

TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Date: Sept. 30, 2022

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): Indiana DOT

INSTRUCTIONS:

Project Managers and/or research project investigators should complete a quarterly progress report for each calendar quarter during which the projects are active. Please provide a project schedule status of the research activities tied to each task that is defined in the proposal; a percentage completion of each task; a concise discussion (2 or 3 sentences) of the current status, including accomplishments and problems encountered, if any. List all tasks, even if no work was done during this period.

Transportation Pooled Fund Program Project # <i>(i.e., SPR-2(XXX), SPR-3(XXX) or TPF-5(XXX))</i> <u>TPF 5-436</u>		Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period: <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31)	
Project Title: Development of Criteria to Assess the Effects of Pack-out Corrosion in Built-up Steel Members			
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Lead Agency Project ID:		Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):	Project Start Date: 9/1/2019
Original Project End Date: 8/31/2022		Current Project End Date: 8/31/2022	Number of Extensions: None

Project schedule status:

On schedule
 On revised schedule
 Ahead of schedule
 Behind schedule

Overall Project Statistics:

Total Project Budget**	Total Cost to Date for Project	Percentage of Work Completed to Date**
\$560,000	\$390,04	68%

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
\$14,721	2.6%	75%

**This total budget is based on funds that are shown as “committed” on the TPF website. However, it has been reduced at this time (4/22) since all commitments have not been realized to date.

Project Description:

This study proposes to:

- 1) To develop AASHTO ready specifications for the evaluation of the effects of pack-out corrosion in built-up steel tension, compression, and flexural members.
- 2) Provide guidance on the need for repairs and corrosion rates that can be expected in various environments in order to assist owners in programming when repairs may need to be made.
- 3) Identify the most effective methods of repairs and provide suggesting verbiage that could be used when preparing special provisions for repairs.
- 4) Develop several case-study examples, including calculations that will be used for training users on the methodologies to be developed. It is anticipated that the research team will host a number of webinars or on-site training sessions to ensure technology transfer and implementation.

Progress this quarter (includes meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.):

- Continue to calibrate FEA models of compression flanges and axial members using the large-and small-scale test data. These data will be used along with the data from the compression flange girder tests to begin to develop strategies to evaluate the effects of pack-out on the capacity of compression members. FEA parametric studies are underway for these compression members.
- Significant progress has been made on the fatigue testing of the large-scale girders (see Figure 1). There are two girders being tested at the same time as shown in Figure 1. Presently, test data suggests that there has been no effect of the pack-out on the fatigue performance of these girders when subjected to the stress ranges of the tests. Three of the girders have been cycled at 7.5 ksi (just above the CAFL for Cat D) for 20 million cycles, which is near the upper bound expected life. Additional testing at higher stress ranges has also been done on one of the girders, with a second currently underway. This is very promising data.

Anticipated work next quarter:

- Continue with the finite element studies and based on the results of the prototype test, develop the detailed experimental program for compression flanges;
- Continue analytical and experimental studies on tension flanges with pack-out corrosion.
- Continue fatigue testing of corroded girders.
- Obtain additional members with pack-out corrosions. **If a state has such members available or coming out of service in the near future, the RT requests that they contact Robert Connor to discuss the potential for obtaining the members for the research.**
- Hold Project Panel meeting at Purdue on October 28, 2022.

Significant Results:

1. None to date

Potential Implementation:

None to date



Figure 1 – Photographs of fatigue testing set-up of large-scale girders with real pack-out corrosion.