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Transportation Learning Network (TLN) FHWA Regional Pooled Fund Study Quarterly Progress Report SPR-3(099)

January – March 2009 (Quarter 3)

There was a variety of leadership and technical training offered during Quarter 3. Each event is listed below with the date, title, length and number of participants. These events reached a total of over 1550 individuals during the three month reporting period. Audience participation came from five states: North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Utah and Montana.

In January, events included the sixth and seventh sessions in the Personal Finance series—"Kids and My Money" and "Making Good Benefits Choices," a three-day (Jan. 5, 7 and 9) PE Exam Review, a leadership series workshop entitled "Improving Your Ability to Deal with Conflict," a Franklin Covey one-hour Brown Bag video and a day-long Franklin Covey FOCUS workshop. "Pipe for Life" focused on the design, layout, and installation of reinforced concrete pipe. "Work Zone Traffic Control for Maintenance Operations" covered traffic control devices, parts of traffic control zones, typical applications, flagging, and liability.

February training included a three-day Franklin Covey Seven Habits workshop as well as several technical workshops. The "Seal Coat" session focused on an update of the chip seal handbook, what a chip seal is, why chip seals are designed, aggregates, binder, construction methods and fog sealing. "Micro surfacing/Slurry Seals" included what is micro slurry, when should it be used, how it is designed and how to build it. What is FDR/CIR, when should it be used, how it is designed and what is important for inspection was presented in the "Cold in Place Recycling/Full Depth Reclamation" workshop. The final workshop for the month was "RAP (Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement)" offered by the Illinois Tollway. The presentation described the Illinois Tollway's research into increasing the use of RAP in asphalt mixtures.

March events started with the "ATSSA Traffic Control Technician's Course" which provided an introduction to temporary traffic control in work zones for those installing and removing traffic control devices. "Asphalt – Best Practices in Production" was also offered in March. The program focused on best practice in operation to ensure high-quality, consistent mix. "Gravel Roads" offered to its participants a better understanding of the importance of materials, techniques and equipment needed for maintaining and repairing good gravel roads. March's leadership training included Franklin Covey's "The 7 Habits Maximizer," Brown Bag video "5 Questions Every Leader Must Ask," and "FOCUS." Other leadership workshops were "Leading a Successful Change Effort," and the eighth and ninth sessions of the Personal Finance series—"Risk Management" and "Advanced Savings and Investing for When Times are Tough."

Quarter 3 was the start of an academic semester. Students from North Dakota State University, South Dakota State University, University of Utah, and the University of Wyoming enrolled in the "Public Transportation" graduate course offered through NDSU every Monday afternoon.

All events are listed on the Transportation Learning Network's monthly calendars found at www.translearning.org.

Programming Summary

No. of Events		Hours Offered	Total Participants
23		173	1554

Date	Event	Length	Participants
1/5/2009	PE Exam Review (web conference)	24	18
1/8/2009	Personal Finance: Kids and My Money	2.5	8
1/12/2009	Graduate Course: Public Transportation	27.5	10
1/14/2009	Improving Your Ability to Deal With Conflict	8	44
1/20/2009	Franklin Covey Brown Bag: Team Building – What Makes a Good Team Player	1	13
1/21/2009	FOCUS™:Achieving Your Highest Priorities	8	21
1/23/2009	Pipe for Life	1.5	131
1/28/2009	Work Zone Traffic Control for Maintenance Operations	8	115
1/29/2009	Personal Finance: Making Good Benefits Choices	2.5	11
2/5/2009	Seven Habits of Highly Effective People	24	29
2/10/2009	Seal Coat Workshop	4	345
2/11/2009	Micro surfacing/Slurry Seals	4	262
2/25/2009	Cold In-Place Recycling / Full-Depth Reclamation	3	141
2/26/2009	RAP (Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement)	1	87
3/3/2009	ATSSA Traffic Control Technician's Course	8	8
3/4/2009	Seven Habits Maximizer	8	7
3/5/2009	Gravel Roads Workshop	8	72
3/11/2009	Leading a Successful Change Effort	8	16
3/12/2009	Personal Finance: Risk Management	2.5	16
3/16/2009	Franklin Covey Brown Bag: 5 Questions Every Leader Must Ask	1	11
3/18/2009	Focus	8	15
3/25/2009	Personal Finance: Advanced Savings and Investing for When Times are Tough	2.5	25
3/26/2009	Asphalt – Best Practices in Production	8	149

Expenditures

	Pooled Fund (DOTs)
Salaries	\$21,878.14
Training	\$21,137.08
Network	\$19,624.84
Operating	\$1,309.13
TOTAL	\$63,949.19

Coordinator Meetings

January 20, 2009

New staff members Christine Crawford and Sue Hendrickson were introduced. Chris was hired as an instructional designer to work on the development of online, on-demand training modules. Sue's role is administrative, customer service and technical support.

Reported on recent events and reviewed upcoming schedule.

Announced the TLN Board meeting is scheduled for April. The meeting will be held in Fargo.

Julie Rodriguez updated the group on the status and "Go Live" date for the learning management system.

February 17, 2009

Reported recent events and reviewed upcoming schedule. A reminder that the TLN Board meeting will be held in April in Fargo was mentioned.

The "Franklin Covey Brown Bag: An Invisible Man Meets the Mummy" video scheduled for February 17 has been cancelled.

"We've Got to Start Meeting Like This" scheduled for February 18th has been postponed.

The group was updated on the status, training and "Go Live" date for the learning management system.

March 17, 2009

Reported recent events and reviewed upcoming schedule.

The TLN Board's budget preview meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 30, over video conferencing. It was cancelled due to flooding in Fargo-Moorhead. North Dakota State University closed its campus March 30 through April 3rd. The Board meeting is scheduled for April 15-16.

The group was updated on the status, training and "Go Live" date for the learning management system.

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