

TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Lead Agency: Utah 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 # TPF-5(558)	Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period: ☐ Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31, 2026) ☒ Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30, 2026) ☐ Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30, 2026) ☐ Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31, 2026)	
Project Title: Western Alliance for Quality Transportation Construction (WAQTC) 2026-2029		
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Lead Agency Project ID: FINET 42125, PIN 22908	Other Project ID (i.e., contract #): 1 st UDOT Contract No. 26-8409	Project Start Date: June 11, 2025 (pooled fund) January 8, 2026 (1 st contract)
Original Project End Date: December 31, 2029 (pooled fund)	Current Project End Date: December 31, 2026 (1 st contract SOW) December 31, 2029 (pooled fund)	Number of Extensions: None

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	Percentage of Work Completed to Date
Total commitments = \$250,000.00 Current obligated funds = \$317,095.04 (including unspent funds from previous TPF) Current AC funds available = \$0.00 1 st contract amount = \$247,864.92 Fund balance not on contract = \$68,244.29	\$68,912.22 (from 1 st contract) \$985.83 (contract management)	Goals are ongoing, no end date

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
11% (1 st contract)	\$28,280.20 (1 st contract)	22% (project)

Project Description:

WAQTC is focused in three main areas: Standardizing test methods (WAQTC, AASHTO, and ASTM), accreditation of the Transportation Technician Qualification Program (TTQP), and working together on national programs of significance including research, training, and technology deployment. Refer to the WAQTC website: <https://www.waqtc.org/>

The WAQTC Mission Statement is to: "Provide leadership in the pursuit of continuously improving quality in transportation construction." An Executive Board consisting of at least one representative of each member agency governs the WAQTC. Through our partnership, we will:

- promote an atmosphere of trust, cooperation, and communication between government agencies and the private sector
- respond in a unified and consistent manner to identified quality improvement needs and new technologies that impact the products that we provide
- provide a forum to promote uniform test standards
- provide highly skilled, knowledgeable materials sampling and testing technicians
- provide reciprocity for Qualified testing technicians among accredited Agencies

TPF-5(558) funds the continued development and refinement of the TTQP, including:

- Maintaining and revising the six existing WAQTC TTQP training and certification courses in coordination with member state agencies;
- Distributing training materials, including training manuals, PowerPoint presentations, and written and practical exams, to member states;
- Maintaining the WAQTC website; and
- Developing and presenting proposed revisions and new standards to the AASHTO Subcommittee on Materials.

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

- Spring Meeting of the WAQTC Executive Board (virtual), April 6.
- Review and vetting of proposed AASHTO specifications for changes and revisions to training material.
- Implementation of updated exams and training materials beginning.
- Coordination with AASHTO during and after Mid-Year Meetings.

Anticipated work next quarter:

- Summer Meeting of the Qualification Advisory Council to review AASHTO specifications and WAQTC policies and procedures, July 13 - 17, Seattle, WA.
- Fall Meeting of the WAQTC Executive Board in coordination with the AASHTO Committee on Materials and Pavements Conference, August 6.

Significant Results:

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:

- Preparations for updates to AASHTO standards and training and certification materials for the next year.