

## 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.

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| <b>Transportation Pooled Fund Program Project #</b><br>TPF-5(509)                      | <b>Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31) |   |
| <b>TPF Study Number and Title:</b><br><br>Mid-America Freight Coalition (MAFC) Phase 4 |  |   |
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| <b>Lead Agency Project ID:</b><br>TPF-5(509)   | <b>Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):</b><br>395-0097-23-95  | <b>Project Start Date:</b><br>04/01/2023                          |
| <b>Original Project Start Date:</b><br>04/01/2023                                      | <b>Original Project End Date:</b><br>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<br>(3 years) | Total Funds Expended<br>This Quarter | Percentage of Work<br>Completed to Date |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| \$1,560,000                       | \$84,867.32                          | 74%                                     |

**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 (year 2)</i>                         | 04/01/2024 | 03/31/2025                        | Web updates, project communication, and teleconferences are completed for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter. Preparation for the annual meeting is 80% complete.               |
| <i>Member Services for Mid-America Freight Coalition Phase 4 (year 3)</i>                         | 04/01/2025 | 03/31/2026                        | Web updates, project communication, and teleconferences are completed for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter. Preparation for the annual meeting is 80% complete.               |
| <i>TPIMS</i>  | 05/01/24   | 03/31/2026                        | Continued data warehouse management and coordination with participating states. MAFC has inherited the TRUCKSPARKHERE website. Updates are planned.                      |
| <i>All Hazards Assessments of Major Freight Corridors in the MAASTO Region.</i>                   | 03/01/2024 | 01/31/2025<br>(Report – May 2025) | Project completed with additional analyses for I-29 based on state inputs. Report finalized and posted in May 2025.  |
| <i>Emergency Service Access Along Class I Rail Routes</i>   | 04/01/2024 | 09/31/2025                        | Accident analysis for selected communities completed. Commodity analysis 90% completed. Mapping underway for emergency service access to communities and accident sites. |
| <i>Construction Impacts on Multistate Freight and OSOW Corridors</i>                              | 05/01/2024 | 04/30/2025                        | Project 98% complete. Addressing comments from technical representatives.  |
| <i>Freight Impacts to Natural Resources and the Environment in State Freight Plans</i>            | 11/01/2024 | 03/31/2026                        | Literature review 60% complete.  |
| <i>Safety Implications of Truck Regulations: Speed Limitations and Right Lane Only Operations</i> | 01/01/2025 | 03/31/2026                        | Literature review 80% complete. Collecting data to inform corridor selection and reviewing crash data resources available.   |

**Additional Work:**

- MAFC website updated with monthly posts and reports.
- MAFC continues management of the TPIMS data warehouse and web application in partnership with UW TOPS Lab. Also transferred TRUCKSPARKHERE website to MAFC/TOPS ownership.
- Actively planning for MAFC Annual Meeting. Agenda is complete.

**Anticipated work next quarter:**

- Complete analysis for, and prepare project report for *Emergency Service Access Along Class I Rail Routes*. Analysis to be completed includes commodity and crash report review, mapping emergency services, and computing critical distances to services for selected communities and historic accident sites.
- Address technical representative comments on draft of, *Construction Impacts on Multistate Freight and OSOW Corridors* project and finalize report.
- Complete literature review for *Freight Impacts to Natural Resources and the Environment in State Freight Plans*.
- Complete literature review for *Safety Implications of Truck Regulations: Speed Limitations and Right Lane Only Operations*. Complete corridor selection and crash analysis for selected corridors.
- Continue TPIMS data warehousing and support of TPIMS.
- Complete MAFC quarterly virtual meeting sessions.
- Continue planning for MAFC annual meeting.
- Attend and manage MAFC meeting. August 25-27, 2025, in Minneapolis.

**Significant Results:**

- Advancing annual meeting planning with MAFC technical representative team.
- Delivered final report for *All Hazards Assessments of Major Freight Corridors in the MAASTO Region*.
- Delivered draft of *Construction Impacts on Multistate Freight and OSOW Corridors*.

**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:**

- 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.
- Potential for collaboration on multistate freight corridor hazard planning based on *All Hazards Assessments of Major Freight Corridors in the MAASTO Region*.
- Implementation of *Construction Impacts on Multistate Freight and OSOW Corridors* could lead to greater harmonization of OSOW permit data, better use of the STIP for all stages of planning, and creation of a corridor operations committee to support a regional operations center.