

TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): Wisconsin 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.

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| Transportation Pooled Fund Program Project # <i>(i.e., SPR-2(XXX), SPR-3(XXX) or TPF-5(XXX))</i> TPF-5 (156) | Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period: <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31) | |
| Project Title: Mid-America Freight Coalition Pooled Fund – Member Services 2 | | |
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| Lead Agency Project ID: TPF-5(156) | Other Project ID (i.e., contract #): TRA 3475291 | Project Start Date: 03/01/2014 |
| Original Project End Date: 03/01/2014 | Current Project End Date: 03/31/2015 | Number of Extensions: 0 |

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 |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| \$60,000.00 | \$53,537 | 100% |

Quarterly Project Statistics:

| Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter | Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter | Total Percentage of Time Used to Date |
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| \$339 | \$339 | 89% |

Project Description:

The Mississippi Valley Freight Coalition was renamed the Mid-America Freight Coalition in 2010.

The goal of this pooled fund is to improve the efficiency of freight movements in the region through inter-jurisdictional cooperation. Through the Mid-America Freight Coalition, the states will work cooperatively in the planning, operation, preservation, and improvement of the freight transportation system infrastructure and engage the public and private sectors in the processes for improving the efficiency of these freight transportation systems.

This Member Service contract entails the services provided to Members of the Coalition which includes coordinating and funding an annual meeting; communication efforts: Web site and newsletter production; and teleconferences/webinars. This contract also provides the administrative support for all MAFC projects.

All MAFC projects currently under contract through this pooled fund include: (see separate quarterly reports)

TPF#5(156) Member Services
Truck Parking Management system Synthesis

A new Member Services (2) contract was approved in April 2013.

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

In the first quarter of 2015, Dr Perry finalized the planning for a two year work program with the MAASTO planning committee following outreach to the state freight technical representatives. The process resulted in identification of 4 projects as follows:

| Project | Start Date | End Date | Comments |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--|
| Truck Parking Synthesis | March 10, 2015 | *June 30, 2015 | *Due date and scope of work TBD with Planning Committee. |
| Aligning State Freight Plans | May 1, 2015 | May 30, 2016 | |
| Cross Modal Benefits | June 1, 2015 | December 31, 2016 | |
| Freight Policy: Grow America and WRDA | March 30, 2015 | Dec 31, 2016 | |

Currently Dr Perry is directing work on the synthesis of truck parking management systems and concurrently developing the project scope of work for the three remaining projects.

Upper Mississippi River System Ports, Terminals, and Operators Workshop. 02/24-25/2015.

Leading up to a five-state multiagency and industry meeting in Dubuque, Iowa, Dr Perry worked with the Upper Mississippi River Basin Association and the Inland River Ports and Terminals group to develop and implement a stakeholder survey assessing perceptions regarding the maintenance and development of the upper Mississippi system. The survey results were used to support discussion and planning at the meeting. Dr Perry facilitated the overall meeting and working sessions.

M35 and M55 Container on Vessel/Barge Workshop. St louis. 03/04-06/2015.

Dr Perry facilitated the 10 state and multiagency meeting to develop an organized case and strategy to advance container on barge movement on the Mississippi River system.

Wisconsin DOT Freight Advisory Committee membership and support. 04/23/2015.

Dr. Perry is a member of the Wisconsin DOT freight Advisory Committee and attended and participated in the meeting on April 23. Dr Perry will work to share best practices and experiences across the 10 MAASTO states across all of the MAASTO states.

The WisDOT FAC in one application of the value of multistate sharing supported by the Coalition.

Dr Perry is working with TMACOG and OKI planning groups as well as Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky for the MAFC fall conference planning.

Anticipated work next quarter:

Over the next quarter, work will continue on the identified research issues, development of the annual meeting and on-call state services as needed.

Continue updating web site with relevant content.

Continue planning for 2015 MAFC Annual Meeting.

Significant Results:

Approval of MAFC work plan and research needs.

Facilitation at the Upper Mississippi River and M35/M55 state meetings.

Initiation of Truck Parking Management Synthesis.

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).

NA

Potential Implementation

Survey results from Upper Mississippi River basin meeting, and the meeting results, support competitive grant applications for freight corridor work.

Results from facilitation at St louis container on vessel meeting used to promote and demonstrate support for the river in Washington DC.

Results of Truck Parking Management systems will support multistate truck parking grant application.

States continue to innovate in freight, MAFC supports the identification, analysis and implementation of these innovations.