



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Highway
Administration**

Memorandum

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Subject: **ACTION:** Waiver of Match for State
Planning and Research (SP&R) funds for the
EconWorks – Improved Economic Insight

Date: April 18, 2019

From: Kenneth N. Petty II
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In Reply
Refer to: HEPP-30

To: Gloria M. Shepherd
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Planning, Environment and Realty

This is a request for your approval to waive the matching requirement for State Planning and Research (SP&R) Subpart A funds in support of *EconWorks – Improved Economic Insight Pooled Fund Study* (Solicitation Number: [1500](#)).

This pooled fund will provide transportation planners with a better understanding of the economic impact of transportation projects by continuing the delivery and improvement to the SHRP2 EconWorks product and adding additional case studies to provide more robust economic analysis. The use of 100% SP&R Subpart A funds will support member States in meeting the following goals:

- Providing an online presence to deliver EconWorks tools and information to all users,
- Providing outreach and technical assistance to users of the EconWorks tools,
- Developing new case studies to expand and improve the EconWorks database,
- Offering webinars and other outreach efforts to ensure all target audiences understand the benefits of EconWorks and are kept up to date on new data and capabilities, and
- Providing oversight and management to improving EconWorks.

This effort will continue improving EconWorks capabilities and expanding the sample of projects. Therefore, I believe it is in the best interest of the Federal-Aid Highway Program to allow States to the use SP&R funds and waive the non-Federal match requirement.

I Concur:

Signature

April 18, 2019

Date

I DO NOT Concur:

Signature

Date