

## Deer-Vehicle Crash Information and Research Center (DVCIR Center) Research Progress Report for the Quarter Ending March 31, 2013

Pooled Fund Program Number: TPF-5(120)	Part: II Research and Development
Project Title: Deer-Vehicle Crash Information and Research Center	Project IDs (Internal): 402531, 402521 (TTI Prime Contract and UMN Subcontract)
Technical and Administrative Contact: Keith Knapp, UMN Center for Excellence in Rural Safety	Sponsors: IA, CT, MD, MN, NH, NY, OH, TX, WI, and FHWA
FHWA Lead Agency Contact: Bill Ostrum, FHWA	Approved Starting Date: 3/19/07 (Admin. Contract) Approved Ending Date: 3/19/09 (Admin. Contract) Extension Approved: 3/19/10 (Admin. Contract)

**Description:** The Deer-Vehicle Crash Information and Research Center (DVCIR Center) was created to continue the tasks being completed by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation multi-state Deer-Vehicle Crash Information Center (DVCIC). The center will also fund research projects as defined by the participating pooled fund members. A commitment of \$10,000 to \$25,000 per year and a two-year involvement were requested for participation. Committed funds (per [www.pooledfund.org](http://www.pooledfund.org)) currently total \$330,000 and include \$50,000 from MN, NY, OH, WI, and IA. WI has also provided the project with the use of their DVCIC website ([www.deercrash.com](http://www.deercrash.com)). An additional \$10,000 and \$20,000 has been committed by CT and MD, respectively, and \$25,000 added by NH and TX. A total of \$50,000 in match funds is also being pursued from FHWA. Potential second year funds for participation from several states in year two of the project could total about \$35,000.

Two 2-year contracts (now extended), totaling \$130,000, were initiated between TTI and the FHWA (the lead agency) on March 19, 2007 for the continuation of DVCIC activities and administration activities of the DVCIR Center. Subcontracts have been negotiated between TTI and the University of Minnesota (UMN) and were completed in the first quarter of 2009. A no-cost extension to the contract (to account for the last year of no charging) was finalized in March 2009. The contract has been extended to March 2010. Contracts for the completion of the research portion of the project with the remaining available funds (\$200,000 with the potential for another \$35,000) will follow in individual research contracts. The kick-off meeting for the pooled fund was January 30, 2007. The first kickoff meeting was not funded by the pooled fund but by the Southwest University Transportation Research Center. A second meeting was held October 2007.

The lead agency of this pooled fund is currently the Federal Highway Administration Office of Project Development and Environmental Review.

### Progress This Quarter:

The following activities have occurred between January 1 and March 31, 2013:

- Iowa DOT has started updates on the Deercrash.org website. These updates include:
  - Updating the research list
  - Updating the contact list
  - Adding the two final reports from the DVC Pooled Fund (Two final reports have been reviewed and approved: Methods to Identify and Prioritize Deer-Vehicle Crash Locations: Final Report (March), Deer-Vehicle Crash, Ecological and Economic Impacts of Reduced Roadside Mowing – Final Report (May))
- DVC Pooled Fund Advisory Committee has begun discussing updates to the committee goals for 2013

**Approximate Percentage of Project Complete:** The vast majority of the original pooled fund budget has been spent. The committee is investigating rolling this money into a refunded pooled fund.

**Work Next Quarter (April 1 – June 30, 2013):**

- Advisory Committee will continue to meet to discuss goals of the pooled fund
- Committee will begin preliminary investigations into funding sources to continue the pooled fund
- Iowa DOT will continue updating the [deercrash.org](http://deercrash.org) website under direction from the Committee
- Remaining funds from the original DVC pooled fund will be obligated to FHWA or returned to the states

**Circumstances affecting progress/budget:**

- Advisory Committee will continue to meet to discuss new goals for the pooled fund going forward
- Committee will begin preliminary investigations into funding sources to continue the pooled fund