

TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): IOWA DOT

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(139)	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 4 – December 31)	
Project Title: Implementation of Concrete Pavement Preservation and PCC Surface Characteristics: Tire Pavement Noise Program		
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Lead Agency Project ID: RT 215	Other Project ID (i.e., contract #): Addendum 286	Project Start Date: 1/27/07
Original Project End Date: 12/31/10	Current Project End Date: 12/31/12 requested	Number of Extensions: Pooled fund project; incremental

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	Total Percentage of Work Completed
\$705,000	\$573,863	93%

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Percentage of Work Completed This Quarter
\$1,985		3%

Project Description:

One of the most pressing issues to the Portland Cement Concrete Pavement industry is the surface characteristic issue. Surface characteristics are defined as those properties of pavement that affect the smoothness, friction, noise, drainage, splash and spray, rolling resistance, and reflectance of the pavement. Although all of these are important, it is the noise issue that has recently begun to significantly affect the U.S. pavement community.

This project is the third in a series of initiatives. In Part 1, ISU and FHWA developed the long term research plan and as well as the documents required to build innovative test sections. Part 2 is 98% completed and consists of the collecting and organization of texture and noise data from over 900 different pavement sections.

The purpose of Part 3 is to fully implement the PCC Surface Characteristics program and 3 will consist of four major objectives:

- Continue comprehensive data collection on new and existing pavements started in 2005 under the Type 1 and Type 2 experiments, through the end of 2009 for time/history data.
- Analyze the data to identify clear relationships between texture, noise, friction, etc.
- Develop and evaluate construction specifications of conventional texture techniques including grinding.
- Develop and evaluate innovative construction techniques that have the potential to significantly reduce noise.

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

- A request for the additional funding (\$88,000) left in the pooled fund was requested. This funding will be used for workshops/web training for the pooled fund states.
- Arranged for, coordinated, and conducted 2 workshops for Caltrans (one in Sacramento December 7th and one in Los Angeles, December 8th)
- Workshops range from ½ to 1 day, and cover the entire program.
- Conducted related implementation activities with CA. Provided technical support in the development of specifications and reviewed surface characteristics related policy.
- Preparing field report from the WA implementation visit, including data received from WADOT this quarter.
- Completed final draft of How to Reduce Tire-Pavement Noise: Better Practices for Constructing and Texturing Concrete Pavement Surfaces
- Final draft of the How To Guide has been submitted for internal review

Anticipated work next quarter:

- Continue Tech Transfer workshops for other pooled fund states; Washington and Wisconsin
- Continue conducting an implementation program for senior DOT senior management.
- Revise and complete the final How To Guide after internal review is completed

Significant Results: See CP Tech Center website for tech briefs regarding this project.