



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

Federal Highway  
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# Memorandum

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Subject: **INFORMATION:** Transportation Pooled  
Fund (TPF) Solicitation #1552 “Develop  
Countermeasure Strategies for Protecting  
Bridge Girders against Overheight Vehicles  
Impact”

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This memorandum is in response to the April 6, 2021, email from Waider Wong of your staff, requesting a waiver of the non-Federal funding match for State Planning and Research, Subpart B (SPR-B) funds for TPF project solicitation number 1552, “Develop Countermeasure Strategies for Protecting Bridge Girders against Overheight Vehicles Impact.” We understand that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will be the lead agency and Waider Wong will be the lead contact person for this project.

The study meets the criteria for use of SPR-B funds used for research and development studies without non-Federal matching funds. The approval status will be reflected on the TPF website: [www.pooledfund.org](http://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 lead agency contact should notify Tricia Sergeson via email at [patricia.sergeson@dot.gov](mailto:patricia.sergeson@dot.gov) and Masha Shelton via email at [masha.shelton.ctr@dot.gov](mailto:masha.shelton.ctr@dot.gov) when the contract is signed. Electronic copies of the quarterly and final reports and other relevant study documents are posted on the TPF website. By doing so, the lead agency will be fulfilling its obligation to provide information to its partners on the status of the project.

You may contact Tricia Sergeson if you have questions or need further assistance.