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Victor M. Mendez  
Chairman, Transportation Research Board  
Long Term Pavement Performance Committee  
500 Fifth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Mendez:

Thank you for your February 20 letter report transmitting the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Long-Term Pavement Performance (LTPP) 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 LTPP 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 LTPP Team has developed contingency plans and various budget scenarios to carry out the operation of the LTPP 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 LTPP 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 LTPP database cannot provide. We appreciate the committee's willingness to work with the LTPP Team to improve the planning, conduct and dissemination of minutes. Changes to the database's regional operation have been made to assure the LTPP collected data is uploaded into the LTPP 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 LTPP data, analysis findings, and products.

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

Sincerely,

Mary E. Peters  
Administrator

