

## 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.*

<b>Transportation Pooled Fund Program Project #</b> <i>(i.e., SPR-2(XXX), SPR-3(XXX) or TPF-5(XXX))</i>  MAFC II TPF-5 (293)	<b>Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period:</b>  Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31, 2017) <input checked="" 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)	
<b>Project Title:</b> Mid-America Freight Coalition Pooled Fund II – Member Services 2017-2018, Characterization and Value of Multistate Freight Corridors.		
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<b>Lead Agency Project ID:</b> TPF-5(293)	<b>Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):</b> TRA 3475291	<b>Project Start Date:</b> 04/06/2015
<b>Original Project End Date:</b> 12/31/2018	<b>Current Project End Date:</b> 12/31/2018	<b>Number of Extensions:</b> 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
\$125,000 as of July 1, 2017	0	10%

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
0	0	100%

**Project Description:**

History: 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:

TPF#5(293) Member Services 2017-2018

Characterization and Value of Multistate Freight Corridors (in process)

The MAASTO Executive Board Unanimously approved an additional three year extension for MAFC at the August 2015 MAASTO meeting in Kansas City, Missouri to Dec 31, 2018.

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

An overall project summary table is provided below.

Project	Start Date	End Date	Comments
COMPLETE June 7, 2015. Truck Parking Synthesis	March 10, 2015	*June 30, 2015	Completed. <a href="http://midamericafreight.org/wp-content/uploads/MAFC_TPMS_Synthesis_07012015.pdf">http://midamericafreight.org/wp-content/uploads/MAFC_TPMS_Synthesis_07012015.pdf</a>
Aligning State Freight Plans	June 1, 2015	May 30, 2016	Completed. <a href="http://www.wistrans.org/cfire/documents/MAFC15_AlignmentStudy_FinalReport.pdf">http://www.wistrans.org/cfire/documents/MAFC15_AlignmentStudy_FinalReport.pdf</a>
Cross Modal Benefits	August 1, 2015	Aug 31, 2017	90% complete, final draft to technical representatives 02/14. No cost extension to Aug 31, 2017.
Freight Policy: FAST, Grow America and WRDA	March 30, 2015	Dec 31, 2016	Completed. State approved comments submitted to docket on 04/25/2016.
TPIMS Evaluation and Performance Metrics	Feb. 26.2016	TBD	SOW approved by project team, submitted for USDOT SOW.
MAFC Annual meeting	Jan 01, 2016	Aug 11, 2016	Complete. <a href="http://midamericafreight.org/events/2016am/">http://midamericafreight.org/events/2016am/</a>

Additional activities in support of the coalition by Dr. Perry include the following:

Organization of travel for state attendees for annual meeting.

Planning sessions and secure speakers for the annual meeting to be held Aug 2-4 in conjunction with the Ohio Conference on Freight.

Provided support for and attended MAASTO Freight Summit April 2017.

Three new research projects were approved at the May BOD in Portland, Maine. They are:

- **Identification and Characterization of Major Freight Corridors, 10 months, \$80,000**
- **Quantifying the Value of Modal Investments, 12 months, \$100,000**
- **OSOW support for MC committee and SCOHT, 3 months, \$30,000**

Perry is working with WisDOT to get these project under contract. At the July MAASTO meeting it is anticipated the BOD will select additional projects from the 12 remaining projects. Four of these projects were defined by the BOD at the Chicago Freight Summit.

Continued to work with TPIMS group to prepare for implementation of the TPIMS.

Participate in monthly MAASTO Planning committee meetings.

Participate in monthly MAASTO Motor Carrier committee calls.

**Anticipated work next quarter:**

We will begin work on the prioritized research agenda for the coalition. We will hold the annual meeting Aug 2-4 in Columbus, Ohio. Data identification and collection will continue for the TPIMS performance evaluation.

Will continue to update web with relevant materials and plan for another teleconference based on state input.

**Significant Results:**

Developed and finalizing 2017-2018 work plan. Working with College of Engineering and WisDOT on organizing pooled fund activities.

Participated in WisDOT freight advisory committee meeting.

In final draft of cross modal benefits research.

**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**

Sharing best practices and innovation in webinars on freight planning and FAST

Encouraging use of the Freight plan alignment report to spur greater collaboration and support for state and regional freight innovations.

Work with TPIMS continues and as states go on line with the parking information systems, the performance measures and data warehouse will be prepared.

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

Three freight planning sessions at MAFC meeting designed for peer to peer interaction and learning on FAST compliant plans, future planning issues and perspectives from the federal, state and local level, and what innovative and changing technologies mean to planning in terms of new considerations and data.