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Mr. John Horsley
Executive Director
American Association of State Highway and
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Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Horsley:

This is in response to your September 25 letter regarding a proposal to develop and deliver new AASHTOWare Project Estimation™ software to address transportation agencies' needs.

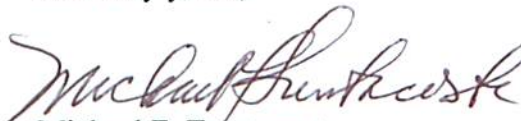
I understand that the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has asked the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for approval of a waiver of the non-Federal match for the use of State Planning and Research (SP&R) funds for the AASHTOWare Project Estimation™ software. Furthermore, I understand that with this approval, this project will be developed using funds voluntarily contributed by the AASHTO member agencies; the estimated project cost is approximately \$9,000,000; and AASHTO is seeking a minimum of 10 member agencies to participate in funding the project at \$600,000 each to raise \$6 million of the \$9 million. The approximate \$3 million remaining funding needs will come from existing licensing fee revenue.

I have determined that the AASHTOWare Project Estimation™ software 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 AASHTOWare Project Estimation™ software project. Please keep in mind that if a State decides to use SPR funds to participate in this project, it still must be included in the State's Research, Development and Technology work program that is approved by the respective FHWA Division Administrator.

You may contact Leslie Wright (leslie.wright@dot.gov), 202-493-3460 if you have any questions about this waiver.

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

Sincerely yours,


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Associate Administrator