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In Reply Refer To:
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Dear Dr. Raab:

Thank you for your letter of April 20 transmitting the report *Preserving and Maximizing the Utility of the Pavement Performance Database*, authored by the Transportation Research Board Long Term Pavement Performance (LTPP) Committee. Dr. Cheryl Richter has informed me of the Committee's recommendations and discussions leading up to and subsequent to preparation of the report. We are considering this input as we prepare our authorization proposal.

As we look to the future, the following objectives will be pursued:

- The LTPP database remains available and accessible for the foreseeable future;
- Monitoring of LTPP test sections continues where warranted;
- Where appropriate and feasible the LTPP database is refined and enhanced; and
- The potential of the LTPP database is realized through analysis and product development.

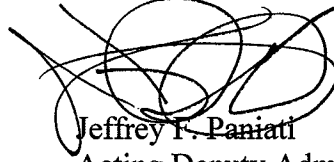
The Office of Research Development and Technology at the Turner-Fairbank Highway Research Center has taken steps to ensure the security and continued operation of the LTPP database and has created a supporting Customer Support Service Center.

We also agree that the Materials Reference Library should remain available as an invaluable resource that makes it possible to develop connections between past, current and future research on paving materials. The Library and other objectives are being considered and are evident as contained in the Long Term Infrastructure Performance strategy within the *Highways of the Future Strategic Plan*.



Please convey our thanks to the Committee for the dedication to the program that is reflected in their report and for all of the work that they have done to ensure the success of the Long Term Pavement Performance Program.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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cc: John Horsley, AASHTO