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Ted Minall, Chief
Vermont Governor's Highway Safety Program
2777 Saint George Road
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Dear Chief Minall:

We have reviewed the January 20, 2012 letter requesting approval for the purchase of three automated license plate readers (ALPRs) for a total estimated cost of \$78,467. Conditional approval is granted for the acquisition of the three ALPRs with the provisions that the Federal share from NHTSA grants does not exceed 75 percent of the total cost, and that only funds from Sections 406 and/or 402 be used.

The request indicated that Section 410 funds would be used in part for the purchase of the ALPRs. The use of Section 410 funds is not approved. Section 410 funds are limited to "technology and equipment that counters directly impaired operation of motor vehicles," and ALPRs are not used for this purpose.

In addition, the request was for an 85 percent Federal share from NHTSA funds. Past approvals for Vermont to use NHTSA grant funds in the purchase of ALPRs established a limit of 75 percent, based on the proportional benefit to highway safety documented at that time. In accordance with the enclosed ALPR funding guidance, a different Federal share from NHTSA grant funds may be approved. For such approval, Vermont must provide adequate documentation on the justification to use ALPRs to address specific identified highway safety problems, a plan for the use of the ALPRs for highway safety purposes including area of coverage, reporting on use, evaluation of results, maintenance and replacement, and the existence or establishment of policies and guidelines for use of ALPRs.

As in the purchase of any major equipment with Federal funds, records shall be maintained with sufficient detail to allow an auditor to determine that the equipment was used in a manner consistent with the terms of the grant and share of Federal funding. These records should also support on-going evaluation of the effectiveness of this equipment to support highway safety initiatives.



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The Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) will ensure that this equipment is used for the originally authorized grant purpose for as long as needed for this purpose (23 CFR § 1200.21(b)). Further, the GHSP shall ensure that the sub-grantee manages and disposes of this equipment in accordance with Vermont State laws and procedures (23 CFR § 1200.21(c)).

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Mario J. Damiata at 617 494-3427 if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Philip J. Weiser
Regional Administrator



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