

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(183)	Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period: Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31, 2016) Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30, 2016) Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30, 2016) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31, 2016)	
Project Title: Improving the Foundation Layers for Concrete Pavement		
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Lead Agency Project ID: RT 0314	Other Project ID (i.e., contract #): Addendum 352	Project Start Date: 3/16/09
Original Project End Date: 3/15/14	Current Project End Date: 12/31/2017	Number of Extensions: On-going pooled fund project

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
\$875,000	\$867,494.67	98

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Percentage of Work Completed This Quarter
\$1,866.06		1

Project Description:

The objective of this research is to improve the construction methods, economic analysis and selection of materials, in-situ testing and evaluation, and development of performance-related specifications for the pavement foundation layers. The outcome of this study will be conclusive findings that make pavement foundations more durable, uniform, constructible, and economical. Although the focus of this research will be PCC concrete pavement foundations, the results will likely have applicability to ACC pavement foundations and, potentially, unpaved roads. All aspects of the foundation layers will be investigated including thickness, material properties, permeability, modulus/stiffness, strength, volumetric stability and durability. Forensic and in-situ testing plans will be conceived to incorporate measurements using existing and emerging technologies (e.g. intelligent compaction) to evaluate performance related parameters as opposed to just index or indirectly related parameter values. Field investigations will be conducted in each participating state. The results of the study will be compatible with each state's pavement design methodology and capable for use with the Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide (MEPDG). Evaluating pavement foundation design input parameters at each site will provide a link between what is actually constructed and what is assumed during design. There are many inputs to the pavement design related to foundation layers and this project will provide improved guidelines for each of these. The study will benefit greatly from maximizing the wide range of field conditions possible within the framework of a pooled fund study.

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

The main progress this quarter was completing temperature data analysis and compilation of results for the US30 temperature probe data. A PhD student did a comprehensive review of the literature on estimating the frost depth using analytical methods and air temperature data and compared the estimated values with the measured values. The outcome of this review and analysis is the understanding of the factors that influence the estimated values and the uncertainties associated with them. This is important to understand as the current MEPDG climatic data depends heavily on the estimated frost depth data and freeze/thaw cycles using similar analytical procedures. This information is being incorporated into the foundation manual of practice.

The research team continues to meet internally to develop the contents of the foundation manual. Progress has been made this quarter and is anticipated to complete during the next quarter. Specifically, the key recommendations were reviewed with external research and DOT/FHWA to garner feedback on implementation of the key recommendations. Comments received are being incorporated in the manual.

Anticipated work next quarter:

- Manual of practice

Significant Results:

- Finalizing the manual of practice.

Circumstance affecting project or budget (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).

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