

TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): Mississippi Department of Transportation

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> TPF-5(390)	Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31)	
Project Title: Institute for Trade and Transportation Studies (ITTS)		
Name of Project Manager(s):	Phone Number:	E-Mail
Lead Agency Project ID: 2019 ITTS IDIQ Master Contract	Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):	Project Start Date: 12/6/2018
Original Project End Date: 12/6/2023	Current Project End Date: 12/6/2023	Number of Extensions: 0

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
\$1,512,400.00	\$532,987.96	

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date

Project Description:

The purpose of ITTS is to support member states in developing their competitive advantages to capture trade opportunities and economic benefits through improved transportation planning, investments, collaboration, and operations.

ITTS provides the following services towards achieving its purpose.

- Provide a platform for regional collaboration
- Inform members of current and anticipated freight trends
- Develop effective freight planning tools for member states
- Identify and nurture close and collaborative working relationships with relevant federal and state agencies, associations, academic institutions, and private sector firms, to keep abreast of developments in freight planning and trade, and to enhance the outcomes of work on common interests
- Assist member state DOTs to integrate freight planning into their core business procedures
- Partner with other organizations, including, but not limited to, public agencies, private firms, multi-state coalitions, and industry associations, to advance freight planning through research and collaboration

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

- ITTS Monthly Status/Technical Advisory Committee Meetings
- FFY2021 Work Plan Project #1 – Regional Freight Bottleneck Assessment Progress Meetings
- FFY2021 Work Plan Project #2 – Freight Impact on Economic Investment – Phase I Progress Meetings
- FFY2021 Work Plan Project #3 – LATTTS Update – Phase I Progress Meetings
- FFY2022-2023 Work Plan Subcommittee Meetings
- FFY2022-2023 Work Plan Project #3 – 2022 Freight in the Southeast Conference Coordination Meetings

Work Plan Status/Progress

- FFY2021 Work Plan Administration – Coordination with the Technical Advisory Committee/steering committees/consultants for the following work plan projects included meetings/communications/activities as follow
 - Project #1 – Regional Freight Bottleneck Assessment
 - Completed preliminary GIS tool task
 - Continued regional bottleneck assessment task
 - Initiated needs and opportunities task
 - Project #2 – Freight Impact on Economic Investment – Phase I
 - Continued review and update of SHIFT/FEAT task
 - Continued storyboard layouts and workshop task
 - Project #3 – LATTTS Update – Phase I
 - Continued stakeholder outreach task
 - Continued region commodity flow, trade, freight network, economic profile task
- FFY2022-2023 Work Plan Development & Administration – Coordination with the Technical Advisory Committee/sub and steering committees/consultants as follow
 - Established methodology for developing work plan
 - Finalized work plan projects
 - Project #3 – 2022 Freight in the Southeast Conference – Coordination between the ITTS Conference Planning Committee and the SASHTO Technical Program Committee for the collaborative 2022 SASHTO /ITTS Conference included the following
 - Continued planning of the multimodal tract sessions and speakers
 - Continued outreach efforts to speakers

Anticipated work next quarter:

Meetings

- ITTS Monthly Status/Technical Advisory Committee Meetings
- FFY2021 Work Plan Project #1 – Regional Freight Bottleneck Assessment Project Meetings
- FFY2021 Work Plan Project #2 – Freight Impact on Economic Investment – Phase I Project Meetings
- FFY2021 Work Plan Project #3 – LATTs Update – Phase I Project Meetings
- FFY2022-2023 Work Plan Subcommittee Meetings
- FFY2022-2023 Work Plan Project #3 – 2022 Freight in the Southeast Conference Coordination Meetings

Work Plan Activities

- FFY2021 Work Plan Administration – Continue coordination with the Technical Advisory Committee/steering committees/consultants as follow
 - Project #1 – Regional Freight Bottleneck Assessment
 - Continue regional bottleneck assessment task
 - Continue needs and opportunities task
 - Project #2 – Freight Impact on Economic Investment – Phase I
 - Complete review and update of SHIFT/FEAT task
 - Complete storyboard layouts and workshop task
 - Project #3 – LATTs Update – Phase I
 - Continue stakeholder outreach task
 - Continue region commodity flow, trade, freight network, economic profile task
- FFY2022-2023 Work Plan Development & Administration – Continue coordination with the Technical Advisory Committee/sub and steering committees/consultants as follow
 - Complete work plan development and start project work assignments
 - Project #3 – 2022 Freight in the Southeast Conference
 - Continue planning of the multimodal tract sessions and speakers
 - Continue outreach efforts to speakers

Significant Results:

Work Plan Activity/Project Deliverables

- In Progress

Circumstance affecting project or budget. (Please describe any challenges encountered or anticipated that might affect the completion of the project within the time, scope and fiscal constraints set forth in the agreement, along with recommended solutions to those problems).

Potential Implementation: