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Mr. John Horsley
Executive Director, American Association of
State Highway and Transportation Officials
Suite 249
444 N Capitol Street, NW.
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Horsley:

This is in response to the October 10 e-mail from Ken Kobetsky of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), describing a proposal to create programs to serve as a clearinghouse for transportation system preservation technical information and expertise, and to facilitate communications and exchange between transportation practitioners; the AASHTO Subcommittee on Maintenance, Standing Committee on Highways and the AASHTO Board of Directors has endorsed the proposal. The estimated project cost is \$600,000 and AASHTO is seeking a minimum of 30 member states to participate in funding the project at \$20,000 each. AASHTO has asked FHWA for approval of a waiver of the non-Federal match for the use of State Planning and Research (SP&R) funds for the AASHTO-sponsored project proposal.

We have determined that the proposed study meets the criteria for use of SP&R funds used for Research and Development studies without non-Federal funding match. States are authorized to proceed with the study using 100 percent State Planning and Research (SP&R) funding.

We understand that you will finance this project by pooling funds from the States, but the project will not be included in the FHWA's Transportation Pooled Fund Program and no number will be assigned. Participating States will provide their funds directly to AASHTO for the project.

You may contact Lisa Williams (lisa.a.williams@dot.gov, 202-493-3375) if you have any questions about this waiver.

Please let us know if we can be of any further assistance in conducting this study.

Sincerely yours,

Michael F. Trentacoste
Acting Associate Administrator

cc:
Ken Kobetsky, AASHTO