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Mr. Kris Riesenber
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Subject: Request for use of 100% SP & R Funds

Dear Mr. Reisenberg:

The Minnesota Department of Transportation requests approval to use 100% SP & R Funds for the following Minnesota Lead project/solicitation.

**New Project Solicitation #1463
Northwest Passage Phase #4**

Interstates 90 and 94 between Wisconsin and Washington function as major corridors for commercial and recreational travel. Extreme winter weather conditions, prevalent in the northern states within this corridor, pose significant operational and travel-related challenges. Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Washington, and Wyoming are predominantly rural and face similar transportation issues related to traffic management, traveler information, and commercial vehicle operations.

Recognizing the value of coordinated, cross-border collaboration for ITS deployment to address these issues, Minnesota initiated a meeting in 2002 with representatives from each of the states within the corridor. The group established itself as a Transportation Pooled Fund in 2003.

North/West Passage members contribute \$25,000 or more annually to the pooled fund and are reimbursed for program travel. Work Plans 1 and 2 were funded through TFP-5(093). That project number was closed out and Work Plans 3 - 11 were funded through the FHWA number TPF-5(190).

Enclosed for your review is a copy of the complete proposal. Thank you for your consideration of this request and we look forward to your favorable concurrence.

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If you have any questions, please contact Deb Fick at (651) 366-3759 or deb.fick@dot.state.mn.us

Sincerely,

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