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Mr. John Horsley
Executive Director
American Association of State Highway
and Transportation Officials
444 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 225
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Horsley:

This is in response to the July 2 letter from Mr. Cavros of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials requesting a waiver for the TRAC and RIDES program-related activities from the non-Federal share match requirement contained in 23 U.S.C. 505 for State Planning and Research (SP&R) funds.

We have determined that the TRAC and RIDES activities do not meet the eligibility criteria identified in 23 U.S.C. 505(SP&R); therefore, the non-Federal share match waiver requirement is inapplicable.

The TRAC and RIDES programs are incredibly vital to the field of transportation and civil engineering, and we recognize the value-added contributions with respect to workforce development; therefore, we recommend that other funding sources including other Federal funding programs be considered or explored further.

You may contact Leslie Wright (leslie.wright@dot.gov), 202-493-3460, if there are questions related to SP&R eligibility requirements.

I hope this information is helpful. Please make me aware if I can be of further assistance regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Trentacoste
Associate Administrator