

# TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): Wisconsin 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.

<b>Transportation Pooled Fund Program Project #</b> TPF-5(509)	<b>Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period:</b> <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31)	
<b>TPF Study Number and Title:</b> Mid-America Freight Coalition (MAFC) Phase 4		
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<b>Lead Agency Project ID:</b> TPF-5(509)	<b>Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):</b> 395-0097-23-95	<b>Project Start Date:</b> 04/01/2023
<b>Original Project Start Date:</b> 04/01/2023	<b>Original Project End Date:</b> 03/31/2026	<b>If Extension has been requested, updated project End Date:</b>

Project schedule status:

☒ On schedule
 ☐ On revised schedule
 ☐ Ahead of schedule
 ☐ Behind schedule

Overall Project Statistics:

Total Project Budget (3 years)	Total Funds Expended This Quarter	Percentage of Work Completed to Date
\$1,560,000	\$15,075.00	58%

**Project Description:**

The MAFC pooled fund (initially named the Mississippi Valley Freight Coalition) began in 2006 to investigate and support the efficient, reliable, and safe transport of freight and related development opportunities. MAFC pooled fund members are the 10 states of the Mid America Association of State Transportation Officials (MAASTO).

MAFC supports the development of freight-related transportation operations, facilities, and freight-related policy and their linkages with economic and community development.

TPF-5(509) is the 4<sup>th</sup> phase/iteration of the MAFC pooled fund.

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

## Studies/Projects Under Contract

Study/Project	Start Date	End Date	Comments
<i>Member Services for Mid-America Freight Coalition Phase 4</i>	04/01/2024	03/31/2025	Web updates, project communication, and teleconferences are completed for the 4th quarter. A technical member teleconference was conducted on 12/5.
<i>TPIMS</i>	05/01/24	03/31/2026	Continued data warehouse management and coordination with participating states. Completed TPIMS discussion with Volpe Center (USDOT) with WisDOT.
<i>All Hazards Assessments of Major Freight Corridors in the MAASTO Region – Phase 1 (concluded); Phase 2 under contract.</i>	03/01/2024	01/31/2025	Phase 1 complete. Phase 2 report is 50% complete.
<i>Emergency Service Access Along Class I Rail Routes</i>	04/01/2024	09/31/2025	Corridor selection is complete, the routes have been being populated with crash and socioeconomic data. States identified case study cities in 12/05 teleconference.
<i>Construction Impacts on Multistate Freight and OSOW Corridors</i>	05/01/2024	04/30/2025	Literature review complete and corridor selection completed. STIP derived work zone data for current and future work zones is being collected, mapped, and analyzed.
<i>Freight Impacts to Natural Resources and the Environment in State Freight Plans</i>	11/01/2024	03/31/2026	Initiated literature review.

**Additional Work:**

- MAFC website updated with monthly posts.
- MAFC continues management of the TPIMS data warehouse and web application in partnership with UW TOPS Lab.
- MAFC continues to participate with the MAASTO CAV team and will work to provide MAFC member perspectives regarding strategic planning, operations, and policy.

**Anticipated work next quarter:**

- Development of hazard ranking for *All Hazards Assessments of Major Freight Corridors in the MAASTO Region – Phase 2* will be completed. Final report for *All Hazards Assessments of Major Freight Corridors in the MAASTO Region* will be completed.
- Begin impact and time for service analysis for 10 selected communities for *Emergency Service Access Along Class I Rail Routes*.
- Present corridor work zone modeling for *Construction Impacts on Multistate Freight and OSOW Corridors* project to technical representatives for review.
- Continue literature review and begin state contacts for, *Freight Impacts to Natural Resources and the Environment in State Freight Plans*
- Continue TPIMS data warehousing and support of TPIMS.
- Complete MAFC quarterly virtual meeting sessions.
- Continue planning for MAFC annual meeting.

**Significant Results:**

- Advancing annual meeting planning in collaboration with ITTS.
- Received MAASTO BoD approval for final research projects.

**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).**

- Delayed member state contributions for final year of TPF caused initial contract concern. States have worked with WisDOT to remedy this issue, and currently only 1 state's final year contribution remains to be transferred.

**Potential Implementation:**

- Private businesses are incorporating TPIMS in their information sources and products.
- MAFC technical meeting sessions continue with all member states participating. The meetings focus on sharing of best practices, data resources, and information in support of individual, agency, and regional freight development.

- Public ports and private terminals are using the [MAFC Port and Terminal Buffer Tool](#) to explore local business opportunities and customers. The Port of Lacrosse and tenants have reported using the application to explore the businesses in the area.
- Public ports are using recent marine and port publications to structure strategic port development plans. MAFC personnel met with the Mayor of Lacrosse, County Administration, and the MPO to discuss strategic port development.