TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM
QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): Ohio 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 # *(i.e, SPR-2(XXX), SPR-3(XXX) or TPF-5(XXX)* TPF-5(330)		**Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period:** ☐ Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31) ☐ Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30) ☑ Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30) ☐ Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31)
Project Title: No Boundaries Roadway Maintenance Practices		
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Lead Agency Project ID: 135247	**Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):** ODOT 27232	**Project Start Date:** 5/29/15 (pooled fund) / 9/1/15 (contrac
Original Project End Date: 5/29/20 (pooled fund as a whole)	**Current Project End Date:** 6/30/19 (current contract)	**Number of Extensions:** 1 contract extension

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
$880,000.00	$264,041.09	30%

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
	$54,045.83	47%

Project Description:

This project provides a forum for state DOTs to share their maintenance innovations (non-winter) with each other, support technology transfer activities and develop marketing and deployment plans for the implementation of selected innovations. The goal of this consortium is to become the premier national forum for technical exchange and collaboration related to the application of new maintenance initiatives, research and technologies.

This project will help DOTs to save time and money by not investing in the same research that has already been performed by other state DOTs. Hence rather than having each DOT identify and implement research separately, DOTs can work collectively through this pooled fund project.

Scope of Work:
1) Identify promising innovations and technologies ready for implementation within maintenance activities, developed by the participating state DOTs, non-participating DOTs and outside entities.
2) Develop marketing plans for selected ready-to-deploy innovations and technologies.
3) Organize training classes and pilot demonstrations about specific research topics or technologies for member state DOTs.
4) Develop a searchable database where innovations and research projects developed across the country can be identified and accessed.

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

TAC Meetings/Administration
--Prepared for and held TAC face-to-face meeting in Columbus, OH from August 29-31, 2017.
  --Scheduling, agenda development, meals, travel and facilities coordination, meeting facilitation.
  --Processed travel reimbursements.
  --Wrote and distributed meeting minutes.
--Outlined formal study operating procedures and obtained initial TAC approval.
--Contacted current members about their FFY18 commitments and transfers.
--Maintained information about commitments, transfers and overall budget for the pooled fund.

Website/Technology Transfer
--Completed and distributed the No Boundaries July and September e-newsletters.
--Made updates to the No Boundaries website to keep it current with study activities.
--Created a No Boundaries image sharing repository on Flickr.

Membership/Recruitment
----Provided updated No Boundaries handouts/presentations for use by TAC members at maintenance conferences (July SCOM meeting, September National Roadside Vegetation Management Association conference, September Clear Roads meeting).
--Updated the spreadsheet for prompting and tracking all outreach efforts with maintenance professionals nationally regarding No Boundaries.

Anticipated work next quarter:

--Plan and hold the TAC teleconference on November 9, 2017.
--Complete and distribute the No Boundaries November e-newsletter.
--Begin work on the new design and structure for the No Boundaries website to make site updates easier and to more effectively share content.
--Begin developing No Boundaries trifold brochure for members' use.
--Explore possible collaboration with APWA on its webinar series.
--Continue gathering and publishing examples of innovative maintenance practices.
--Continue one-on-one and broad outreach and member recruitment efforts, including efforts targeting local agencies.
--Monitor commitments and transfers to No Boundaries in coordination with ODOT staff.

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).

Potential Implementation:

This project provides a forum for State DOTs to share their maintenance innovations with each other, support technology transfer activities and develop marketing and deployment plans for the implementation of selected innovations. Resources will be provided for implementing the innovations that includes travel, training and other technology transfer activities.

It is anticipated that this consortium will become the national forum for state involvement in the technical exchange needed for collaboration and new initiatives, and be a forum for advancing the application and benefit of research technologies. In addition, the project will create a searchable database or warehouse where innovations and research done relating to highway maintenance can be found and showcased. State participation in this process will be through the pooled fund. FHWA, industry and others (domestic and international) will be invited to participate in the project discussions and activities by being able to present or demonstrate innovations.