June 8, 2015

Mr. Carl Malamud
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Dear Mr. Malamud:

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated June 8, 2015, in which you requested all communication that the FHWA has had with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation officials (AASHTO) and the American Welding Society (AWS) discussing making AASHTO and AWS standards available for public viewing during either the NPRM period or after a rule is promulgated. Your request was received in our office on June 8, 2015, and has been assigned FOIA Control Number 2015-0266.

After reviewing your request, we have determined that any responsive records, if they exist, would likely reside in the FHWA Office of Infrastructure (HIF). Your request has been forwarded to this office for action, and you will receive a response from them directly. The point of contact in HIF is Richard Weingroff and he may be reached at 202-366-4856.

Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 7, the FHWA may be required to charge fees for processing your FOIA request. These fees may cover search, review, and duplication costs. Please do not send any payment at this time. The FHWA will notify you if your request requires payment of fees. FOIA requests for clearly related matters may be aggregated for purposes of assessing fees. Your request may be narrowed to reduce the total amount of fees assessed. Your request will be processed after you agree to pay any fee assessed by the FHWA. The FHWA may require payment of these fees before the release of your requested documents. Failure to pay any fees that are assessed may result in the agency closing your request without further action.

If you have any questions with regard to this letter, please feel free to contact me at 202-366-0948.

Sincerely,

Manizheh Boehm
FHWA FOIA Specialist

cc: HIF Richard Weingroff