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Memorandum

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Subject: **INFORMATION:** Transportation Pooled
Fund Solicitation #1529 “Consequences-Based
Analysis of Undrained Shear Behavior of Soils
and Liquefaction Hazards, Phase 1: Filling the
Data Gaps”

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This memorandum is in response to the July 21, 2020 e-mail from John Haynes of your staff, requesting the waiver of the non-Federal funding match for State Planning and Research–Subpart B (SP&R–Subpart B) funds for transportation pooled fund solicitation 1529 “Consequences-Based Analysis of Undrained Shear Behavior of Soils and Liquefaction Hazards, Phase 1: Filling the Data Gaps”. We understand that the Utah Department of Transportation will be the lead agency for this project.

The proposed study meets the criteria for use of SP&R–Subpart B funds used for research and development studies without non-Federal matching funds. The approval status will be reflected on the Transportation Pooled Fund website: www.pooledfund.org, which serves as the primary mechanism for communication regarding pooled fund studies.

It is important to remember that the lead agency contact is required to report on the status of the pooled fund study on a timely basis. The contact should indicate when a contract is signed, and electronic copies of the quarterly and final reports and other relevant study documents should be posted on the website. By doing so, the lead agency will be fulfilling its obligation to provide information to its partners on the status of the project.

Jennifer Nicks, Geotechnical Research Engineer, in the Office of Infrastructure Research and Development will be the Federal Highway Administration’s Technical Liaison for this study. Ms. Nicks can be reached via telephone at (202) 493-3075 or e-mail at

jennifer.nicks@dot.gov. We hope that Ms. Nicks will have the opportunity to participate in the study activities as a technical resource to the project.

You may contact Jack Jernigan via telephone (202) 493-3363 or email at jack.jernigan@dot.gov if you have questions or need further assistance.