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Mr. John Horsley
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Dear Mr. Horsley:

This letter is in response to the recent telephone conversation between Judy Skeen of your staff and Lisa Williams, TPF Program Manager, FHWA Office of Corporate Research, Technology and Innovation Management, regarding the BRIDGEWare Task Force's reconsideration of the Pontis 5.2 development effort (i.e., Pontis 5.2 project).

I understand that the Pontis 5.2 project will be developed using funds voluntarily contributed by the AASHTO member agencies. Furthermore, I understand that the estimated project cost is \$5,000,000, and that AASHTO is seeking a minimum of 20 member agencies to participate in funding the project at \$250,000 each to raise the budget needed to complete the effort.

I have determined that the Pontis 5.2 project meets the criteria for use of SP&R funds used for Research and Development purposes without a non-Federal funding match. States are authorized to use 100 percent SP&R funding on the Pontis 5.2 project.

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

Please let me know if we can be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

Michael F. Trentacoste
Associate Administrator