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Mr. J. Michael Bowen **Division Administrator** Federal Highway Administration 6111 SW 29th Street, Suite 100 Topeka, KS 66614-4271

Dear Mr. Bowen:

The Kansas Department of Transportation is the lead state for the pooled fund study TPF-5(174) "Construction of Crack-Free Bridge Decks, Phase II". The Kansas Department of Transportation accepts the role of lead agency and agrees to receive, obligate, expend and manage contributions from participating agencies.

The participating agencies are requested to submit a copy of this letter with their funding transfer request form for this project to their respective FHWA Division Office for concurrence.

Please contact Richard L. McReynolds, P.E., Engineer of Research, 2300 S.W. Van Buren St., Topeka, KS 66611, 785-291-3841 or dick@ksdot.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely

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