

## TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT):           NDDOT          

**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.*

<b>Transportation Pooled Fund Program Project #</b> <i>(i.e., SPR-2(XXX), SPR-3(XXX) or TPF-5(XXX))</i>  TPF-5(457)		<b>Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period:</b> <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)	
<b>Project Title:</b> Transportation Learning Network			
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<b>Lead Agency Project ID:</b> TPF 5(457)	<b>Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):</b> 91220283	<b>Project Start Date:</b> 10/1/2020 (New Federal ID)	
<b>Original Project End Date:</b>	<b>Current Project End Date:</b> 9/30/2025	<b>Number of Extensions:</b> 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
		NA

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
	\$114,687.71	NA

**Project Description:**

The Transportation Learning Network (TLN) was developed to serve the transportation interests of the region and complements the efforts of its various members. It provides access to information and expertise not readily available to transportation professionals in the region. TLN identifies schedules, distributes and warehouses technology transfer for its member state DOTs.

**Vision:** To excel on a national basis as a premier transportation technology transfer organization that serves as a model for other states.

**Mission:** TLN provides quality and cost-effective customer-driven technology transfer utilizing alternative platforms that meet the needs of the state, county, city, tribal and private transportation professionals.

Staff develop a list of technology transfer presentations based on priorities determined by the 4-state members of the Transportation Learning Network; topics are researched, descriptions written, presenters identified, negotiate presenter contracts and schedule presentations.

There are monthly meetings of the programming committee consisting of members from the 4-state DOTs and an MPC representative. The committee approves identified topics and TLN staff move forward with announcing the events and putting into place a registration process. An evaluation link is provided to all participants.

The majority of presentations occur between October and April due to the construction season in the 4-states served by this program. During summer months, the staff and program committee members identify and prioritize technology transfer topics. Self-paced modules and previously recorded sessions are available on the learning management system.

In continued response to the work-from-home environment, the Transportation Learning Network delivers technical transfer topics via webinars. Individuals are able to receive these very important topics via their computers, tablets and phones.

**During this reporting period, there were 5 new topics presented as webinars with a total attendance of 366. The majority of these presentations were recorded and developed into self-paced modules available on the learning management system. Titles were:**

- 1) Slope Stability & Stabilization
- 2) A Healthy Workplace Culture
- 3) Primal Safety: A Gut Level Approach
- 4) Work Zone Safety Roundtable
- 5) The What and Why of Distracted Driving

Modules have been created for most of the past recorded sessions going back to 2018. These are available on the learning management system for on-demand accessibility. Also, learners have the ability to print their own certificates of completion.

**In addition to live presentations, 85 recorded presentations with a total of 140 completions and 84 online modules with a total of 222 completions for this reporting period.**

**The TLN Executive Committee met in May to assess the past year's progress, to create a work plan for the new year, July 2023 – June 2024, and set an operating budget.**

**In June, the TLN staff began creating a survey of potential topics for the 4-state members to complete and set priorities for the new year.**

**Significant Results:**

Identifying and delivering technology transfer needs of the DOTs in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming. Live presentations are broadcast as webinars. The majority of these presentations are recorded and available for playback on the TLN learning management system. Along with the recordings, there are self-paced modules available 24/7. This program can reach many individuals to bring significant opportunities to increase knowledge without the need to travel great distances.

**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 encountered.**