

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 # <p style="text-align: center;"><i>TPF-5(310)</i></p>	Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31, 2015) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30, 2015) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30, 2015) Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31, 2015)	
Project Title: <p style="text-align: center;">2015 11th International Conference on Low-Volume Roads and Peer Exchange</p>		
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Lead Agency Project ID: TPF-5(310)	Other Project ID (i.e., contract #): Iowa DOT Contract 16939	Project Start Date: February 1, 2015
Original Project End Date: December 31, 2015	Current Project End Date: December 31, 2015	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
\$68,200 committed	\$59,286	87.00%

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
\$45,246.00 (66%)	\$0.00	

Project Description:

Background:

The 11th International Conference in this quadrennial Low-Volume Roads Conference series provides a forum to show case the latest information about low-volume road management, design, construction, safety, maintenance, and many other related topics. At this conference, those who administer, plan, design, build, or maintain low-volume roads will learn innovative ways of managing low-volume road systems. The conference is organized for practitioners worldwide in local, state, and federal agencies; universities; private firms; and international organizations. Proceedings from the conference are published through Transportation Research Record publication. In addition, tech transfer activities such as webinars of the best topics and presentations from the conference have been very successful following the conferences.

Objectives:

The focus of this pooled fund project will be technology exchange, information sharing, and the facilitation of partnering relationships among state agencies, FHWA and other appropriate associates and pooled fund members. Specifically this pooled fund will:

Provide communication and information sharing among member states and agencies. Discuss research, development and technology transfer needs in the areas of low volume roads and provide research ideas to TRB in connection with the 11 LVR PF.

Provide a technology and knowledge exchange forum to enhance the practical knowledge of conference participants concerning issues affecting low volume roads.

Provide a technology and knowledge exchange forum for pooled fund members on issues on administration, planning, design, build, or maintenance of low-volume roads. The topic selected for the session will be determined by pooled fund members.

Post conference webinar(s) hosted and led by TRB if funds allow (contingent on funding as defined in the detailed budget). The purpose will be to share highlights from the Conference and Peer Exchange session, and include an open forum question/answer discussion. Other technology transfer activities may be identified by the member agencies. Additional activities that will affect the scope and budget will be discussed and any necessary changes to the MOU and budget will be agreed upon and processed accordingly.

Work Completed this Quarter:

July, 2015	Successfully conducted the conference and the Pooled Fund special session. 80 peer reviewed papers and a keynote address were presented as well as published in the three Transportation Research Records (TRRs). TRRs were given to each registrant. Conference also included 4 workshops, one field trip, and one interactive program.
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August, 2015	A survey was designed to gather information from the attendees on their experience at the conference. Survey results were analyzed and a draft report was prepared. Due to TRB Annual Meeting related tasks finalizing this report was postponed to a later date because this information will be provided to the planning committee for the next conference in the series in 2019.
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September, 2015	<p>Prepared the summary report for the Pool Fund special session. The summary report was sent to the Pool Fund members for review and comment. Comments are awaited and any that will be received will be addressed in the revised draft.</p> <p>Processed reimbursement of expenses requests of pool fund members.</p>
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Work Proposed next Quarter:

October 2015	Continue to process the reimbursement of expenses of the pool fund participants.
November 2015	Goal is to complete the pooled fund project and if any funds are left then only pursue identification of other technology transfer activities such as webinars.

Significant Results:

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:

Facilitation of technology transfer among practitioners and researchers at the international level and development of network people with common interest.