

TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): Iowa Department of Transportation

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 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 (435)	Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period: Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31) X Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30) Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30) Quarter 4 (October 4 – December 31)	
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Lead Agency Project ID:	Other Project ID (i.e., contract #): Addendum 731	Project Start Date: January 1, 2020
Original Project End Date: December 31, 2021	Current Project End Date: 12/31/2026	Number of Extensions:

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	Total Percentage of Work Completed
\$2,425,000	\$2,094,767	87%

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Percentage of Work Completed This Quarter
\$59,396	N/A	3%

Project Description:

The Aurora Program is a consortium of public agencies focused on collaborative research, evaluation, and deployment of technologies for detailed road weather monitoring and forecasting. Members seek to implement advanced road weather information systems (RWIS) that fully integrate state-of-the-art roadway and weather forecasting technologies with coordinated, multi-agency weather monitoring infrastructures; ultimately lessening adverse impacts of inclement weather.

Progress this Quarter (includes meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.). These efforts are identified below.

Program Administrative Activities:

Reviewed financial details.

Facilitate Meetings and Conference Calls:Processing Travel Requests, Travel Reimbursements, and Meeting Expenses:Project-Specific Activities:

Addressed project invoices.

Reviewed and approved invoices and submitted to the Iowa DOT for payment.

Tracked project status and prepared a summary for recently completed and active projects.

Distributed reports to project teams and requested reports from researchers if/when not provided.

Current active projects include:

2022-10 Automating Variable Speed Limits Using Weather, Traffic, and Friction Data [NCAR, WTI, Rutgers]

- Project update was provided by research team during Spring 2025 Board meeting in Anchorage, AK.

2023-02 An Intelligent Human-Centric Communication System for Adverse Weather and Road Conditions [University of Iowa]

- Project update was provided by research team during Spring 2025 Board meeting in Anchorage, AK.
- Participated in project team meeting on June 4, 2025, which included pilot deployment discussions.
- Coordinated with the research team regarding additional individuals to invite to the July 2 project team meeting.

2023-04 Standardized Framework for Winter Weather Road Condition Indices

- Project update was provided by research team during Spring 2025 Board meeting in Anchorage, AK.
- Coordinated with the research team regarding requested no cost extension to December 31, 2025.
- Coordinated with the research team and project team regarding a research team request to present project findings at a potential TRB workshop. Established project team requirements for presentation of findings prior to completion of final project report, i.e. project team must review and approval all material in advance.

2024-01 Roadway Friction Forecasting using Stationary and Mobile Friction Data

- Project update was provided by research team during Spring 2025 Board meeting in Anchorage, AK.

Anticipated work next quarter:Program Administrative Activities:

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Manage budget.

Facilitate Meetings and Conference Calls:

Schedule and host project meetings for existing projects.

Processing Travel Requests, Travel Reimbursements, and Meeting Expenses:

Project-Specific Activities:

Track project status and timelines.

Request quarterly reports from research teams.

Distribute project materials/updates to project teams.

Maintain list of project champions and team members.

For all current projects:

- Facilitate project activities as needed.
- Continue to receive and distribute project updates.
- Coordinate updates, if necessary.
- Review invoices.
- Edit and publish pertinent final reports and t2.

2022-10 Automating Variable Speed Limits Using Weather, Traffic, and Friction Data [NCAR, WTI, Rutgers]

- Hold final project meeting.
- Publish final report.

2023-02 An Intelligent Human-Centric Communication System for Adverse Weather and Road Conditions [University of Iowa]

- Hold final project meeting.
- Monitor pilot effort.
- Publish final report.

2023-04 Standardized Framework for Winter Weather Road Condition Indices [Iowa State University]

- Track project progress.
- Share any interim documents with the project team.
- Hold project update meeting as necessary.

2024-01 Roadway Friction Forecasting using Stationary and Mobile Friction Data [NCAR]

- Track project progress.
- Hold project update meeting as necessary.

Significant Results:

Project tracking, support and coordination of pertinent progress updates.

Circumstance affecting project or budget: