

**Virginia Transportation Research Council  
Contract/Grant Progress Report**

<b>Project No:</b> <u>07-0219-07</u>	<b>Starting Date:</b> <u>7/1/06</u>	<b>Target Completion Date:</b> <u>6/30/11</u>
<b>Project Title:</b> <u>Consortium for Pavement Surface Properties</u>		
<b>Performing Agency:</b> <u>Virginia Tech</u>		
<b>Principal Investigator(s):</b> <u>Gerardo Flintsch</u>		
<b>Date of This Report:</b> <u>2/28/08</u>	<b>Next Report Due Date:</b> <u>5/31/08</u>	

**Project Description**  
The main objective of the project is to establish a research program focused on enhancing the level of service provided by the roadway transportation system by optimizing pavement surface texture characteristics.

**Research Activities Pursued This Period (Including Tasks):**

- Continued with the seasonal monitoring of the Smart Road pavement surfaces.
- Tested the proof-of-concept “static” stereo vision texture measuring system on the Smart Road.
- Selected types of high-friction pavement surfaces (HFS) and identified locations to be evaluated.
- Prepared an experimental program to collect available data and test the HFS.

**Problems Encountered:**

- The field evaluation of the fixed-slip continuous friction measurement equipment has been delayed because the equipment has not been delivered (the planned delivery date is 4/21/08).

**Activities Planned for Next Period:**

- Continue with the seasonal monitoring of the Smart Road pavement surfaces.
- Start the field evaluation of the fixed-slip continuous friction measurement equipment.
- Start the field evaluation of the selected locations for the HFS evaluation.
- Participate in the NASA Wallops Tire/Runway Friction Workshop.
- Plan and host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual equipment rodeo.

<b>Budget Status:</b>	
Current FY Project Budget: \$ 164,846 (including cost share)	Project Budget Lifetime: \$ 785,073
Current FY Expenditures: \$ 113,162 as of 2/28/08	Expenditures LTD: \$ 209,056
Percent Expended this FY: 67%	Percent Expended LTD: 27%

**Timetable:** Project is (check):

On Schedule	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Behind Schedule *	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(explain above) [fixed-slip continuous friction measurement equipment task only]
Ahead of Schedule	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Preparer's Signature: 	Date: <u>2/28/08</u>
Approved By: _____ (Research Manager)	Date: _____

**Review Comments:** (To be completed by Research Director and Returned to Research Manager)