




Memorandum

Subject: **ACTION:** Waiver of Match for Census Transportation Planning Products using the 2011- 2015 American Community Survey

Date: July 9, 2013

From: 
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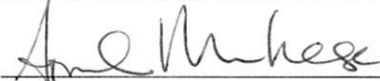
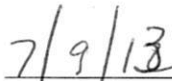
To: April Marchese, Acting
Associate Administrator for Planning,
Environment and Realty

I am writing to request your approval of a waiver of the matching requirements for State Planning and Research (SPR) funding for the Census Transportation Planning Products (CTPP) using the 2011-2015 American Community Survey (ACS).

AASHTO has now made the CTPP into an on-going program, and is moving forward to solicit funds for the period of 2015-2019, with the main data deliverable being a 5-year CTPP using ACS data from 2011-2015. The program also includes training, outreach and research. The CTPP continues to be a reliable source of home-to-work flows for small transportation zones used in travel demand modeling, and includes household demographics combined with the flow characteristics, which are not available from other sources.

Using the most current data available from the U.S. Census Bureau benefits State DOTs and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to accomplish planning requirements in MAP-21. Therefore, I believe it is in the best interests of the Federal-Aid Highway Program to allow the use of SPR funds by the States without matching for the purpose of participating in the next CTPP.

As an historical reference, a waiver for the matching requirements was approved and signed in July 2006 for the 2006-2010 CTPP.

I concur:  _____ 
Signature Date

I do NOT concur: _____
Signature Date