TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM
QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): ____FHWA_____

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 # *(i.e, SPR-2(XXX), SPR-3(XXX) or TPF-5(XXX)* TPF-05(317)	**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: TPF-05(317) The Evaluations of Low-Cost Safety Improvements Pooled Fund Study (ELCSI-PFS)		
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Lead Agency Project ID: TPF-05(317)	**Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):** N/A	**Project Start Date:** 08/2022
Original Project Start Date: 05/2005	**Original Project End Date:** 05/2010	**If Extension has been requested, updated project End Date:** N/A continuing effort

Project schedule status:

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

Overall Project Statistics:

Total Project Budget	Total Funds Expended This Quarter	Percentage of Work Completed to Date
Ongoing project (N/A)	Ongoing project (N/A)	Ongoing project (N/A)

Project Description:

The primary goal of the Evaluation of Low-Cost Safety Improvement Pool Fund Study (ELCSI-PFS) was to save lives and reduce traffic crash injuries by identifying effective safety strategies for national implementation. The ELCSI-PFS conducted research to quantify the safety effectiveness of selected strategies — so-called crash modification factors (CMFs) — that may address priority safety concerns but had not been proven. This study also provided benefit-cost (B/C) ratios to estimate the resulting relationship between the relative monetary value of benefits and costs of a selected strategy. Transportation agencies utilized estimated CMFs and B/C ratios to select, plan, fund, and install a specific safety strategy on a targeted site to improve its outstanding safety issue. The secondary goal of this study is to improve and advance the statistical tools to conduct more reliable, rigorous research. For this effort, this study collaborated with the American Statistical Association (ASA) and identified new statistical methodologies to advance the current practices

used in the development of CMFs. This study initiated in 2005 but continued adding years for additional studies. Currently this study is running Phase XIII (so-called 5 CMFs) to evaluate the safety effectiveness of the following countermeasures:

- Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs)
- Left-Turn Lanes Improvements (LTL)
- Curve Enhanced Delineation (CED)
- Alternative Rumble Strips (ARS)
- Fixed Object Delineation (FOD)

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

ELCSI-PFS PHASE XIII: 5 CMFS

RRFB
- Drafted Factsheet, revised in response to editorial review, and submitted for final approval.
- Drafted story ideas for submission to *Public Roads* for approval.

LTL
- Conducted preliminary analysis and up to third rounds of in-depth analysis.
- Began drafting Technical Memorandum for completion of data analysis summarizing process, accomplishments, issues, opportunities, and recommendation.

CED
- Conducted re-analysis of separate CED treatments (yellow posts and yellow-and-black striped posts).
- Completed revisions to final technical report by incorporating results from re-analysis.
- Submitted updated 20-minute technical presentation PowerPoint file on December 31, 2025.

ARS
- Received a proposal about additional analysis using full Bayesian method to maximize the use of collected data.
- Submitted the prepared contract modification to execute the additional analysis.

FOD
- Prepared and submitted contract modification to execute revisions of final report in response to MUTCD Team comments.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING
- Completed. No further activities. Please refer to the quarterly progress report for TPF-5(515) for upcoming activities under this subsection.

PUBLICATIONS

RRFB Factsheet (https://highways.dot.gov/sites/fhwa.dot.gov/files/FHWA-HRT-25-086.pdf)

Anticipated work next quarter:

- Begin drafting the RRFB article for submission to *Public Roads*.
- Finalize analyzing data for LTL study.
- Review revised final report of CED study and finalize the report for editorial review.
- Begin additional analysis for ARS study.
- Begin revising the final report of FOD study in response to the MUTCD Team's request.

Significant Results:

- RRFB Factsheet was published.
- Contract modification 6 was executed on December 19, 2025, to complete final report revisions for FOD study based on MUTCD Team comments and to perform additional analyses for ARS study.

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).

For FOD study, MUTCD Team requested major revisions on draft technical report, which will delay study completion. Additionally, research team will conduct full-Bayesian method for better utilization of collected data for ARS study, which will delay study completion. The relevant contract modification was executed on December 19, 2025.

Potential Implementation:
N/A