

TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): Montana 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 (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-5(444) and TPF-5 (547)		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)	
Project Title: - Traffic Safety Culture – Phase 2 - Traffic Safety Culture Phase 3			
Name of Project Manager(s): Emily Hawley	Phone Number: 406-444-2598	E-Mail ehawley@mt.gov	
Lead Agency Project ID: 8882-444, 8882-547	Other Project ID (i.e., contract #): 8882-444-17, 8882-444-18, 8882-444-19, 8882-444-20, 8882-444-21, 8882-444-22, 8882-444-23, 8882-444-24, 8882-444-25, 8882-444-26, 8882-457-27, 8882-547-28	Project Start Date: TPF-5 (444)- Oct.1, 2019 TPF-5 (547) - Oct.1, 2024	
Original Project End Date: TPF-5 (444)- September 30, 2024 TPF-5 (547)- September 30, 2029	Current Project End Date: TPF-5 (444)- September 30, 2024 TPF-5 (547)- September 30, 2029	Number of Extensions: 2	

Project schedule status:

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

Overall TPF-5(444) Project Statistics:

Total Project Budget	Total Cost to Date for Project	Percentage of Work Completed to Date
\$1,204,383.50 (Total costs for all contracts)	\$1,195,078.56	99%

Overall Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
\$26,876.51 and 2%	\$26,876.51	99%

Total MDT IDCs for this quarter = \$2,660.77

TPF- 5(444)- Understanding Aggressive Driving Phase 2 Statistics:

Total Project Budget	Total Cost to Date for Project	Percentage of Work Completed to Date
\$271,210.00	\$261,933.08	97%

Understanding Aggressive Driving Phase 2 Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
\$26,876.51 and 10%	\$26,876.51	97%

*MDT IDCS for this quarter for this project: \$2,660.77

Overall TPF-5(547) Project Statistics:

Total Project Budget	Total Cost to Date for Project	Percentage of Work Completed to Date
\$240,139.00 (Total costs for all contracts)	\$187,389.79	78%

Overall Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
\$64,201.10 and 27%	\$64,210.10	78%

Total MDT IDCs for this quarter = \$6,076.04

TPF- 5(547)- Support Contract Project Statistics Year 2:

Total Project Budget	Total Cost to Date for Project	Percentage of Work Completed to Date
\$204,024.00	\$151,274.79	74%

Support Contract Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
\$53,410.55 and %	\$53,410.55	74%

*MDT IDCS for this quarter for Y2 = \$5,077.77

TPF- 5(547)- TSC Outreach Materials Project Statistics:

Total Project Budget	Total Cost to Date for Project	Percentage of Work Completed to Date
\$36,115.00	\$36,115.00	100%

Support Contract Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
\$10,790.55 and 30%	\$10,790.55	100%

*MDT IDCS for this quarter = \$1,068.27

Project Description:

This program is a cooperative effort of participating state departments of transportation (DOTs) and other (traditional and non-traditional) organizations with a vested interest in traffic safety. This long-term partnership will support an evolving and integrated project portfolio developed and revised each year by the partners and will complement other related research activities. Together, these projects will accelerate the development and delivery of tools and services to

transform the national, state, and community-level traffic safety culture. The goal of this transformation is to support the Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) vision with sustainable traffic safety solutions.

In this context, the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is partnering with the Center for Health and Safety Culture (CHSC) at Montana State University to (1) conduct research to solve specific culture-based traffic safety problems, (2) create training and education materials to enhance workforce understanding and application of traffic safety culture methods, and (3) provide technology transfer of best practices in traffic safety culture methods to all stakeholders. Together, these efforts will support the transformation of traffic safety culture within the families, communities, and organizations of participating states.

The second phase (TPF-5 (444)) ended on September 30, 2024, however there is still one active project for phase 2. The third phase (TPF-5(547)) started on October 1, 2024.

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

Meetings

May 5th and 6th

- Day One Agenda
 - Meeting Goals and Introductions
 - Traffic Safety Culture in 2026
 - Overview and Research Progression
 - Recent Research Project Updates
 - Roundtable Discussion on Aggressive Driving and Speeding
 - Research Peer Exchange
 - Traffic Garden Visit and Dinner
- Day Two Agenda
 - Meeting Goals and Day One Recap
 - Working Session for Phase 3 – Problem statement work and research topics for year 3
 - TSC TPF Business Meeting for TAC members only
- Major actions
 - February 2026 meeting notes were reviewed and approved.
 - Finalized problem statement 1 and 2
 - Provided feedback on final report and resources for Understanding Aggressive Driving and Ways to Reduce It project
 - Nominations for chair and co-chair
 - Identified research topics for 2026
 - Identified possible locations and dates for 2027 annual meeting

April, May, and June

- Monthly Meetings with CHSC, MDT, and Chair

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Activities

- Attended the Year 2 Annual Meeting in Boise, ID
- Participated in research peer exchange at 2026 Annual Meeting (year 2)
- Selected Elisabeta Mitran as chair and Pamela Langve-Davis as co-chair for year 3
- Finalized problem statements 1 and 2
- Selected location and dates for 2027 annual meeting - Louisville, KY on April 6th and 7th
- Submitted travel reimbursements from year 2 annual meeting
- Reviewed proposal for problem statement 1, Communication to Build Support for Speed Management Engineering Solutions
- Reviewed and provided comments on the draft final report and outreach materials for the TSC TPF Outreach materials project
- Attended final project presentation for TSC TPF Outreach Materials
- Reviewed and provided comments on the draft final report and resources for the Understanding Aggressive Driving and Ways to Reduce It Phase 2 project

Program Fund Updates

As of June 30, 2026, states that have committed to funding this Phase 3 pooled fund are AK, CT, GA, IA, ID, IL, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MT, NV, TX, VT, WI, and WV. The participating states in the TPF-5 (547) program have committed \$1,645,000.00 in funds over the five-year period. The commitments by organization can be found at <https://pooledfund.org/Details/Study/781>.

Contract Status

Traffic Safety Culture – Phase 3 Management Support (8882-547-27)

During this quarter, CHSC staff provided ongoing management and facilitation support for the pooled fund. The team coordinated and supported the 2026 annual meeting by sending Webex invitations for virtual attendees, collaborating with MDT and the chair on agenda development, recording the meeting, and taking detailed notes. CHSC finalized planning, attendee travel, and logistics for the 2026 annual meeting. During the meeting, they provided onsite logistical support, facilitated the roundtable discussion, led presentations on Traffic Safety Culture in 2023, overview and research progression and recent research project updates. They recorded the meeting, facilitated virtual participation, and drafted the meeting summary. Following the annual meeting in May, CHSC provided travel reimbursements to all TAC members who attended in person and assisted with finalization of action items. The meeting summary was shared with all attendees and revised based on comments.

CHSC drafted a proposal for problem statement 1, Communication to Build Support for Speed Management Engineering Solutions, on June 2, 2026. The proposal was revised based on comments and submitted to MDT and the TAC on June 26, 2026.

CHSC developed the January- March quarterly report for MDT and the board's review, which has been posted to the TPF website.

Understanding Aggressive Driving and Ways to Reduce It, Phase 2 (8882-444-26)

During this quarter, CHSC completed Task 4 and submitted the draft final report and resources to the MDT on April 30th. Bridget Hanson provided a review of findings and resources during the 2026 annual meeting. The TAC provided comments and CHSC began revisions to all of the final materials. CHSC also began creating the outreach materials for this project.

Traffic Safety Culture Outreach Materials (8882-547-28)

During this quarter, the CHSC team revised the final report and outreach materials based on comments received from the TAC. The final project presentation was held on May 29th. This project was completed on May 31st, 2026.

Anticipated work next quarter:

Meetings

Program Support Contract (8882-547-27)

- Quarterly Meeting on August 19th at noon MT
- Monthly meetings with MDT, CHSC, and the Chair
- Meetings with KY TAC members for

Contract Status

Program Support Contract (8882-547-27)

- Conduct monthly meetings and check-ins with MDT, chair and co-chair
- Plan agenda for the August quarterly meeting with MDT, chair, and co-chair
- Provide budget details for the 2026 annual meeting during the August quarterly meeting.
- Begin planning 2027 in-person annual meeting in Louisville, KY on April 6th and 7th
- Prepare proposal for Problem Statement 2, Traffic Safety Culture Beliefs to Support Systemic Strategies
- Prepare proposal for FFY27 Management Support contract including travel and meeting expenses for the 2027 annual meeting

Understanding Aggressive Driving and Ways to Reduce It, Phase 2 (8882-444-26)

- The CHSC team will revise the final report and resources based on feedback received from the TAC. They will create outreach materials for Bystander Engagement and Message Guidance as well as deliver the final project presentation on July 29th. All final materials for this project will be submitted to MDT by July 31, 2026.

Traffic Safety Culture Outreach Materials (8882-457-28)

- Project was completed on May 31st, 2026.

TAC Activities

- Vote on moving the next research project, Communication to Build Support for Speed Management Engineering Solutions to contract
Review and provide comments on proposal for problem statement 2
- Attend the August 19 quarterly meeting
- Attend final project presentation for Understanding Aggressive Driving and Ways to Reduce It (Phase 2) on July 29th at noon MT

Significant Results:

None

Circumstances 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).

Potential Implementation: None currently.