




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

Memorandum

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Subject: **ACTION:** Waiver of Match for State
Planning and Research (SP&R) funds to the
*Next Generation Travel Behavior Data
Collection and Processing*

Date: March 28, 2018

From: 
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In Reply
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This is a request for your approval to waive the matching requirement for State Planning and Research (SP&R) funds in support of the *Next Generation Travel Behavior Data Collection and Processing Pooled Fund Study* Solicitation Number: [1466](#). FHWA is launching the Next Generation Travel Behavior Data Initiative to establish a continuous travel monitoring program that will provide annual national and local data. The work plan for the next 5 years is to gather and publish annual national travel behavior data and offer opportunities for States, MPOs, and other entities to obtain agency-specific data.

This study will establish a new national data collection program that will collect, process, estimate, and report national, state, and local travel behavior on an annual basis. It will also enable and facilitate State DOTs, MPOs, and other entities' to participate in the new data gathering program.

It is in the best interest of the Federal-aid Highway Program to allow the use of SP&R funds without matching in order to meet the following goals:

- Produce the following three major components of travel behavior data and information: National travel behavior data, National origin-destination (OD) data, and State and local data.
- Provide key travel behavior data of the existing National Household Travel Survey Program as well as data on new and emerging travel trends, such as travel provided by transportation network companies.
- Provide annual OD data (i.e., cumulative number of trips for an entire calendar year) at the metropolitan statistical area (MSA) and remainder of State levels by travel mode and trip purpose. The data should cover both inter-zonal and intra-zonal trips.

I Concur: _____ *Gloria M. Shepherd* _____
Signature

March 28, 2018
Date

I DO NOT Concur: _____
Signature

Date