TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM
QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): NDOR

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 # *(i.e, SPR-2(XXX), SPR-3(XXX) or TPF-5(XXX)*	**Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period:**
TPF-5(193) Suppl # 94	☐ Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31) ☐ Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30) ☑ Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30) ☐ Quarter 4 (October 4 – December 31)

Project Title:		
Development of a Generic Energy-Absorbing, Approach End Terminal for MGS		
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Lead Agency Project ID:	**Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):**	**Project Start Date:**
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Original Project End Date:	**Current Project End Date:**	**Number of Extensions:**
9/30/2018	9/30/2018	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
$70,000	$35,356	45%

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
	$13,861	

Project Description:

Several crashworthy end terminals exist for W-beam guardrail, including energy-absorbing and non-energy absorbing options. According to the FHWA resource charts for roadside terminals, the currently available generic W-beam guardrail end terminals are all classified as non-energy absorbing [1]. Seven proprietary, energy-absorbing, end terminals exist for W-beam guardrail. However, only one of those systems has been evaluated according to MASH safety performance criteria. Several of the other end terminals were evaluated with 27¾-in. high guardrail and had limited full-scale crash testing with 31-in. high MGS. Only one proprietary, energy-absorbing W-beam guardrail end terminal has been evaluated according to MASH safety performance criteria. Therefore, state DOTs desire a generic, energy-absorbing, tangent end terminal for the MGS that meets the MASH TL-3 safety performance criteria.

The research objective is to synthesize information regarding existing end terminal designs and begin development of design concepts for a generic, tangent, energy-absorbing end terminal for use with the MGS.

Major Task List

1. Literature Review
2. Brainstorming
3. Concept Development and Preliminary Design

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

A meeting was held with the Midwest States Pooled Fund members in August to update them on the summary of the patent review as well as the course of direction of the project. The States requested to see initial new concepts from MwRSF and several concepts were formulated and drawn. MwRSF staff held internal meetings to select the most feasible and desirable options. Writing commenced on the report regarding the patent and literature search.

Anticipated work next quarter:

The initial designs will be refined. A meeting will be held with the Midwest States Pooled Fund members to update them on the summary of the new design concepts. The Pooled Fund members will determine their desired path for the project, and MwRSF will follow that path. Additional funding will be requested from the sponsor to continue the project. Report writing will continue.

Significant Results:

The background and patents on all current end terminals has been documented. Several concepts have been brainstormed.

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).

Phase I was initially targeted to cost over $300,000. Initially, $70,000 was funded to begin the project and determine the course of direction. To complete computer simulation or component testing on any of the concepts, further funds will be required. Additional funds will be discussed at the November mid-year Pooled Fund meeting.

Potential Implementation:

At the completion of this multiple phase project, State DOTs will have a tangent approach end terminal for MGS that is generic,energy-absorbing, and meets MASH safety performance criteria. Additionally, State DOTs will better understand the performance of energy-absorbing end terminals, will have an alternative to proprietary products, and could easily explore special applications (i.e. with a curb) that are beyond the current state-of-the-practice.