

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.

Transportation Pooled Fund Program Project # TPF-5(509)	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)	
TPF Study Number and Title: Mid-America Freight Coalition (MAFC) Phase 4		
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Lead Agency Project ID: TPF-5(509)	Other Project ID (i.e., contract #): 395-0097-23-95	Project Start Date: 04/01/2023
Original Project Start Date: 04/01/2023	Original Project End Date: 03/31/2026	If Extension has been requested, updated project End Date:

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	\$20,367.77	82%

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 4th 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 3)</i>	04/01/2025	03/31/2026	Web updates, project communication, and teleconferences are completed for the 3rd quarter. Annual Meeting completed August 25-27, 2025 (held with MAASTO Conference).
<i>TPIMS</i>	05/01/24	03/31/2026	Continued data warehouse management and coordination with participating states. MAFC has inherited the TRUCKSPARKHERE website. Participated in Volpe and ITS discussions on TPIMS development.
<i>Emergency Service Access Along Class I Rail Corridors</i>	04/01/2024	09/31/2025	Draft final report completed and shared with states for comments. Currently updating report based on recommendations.
<i>Construction Impacts on Multistate Freight and OSOW Corridors</i>	05/01/2024	04/30/2025	Project complete. Report finalized and posted September 2025.
<i>Freight Impacts to Natural Resources and the Environment in State Freight Plans</i>	11/01/2024	03/31/2026	Literature review 60% complete. Review of model plans underway, interviews with natural resource and state DOT employees underway.
<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.

Anticipated work next quarter:

- Address technical representative comments on and finalize project report for *Emergency Service Access Along Class I Rail Corridors*.
- Address technical representative comments on draft of *Construction Impacts on Multistate Freight and OSOW Corridors* project and finalize report.
- Complete interviews and identify case studies for *Freight Impacts to Natural Resources and the Environment in State Freight Plans*.
- Complete data collection for 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..

Significant Results:

- Successfully completed MAFC annual meeting in coordination with MAASTO, August 25-27, 2025.
- Delivered final report of *Construction Impacts on Multistate Freight and OSOW Corridors*.
- Delivered draft report for *Emergency Service Access Along Class I Rail 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.
- 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.