from each of the participating states, which the names are listed below:

Ms. Michelle Owens [owensm@dot.state.al.us, (334) 353-6941] – Chair, Alabama DOT
Mr. Roberto DeDios [roberto.dedios@dot.state.co.us, (303) 757-9975] – Colorado DOT
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Mr. Todd Whittington [twhittington@ncdot.gov; (919) 329-4060] – North Carolina DOT
Mr. Miguel Estrella Colon [mestrella@dtop.gov.pr, (787) 721-8787] – Puerto Rico DOT
Mr. Terry Swygert [swygertl@scdot.org, (803) 737-6691] – South Carolina DOT
Mr. Ron Johnson [johnsonrl@dot.state.al.us, (334) 353-6940] – ALDOT, RAC Liaison
Ms. Kristy Harris [Kristy.Harris@dot.gov, (334) 274-6361] – FHWA Liaison

As of today's date, the amount of funds received from the participating states total \$2,000,353. These commitments were made to this project under Transportation Pooled Fund Project Number TPF-5(228) and are detailed in the attachment. The scheduled completion date for this project was extended until February 28, 2020. As a Transportation Pooled Fund Project, the "Superpave Regional Center, Southeastern Region" is funded by 100% State Planning and Research (SP&R) funds. This project has been assigned number 930-763P in our research series and TPF-5(228) under the Transportation Pooled Fund Program. Please note very carefully that no work should ever be performed for any partner under this project if their available funding balance is not sufficient to cover their costs. The Bureau of Research and Development will at any time, at your request, work with you in determining available funding. Your failure to adhere to this requirement could result in disapproval of invoices.

The Bureau of Research and Development will process all invoices for this project. Accompanying each invoice should be a report from the researcher stating the work that was performed for each state for that billing period. This will allow proper ALDOT reimbursement for expenses paid for study partners.

Upon completion of the work for each partner, the researcher should prepare a summary of the work performed and send it to the Bureau of Research and Development and the appropriate PAC representative. In addition, quarterly reports are to be submitted to the Department's Research and Development Bureau by the 7th of each January, April, July and October. A final report including implementation recommendations is required at the project's end. Distribution of all research project reports and/or documentation is to be handled through the Bureau of Research and Development. The scheduling of any PAC meetings is also to be coordinated through the Bureau of Research and Development. This will ensure compliance with Department and federal guidelines.

Any and all contractual questions should be directed to my office. If you have any questions concerning this letter of direction, please contact me or Mr. Ron Johnson at (334) 353-6940 or via e-mail at owensm@dot.state.al.us or johnsonrl@dot.state.al.us.

Sincerely,



J. Michelle Owens
Research and Development Bureau Chief &
Chairman of the Research Advisory Committee

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Enclosure

c: Mr. Donald Watson, National Center for Asphalt Technology
Dr. Randy West, National Center for Asphalt Technology
Ms. Karen Delong, ALDOT, Bureau of Transportation Planning and Modal Programs
Mr. Ron Johnson, ALDOT, Bureau of Research and Development
Mr. David Pamplin, Federal Highway Administration
Ms. Kristy Harris, Federal Highway Administration
Mr. Jack Jernigan, Federal Highway Administration
Project Advisory Committee

TPF 5(228) TOTAL FUNDS CONTRIBUTED BY STATE

Alabama	Colorado	Florida	Georgia	Kentucky	Louisiana	Mississippi	N. Carolina	Puerto Rico	S. Carolina	Tennessee	TOTAL
\$60,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$60,000	\$25,000	\$82,129	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$5,359	\$20,000	
\$150,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$300,000	\$54,641		
	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$45,000	\$100,000		\$150,000	\$20,000		
	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000			\$150,000	\$40,000		
	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$5,000				\$40,000		
	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$97,000		\$26,224				\$20,000		
	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000		\$10,000				\$20,000		
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\$210,000	\$140,000	\$60,000	\$237,000	\$60,000	\$151,224	\$222,129	\$60,000	\$660,000	\$180,000	\$20,000	\$2,000,353