

**TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM
QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

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

INSTRUCTIONS:

Lead Agency contacts 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(441)	Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period: <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31) <input checked="" 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)	
TPF Study Number and Title: TPF-5(441) No Boundaries Maintenance Innovations		
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Lead Agency Project ID: R6.3 - TPF-5(441)	Other Project ID (i.e., contract #): PO 431008414 (expires 9/1/23)	Project Start Date: 9/30/2020
Original Project Start Date: 9/30/2020	Original Project End Date: 12/30/2025	If Extension has been requested, updated project End Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

Project schedule status:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On schedule	<input type="checkbox"/> On revised schedule	<input type="checkbox"/> Ahead of schedule	<input type="checkbox"/> Behind schedule
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Overall Project Statistics:

Total Project Budget	Total Funds Expended This Quarter	Percentage of Work Completed to Date
\$586,834.00	\$68,917.77	90%

Project Description:

No Boundaries Roadway Maintenance Practices transportation pooled fund program is sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration and is led by Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). Increasingly, state departments of transportation (DOTs) are challenged to maintain highway facilities to fluctuating budgets, policies and unknown future issues. Maintenance is a long-term activity to extend the life of highways. One of the strategies for achieving longer life facilities is to use innovative maintenance technologies and practices.

No Boundaries is a vital partner in connecting DOT maintenance professionals. By bringing together peers from transportation agencies across the nation and allowing sharing through a variety of channels—face-to-face peer exchanges, technical tours, online clearinghouse database, news distributions, and national partnerships—No Boundaries provides a network that accelerates the transfer of good ideas. This reduces duplication of effort, supports collaboration, and hastens the implementation of maintenance best practices. No Boundaries further fosters collaboration within the transportation community, academia and industry to implement innovative transportation maintenance technologies.

The scope of work is divided into five Task Areas, A through E.

A. General: staffing and management, updating the operations and procedures manual, and required record keeping.

B. Administration: creation of quarterly reports, budget and invoicing, monitoring and coordination of funding transfer among member states, and technical advisory committee meeting (TAC) meetings and peer exchanges.

C. Communication: correspondence with TAC members and regular meetings, and creation and delivery of maintenance news items.

D. Research and innovation: quick-turnaround synthesis research, innovation database development and launch, and innovation database support.

E. Marketing and recruitment: solicitation of new members, marketing (website updates and upkeep, program brochures, innovation one-sheets, and a marketing plan), and partnership and liaison opportunities.

Progress this Quarter

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

A. General

- Conducted work in categories A-E below identified on Task Order 3.
- Conducted ongoing management and record keeping.
- Updated membership roster, including updated technical and research staff from member states.

B. Administration

- Completed the planning for and held a hybrid in-person/virtual TAC Peer Exchange from April 25-26, 2023 in St. Louis, MO.
 - Planning included finalizing the meeting agenda, technical site visit details, guest presentations, hotel accommodations and meeting logistics, as well as booking remaining member flights.
 - Onsite activities included facilitating and documenting the meeting.
 - Follow-up activities included posting meeting materials, creating a meeting summary presentation for members to use with their agencies and assisting with member reimbursements.
- Planned and facilitated a Steering Committee meeting on May 4, 2023 and documented in detail for members.
- Continued to reach out to TAC members and funding contacts regarding transfers and payments for FFY23 and commitments for FFY24; kept budget and tracking spreadsheets up to date.

C. Communication

- Continued writing and sending weekly emails, featuring individual news items on research, webinars, events, and program announcements, to the No Boundaries email distribution list.
- Coordinated quick-turnaround surveys and forwarded formal surveys at individual members' request.
 - Chip Seal with Slag Research Survey (OH)
 - Knowledge Books for Best Paving Practices (WY)
- Submitted a detailed outline to TR News for an accepted article entitled "No Boundaries: A Pooled Fund Dedicated to Sharing Transportation Innovations" for their May 2024 edition on Innovation.
- Communicated with individual members to fulfill information requests.
- Onboarded new TAC members (CA, MI, OH, WI).

D. Research and Innovation

- Began work on the Equipment Acquisition and Management Challenges and Solutions synthesis, which included a literatures search and drafting a survey.
- Continued collecting/creating innovations for the innovations database.

E. Marketing and Recruitment

- Updated website with new program information.
- Drafted 5"x7" and trading card size marketing pieces for TAC members to use at meetings and conferences to promote No Boundaries innovations.
- Supported national presentations.
 - AASHTO SICOP National Briefing on Winter Maintenance and Road Weather, June 2023. Developed a presentation on innovation challenges, culture of innovation and TAC takeaways from the spring TAC Peer Exchange. Presentation given by Heath Patterson (MS DOT).
 - AASHTO Committee on Maintenance, Maintenance Operations TWG, July 19, 2023. Develop a presentation on recruitment and retention strategies. Presentation given by Sandi Sauter (MD DOT), Steve Spoor (IDT) and Heath Patterson (MS DOT).

Anticipated work next quarter:

A. General

- Conduct ongoing management and record keeping.
- Develop, draft and finalize an amendment to Task Order 4.
- Develop, draft and finalize a timeline for moving to the next phase of the pooled fund study, anticipated to begin in FFY25.

B. Administration

- Plan and hold a TAC teleconference on August 1, 2023.
- Begin planning the fall TAC Peer Exchange meeting from October 17-19, 2023 in New York State. Includes creating a travel memo, creating a draft agenda, securing hotels, booking attending members flights, and managing meeting logistics.
- Plan and hold Steering Committee meetings before and after the October peer exchange.

C. Communication

- Continue writing and sending weekly news emails to the No Boundaries email distribution list.
- Onboard new TAC members and new No Boundaries Member agencies as needed.

D. Research

- Continue coordinating quick-turnaround surveys at individual member's request.
- Continue collecting/creating innovations to add to the innovations database, including items in partnership with FHWA and the Build a Better Mousetrap program
- Finalize the Equipment Acquisition and Management Challenges and Solutions synthesis, which included a literatures search and drafting a survey.

E. Marketing and Recruitment

- Update No Boundaries website with latest program information.
- Support national presentations.
- Continue discussion with national partners and identify formal liaison opportunities.
- Identify opportunities for presenting on No Boundaries at other national meetings.

Significant Results:

See Progress This Quarter section.

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).

None.

Potential Implementation:

This project provides a forum for State DOTs to share their maintenance innovations with each other, support technology transfer activities and develop marketing and deployment plans for the implementation of selected innovations. Innovative products, practices and policies that CDOT and other member DOTs learn about can be readily tried in the field, piloted and implemented. Members can call upon one another for further information, support and guidance. Such implementation among member states has been documented since No Boundaries' inception, and it is expected to continue.

Moreover, the project's next-generation database and associated innovation communication tools, now in development, is expected to serve as a hub where innovations and research related to highway maintenance can be found and showcased.

FHWA, industry and others (domestic and international) will be invited to participate in the project discussions and activities by presenting or demonstrating innovations. No Boundaries members also attend regional state and national meetings and serve as liaisons with national committees (notably AASHTO and TRB). Further implementation of maintenance innovations among such partners beyond state DOTs is fostered through these relationships.