

**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
QUARTERLY RESEARCH REPORT**



For Quarter Ending September 30, 2006

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Project Title: Upper Midwest Freight Corridor Study, Phase II

Research Agency: University of Wisconsin-Madison

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State Job No.: 134263

Agreement No.: 20940

Pooled Fund Study No. (if applicable): TPF5(118)

Project Start Date: Sept. 1, 2005 Contract Funds Approved: \$140,000

Project Completion Date: April 30, 2007 Spent To Date: not available at time of report

Funds Expended: not available at time of report

Work Done: 90% Time Expired: 100%, extension to April 30, 2007

List the Technical Liaisons and other individuals who should receive copies of this report: Kelly Brooker (ODOT), Jerry Workman (ODOT), Don Fisher (ODOT)

SUMMARY OF PROGRESS FOR QUARTER:

Attach a progress schedule consisting of graphical information depicting (1) a schedule of research activities tied to the tasks defined in the proposal, (2) a comparative status of actual versus estimated expenditures, and (3) a percentage completion of the research.

Tasks to Complete Project:

UW-Madison Tasks:

Task 1: Maintain and Improve Regional Information System

Completed in 4th quarter, Sep. 30, 2006.

Task 2: Outreach on Importance of Freight and Regional Collaborations (materials, presentations, and communication links)

Completed in 4th quarter, Sep. 30, 2006.

Task 3: Research Experts for Consultation

Completed in 1st quarter, December 31, 2005.

Task 4: Conduct Interviews

Completed in 1st quarter, December 31, 2005.

Task 5: Draft White Papers

Completed in 1st quarter, December 31, 2005.

Task 6: November Meeting

Completed in 1st quarter, December 31, 2005.

Task 7: Review and Approve White Paper Document

Completed in 2nd quarter, March 31, 2006.

Task 8: Revise White Paper Document as Needed

Completed in 2nd quarter, March 31, 2006

Task 9: Draft Regional Freight Agenda

Completed in 2nd quarter, March 31, 2006.

Task 10: April Meeting

Completed in 3rd quarter, June 30, 2006.

Task 11: Prepare and Submit Regional Agenda Document for Review

Completed in 3rd quarter, June 30, 2006.

Task 12: Review Regional Agenda

Initial review completed in 4th quarter, Sep. 30, 2006. ODOT recommended revisions and an extension to the project completion date. The new project completion date is April 30, 2007.

Task 13: Revise Regional Agenda Document as Needed

In progress. Scheduled for completion Dec. 15, at which point ODOT will begin secondary review process.

Task 14: Quarterly Reports

This is the fourth quarterly report to be submitted for this project. The project completion date has been extended to allow for revisions to the final report.

A subcontract was given to the University of Toledo to complete the following tasks.
University of Toledo Tasks:

Task 15: Improve Documentation of Existing Information

Completed in 4th quarter, Sep. 30, 2006.

Task 16: Develop a Routine Layout to Answer Questions

Completed in 4th quarter, Sep. 30, 2006.

Task 17: Begin Dialogue on Freight Modes

Completed in 4th quarter, Sep. 30, 2006.

Task 18: Review Data Sources

Completed in 4th quarter, Sep. 30, 2006.

Task 19: Improve Dialog between Freight System Users

Completed in 4th quarter, Sep. 30, 2006.

Task 20: Upgrade and Refine Data Resources

Completed in 4th quarter, Sep. 30, 2006.

The percentages done within each task can be viewed in the Task Completion Table below.

PROPOSED WORK FOR NEW QUARTER:

Revisions to the final report will be made. Following a second ODOT review process, the report will be printed and distributed.

IMPLEMENTATION (if any):

The regional agenda developed by the Upper Midwest Freight Corridor Coalition continues to be a focal point of the newly formed Mississippi Valley Freight Corridors Coalition. A new website has been developed <http://www.mississippivalleyfreight.org> to continue outreach efforts on a larger scale.

PROBLEMS & RECOMMENDED SOLUTIONS (if applicable):

Describe any problems encountered or anticipated that might affect the completion of the project within the time, scope, and fiscal constraints set forth in the contract, along with recommended solutions to those problems. NOTING DIFFICULTIES IN THIS SECTION DOES **NOT** CONSTITUTE A REQUEST TO MODIFY THE PROJECT. Requests for additional time, money, or scope revisions must be submitted in a separate letter to the Office of R&D Administrator.

None

EQUIPMENT PURCHASED (if any):

None.

CONTACTS & MEETINGS:

Describe any meetings or contacts with ODOT technical liaisons and other pertinent individuals relative to this project.

The review process for the final report involved communications with Monique Evans of ODOT.

Task Completion Table

TASKS	MONTH																TOTAL TASK COMPLETE
	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
1	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█			100%
2	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█			100%
3	█																100%
4	█	█															100%
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6			█														100%
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10								█									100%
11								█	█								100%
12										█	█	█	█				Initial Review 100% Extended Review 0%
13															█	█	50%
14				█			█			█			█				100%
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