

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>(i.e, SPR-2(XXX), SPR-3(XXX) or TPF-5(XXX))</i> TPF-05(515)	Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period: <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31)	
TPF Study Number and Title: TPF-05(515) The Evaluations of Low-Cost Safety Improvements Pooled Fund Study (ELCSI-PFS)		
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Lead Agency Project ID: TPF-05(515)	Other Project ID (i.e., contract #): N/A	Project Start Date: 10/2024
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 XIV (so-called 3 CMFs) to evaluate the safety effectiveness of the following countermeasures:

- Curb Extensions (CE)
- Wide Width Pavement Markings (WWPM)
- Narrow Width Rumble Strips (NWRS)

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

ELCSI-PFS PHASE XIV: 3 CMFS

- Held a quarterly progress meeting on October 2, 2025, with FHWA subject matter experts to identify potential issues related to Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) compliance and implementation.
- Drafted a memorandum summarizing potential issues related to MUTCD compliance, for submission to MUTCD Team for technical feedback.
- Submitted technical memorandums on data collection plan and feasibility study for each topic.
- Continued data collection for each topic.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING

- Began planning the 2026 TAC meeting by determining its duration and locations – a one-and-a-half-day meeting at the National Highway Institute in Vienna, VA.

PUBLICATIONS

None

Anticipated work next quarter:

- Continue working on data collections for all three studies.
- Conduct a quarterly meeting.
- Begin planning details of 2026 TAC meeting (e.g., dates, speakers).

Significant Results:

- Held a quarterly meeting with FHWA subject matter experts to receive technical feedback.

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).

The project schedule may be delayed due to challenges in collecting data from sites where MUTCD-compliance countermeasures are installed.

Potential Implementation:

N/A