Victor M. Mendez  
Chairman, Transportation Research Board  
Long Term Pavement Performance Committee  
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Dear Mr. Mendez,

Thank you for your February 20 letter report transmitting the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Long-Term Pavement Performance (LTTP) Committee’s comments and recommendations to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) from your December 1-2, 2003, meeting. The FHWA is also concerned about any lengthy reauthorization delay and the impact it could have on the ability to fund the TRB LTTP Committee. We are hopeful that the Congress will pass a bill soon and operations and coordination with your committee will not be adversely affected.

The FHWA LTTP Team has developed contingency plans and various budget scenarios to carry out the operation of the LTTP Program and will coordinate these with your committee at the next meeting. The funding for addressing the traffic data collection and material testing has been taken into consideration under the scenarios developed by the LTTP Team. The FHWA concurs with the committee recommendation to conduct an accelerated pavement testing roundtable to identify and prioritize key areas of research that require data the LTTP database cannot provide. We appreciate the committee’s willingness to work with the LTTP Team to improve the planning, conduct and dissemination of minutes. Changes to the database’s regional operation have been made to assure the LTTP collected data is uploaded into the LTTP database in a timely manner. The FHWA will continue to work closely with the Subcommittee on Product Development and Delivery to survey the States’ needs for LTTP data, analysis findings, and products.

Again, I want to thank the members of your committee for their continued support and dedication to the LTTP Program. Should you have any questions regarding this response and/or the LTTP Program, please feel free to contact Mr. Aramis López at (202) 493-3145.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Peters  
Administrator