TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM
QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development

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.e, SPR-2(XXX), SPR-3(XXX) or TPF-5(XXX)* TPF-5(488)		**Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period:** ☐ Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31) ☑ Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30) ☐ Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30) ☐ Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31)
Project Title: Southeast Transportation Consortium - Phase II		
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Lead Agency Project ID: TPF-5(488)	**Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):** N/A	**Project Start Date:** 1/1/2022
Original Project End Date: 12/31/2027	**Current Project End Date:** 12/31/2027	**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
$735,000.00	$0	0

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
0	0	0

Project Description:

Study Description

The current Southeast Transportation Consortium (STC) is nearing its second extension to round out 10 years of productive work. In that 10 year period at least 12 research products have been produced on a wide variety of topics of interest to the AASHTO Region 2 member states. Additionally, the technology transfer and idea sharing between the states has benefited all involved states immensely.

Objectives

1. Plan and conduct STC meetings to establish research priorities, share research findings, and exchange information in a peer exchange setting. Each member state may utilize funds for one member of each organization to attend and participate;

2. Discuss and screen potential research or synthesis projects and seek partners from the public academic, and private sectors to collaborate on these projects utilizing available resources to ensure research is not duplicated;

3. Conduct research and synthesis studies;

4. Hold a multi-state peer exchange for up to three (3) STC member states on a topic of their choosing, in which each state will need written approval from their respective Division office;

5. Communicate and disseminate research results and innovative practices through publications and other technology transfer activities;

6. Communicate the impacts of the STC to national leaders in transportation.

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

Quarterly report written

Currently accepting fund transfers

The STC held its first kickoff meeting in Greenville, SC in March 2023. Several research topics were discussed including the following broad topics: (1) Resiliency, (2) Workforce Development, (3) Adaptation of Technology, (4) Prioritization of Core JKob Functions/Tasks/Workloads, and (5) Communication of the Value of Research.

These topics are due to be discussed during the AASHTO Region 2 breakout meeting at the National AASHTO RAC Meeting in Chattanooga, TN in July 2023.

In addition, a peer exchange was held satisfying several state's requirements for a peer exchange once every 5 years.

Anticipated work next quarter:

1. Continue accepting fund transfers
2. Prioritize and fund synthesis / research projects as funds allow
3. Plan for the next annual meeting (location TBD) including a Regional Peer Exchange.

Significant Results:

N/A

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).

N/A

Potential Implementation:

It is anticipated that the results of the synthesis studies will be adopted quickly by member states and results form yearly peer exchanges will have immediate impact on participating states.,