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:**
2611211124001	RPFP-16-TERM-1	10/1/2015
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
$123,057	$91,270	85%

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
	$16,516	

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
4. Component Testing

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

An update meeting was held with the sponsors. The sponsors voted to continue with computer simulation and optimization in lieu of conducting a dynamic component test. Internal brainstorming meetings were held to improve the function of the energy-dissipation mechanism. Two refined concepts were simulated using LS-DYNA and showed improvement with both the function and design of the terminal.

In addition, quasi-static tests were conducted on a single W-beam and a spliced W-beam segment to verify capacity of the segments. Writing continued on the report regarding the concept development.

Anticipated work next quarter:

Report writing will continue on the report. The report will be submitted for internal review. The results will be presented to the sponsors in an update meeting in December.

Significant Results:

The background and patents on all current end terminals has been documented. Several concepts have been brainstormed. The States voted to pursue the path of a new end terminal design. The new end terminal impact head was designed and preliminary simulation with LS-DYNA was completed.

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).

Initially, $70,000 was funded to begin the project and determine the course of direction. In December 2016, the majority of the Pooled Fund States voted to utilize $53,057 in Year 23 contingency funds to continue with component testing and possibly simulation in this Phase I effort. Thus, the total project budget was increased from $70,000 to $123,057 in the 2016 Quarter 4 quarterly progress report.

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.