

**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**Bridge Replacement Match Program**

**Overview:**

United States Federal Code, 23 USC §144(n) – Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program, Off-System Bridge Program, provides that any amount expended in excess of 20 percent of the cost of construction for the replacement of a bridge or rehabilitation of a bridge which is wholly funded from State and local sources may be credited to the non-Federal share of the cost of projects in such State which are eligible for Federal funds.

**Eligibility:**

To be eligible for use as a soft match credit, a bridge must:

- Be replaced or rehabilitated with non-Federal-aid highway funds
- Meet Federal Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program requirements:
  - Be classified as “Structurally Deficient” or “Functionally Obsolete”
  - Have a sufficiency rating of 50 or less for replacement
  - Have a sufficiency rating of 80 or less for rehabilitation
- Be located on a non Federal-aid eligible route (off the Federal-aid System)
  - Rural Minor Collector or Rural Local Road
  - Urban Local Road or Street
- Be noncontroversial (no significant public, environmental, or permit issues)
- Be designed and constructed in accordance with approved state standards
- Include only minimal approach work
- Completed bridge must no longer be deficient, be inspected, rated, and the bridge inventory updated

**Required Actions:**

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) shall provide Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) a list of all eligible state and local funded off-system Federal-aid bridges completed in State Fiscal Year (FY) 2011. The list will provide eligibility and cost data for each project completed as a basis for establishing the total soft match credit to be applied in Federal FY 2012 (Attachment A). The total allowable soft match credit for Federal FY 2012 shall be 80% of the sum of the eligible total project costs listed. This list shall be updated annually and submitted to FHWA identifying all eligible off-system bridge projects completed during the State FY for determining the

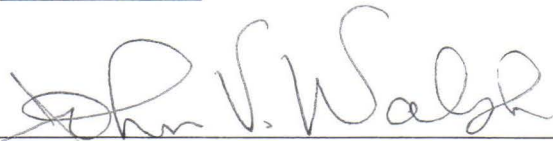
total soft match credit for the ensuing Federal FY. SCDOT will retain records for each bridge, including cost information, for a minimum of three years after submitting the soft match credit to FHWA.

SCDOT will also maintain and provide FHWA a list of all Federal-aid funded bridge replacement projects advanced using soft match credits (Attachment B). Credits may be used for any eligible bridge replacement project (on and off the Federal-aid system). This updated list is to be provided to FHWA, along with each respective Federal Management Information System (FMIS) request to obligate funds utilizing soft match credits to offset the state match. Projects using credits will be appropriately flagged in FMIS. To ensure that match credits are fully utilized, the soft match credit for each project will be limited to 80% of the state match required at the time of contract award.

The SCDOT and FHWA agree to use these procedures for recording and accounting of the Bridge Replacement Match Program. This memorandum of understanding is for a period of two (2) years from the date of execution, and may be renewed biennially upon mutual agreement.

The SCDOT and FHWA will conduct periodic eligibility and cost reviews of the program and projects.

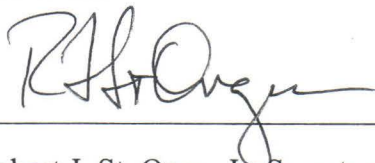
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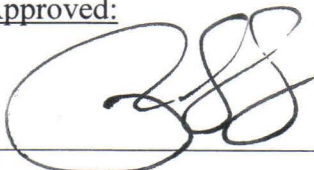
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