

TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

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

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 # TPF-5(572)	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: Mid-America Freight Coalition (MAFC) Phase 5		
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Lead Agency Project ID: TPF-5(572)	Other Project ID (i.e., contract #): 395-0092-25-13	Project Start Date: 04/01/2026
Original Project Start Date: 04/01/2026	Original Project End Date: 03/31/2029	If Extension has been requested, updated project End Date:

Project schedule status:

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

Overall Project Statistics:

Total Project Budget (3 years)	Total Funds Expended This Quarter	Percentage of Work Completed to Date
\$1,638,000	\$0.00	7%

Project Description:

The MAFC pooled fund (initially named the Mississippi Valley Freight Coalition) began in 2006 to investigate and support the efficient, reliable, and safe transport of freight and related development opportunities. MAFC pooled fund members are the 10 states of the Mid America Association of State Transportation Officials (MAASTO).

MAFC supports the development of freight-related transportation operations, facilities, and freight-related policy and their linkages with economic and community development.

TPF-5(572) is the 5th phase/iteration of the MAFC pooled fund.

Progress this Quarter (includes meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.)**Studies/Projects Under Contract**

Study/Project	Start Date	End Date	Comments
<i>Member Services for Mid-America Freight Coalition Phase 5)</i>	04/01/2026	03/31/2027	Web updates, project communication, and teleconferences are completed for the quarter.
<i>TPIMS</i>	04/01/2026	03/31/2029	Continued data warehouse management and coordination with participating states.
<i>Maritime Freight Movement through the Mississippi River System (MRS) and Great Lakes Navigational System (GLNS) Major Ports</i>	04/01/2026	09/30/2027	Data replication underway, literature review underway.

Additional Work:

- MAFC website updated with monthly posts and reports.
- MAFC continues management of the TPIMS data warehouse and web application in partnership with UW TOPS Lab.
- MAFC completed development of Phase 5 research agenda.
- States were asked to vote on research topics for Phase 5 research agenda.
- State votes were tallied to determine top 4 projects with highest aggregate scores.
- Planning for MAFC Annual Meeting 90% complete.

Anticipated work next quarter:

- Complete literature review and data assessment for project "Maritime Freight Movement through the Mississippi River System (MRS) and Great Lakes Navigational System (GLNS) Major Ports". Meet with PAT and discuss progress of project, data sources to be used, and proposed research directions. Begin analysis of freight volume and commodities moved through the waterways.
- Initiate literature review for project "Best Practices and Guidance for Freight Related Wildlife Crossing Management". Set up PAT for the project.
- Present the MAFC Phase 5 research agenda to the MAASTO Planning Committee for approval.

- Bring the MAFC Phase 5 research agenda (through planning committee) to the MAASTO Board of Directors for approval at the 2026 MAASTO Annual Conference.
- Manage and attend annual meeting.

Significant Results:

- 90% complete with planning annual meeting.

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).

- None

Potential Implementation:

- Private businesses are incorporating TPIMS in their information sources and products. Additional TPIMS systems are being built across the U.S.
- MAFC technical meeting sessions continue with all member states participating. The meetings focus on sharing of best practices, data resources, and information in support of individual, agency, and regional freight development.