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Mr. Joe Balice FHWA Wisconsin Division 525 Junction Road Suite 8000 Madison, WI 53707

Dear Mr. Balice:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is requesting approval of a waiver for the non-Federal matching requirement for SPR Part B funding for a new WisDOT-led transportation pooled fund, Bridge Element Deterioration for Mid-west States.

The project was developed with the support of the 14-state Mid-West Bridge Preservation Partnership; while the research will be focused on the Mid-West, participation by states outside the region with similar winter/summer environmental conditions would be welcome.

Please find attached the proposal for the project that includes background, a description of proposed project objectives, scope of work, and timeframe and parameters for commitment levels.

Sincerely,

Jacquelyn Irving Section Chief

WisDOT Performance, Policy and Research

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