

WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PROGRESS REPORT

Project title: Comprehensive Field Load Test and Geotechnical Investigation Program for Development of LRFD Recommendations of Driven Piles on Intermediate GeoMaterials

Project Number: RS05219 (TPF 5-391)

Progress period: July 1st, 2019 to September 30th, 2019

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1. Please state whether the project is ahead of schedule, on time, or behind schedule: On time.
2. Percentage of overall work completed. 13.5%
3. Activities and Accomplishments: The information provided in this section allows WYDOT to assess whether satisfactory progress has been made during the reporting period. Please be as detailed as possible, but try to keep your report to three to four pages in length, if possible.

a. What are the major goals and objectives of the project?

The overall goal of the research project is to develop LRFD recommendations for driven piles on IGMs. The research objectives are (1) determine representative engineering properties of soil and IGM; (2) evaluate the variability of soil and IGM properties; (3) recommend best geotechnical investigation practices for IGM; (4) develop advanced static analysis methods for pile resistance estimation on IGM; (5) validate and improve the accuracy of dynamic analysis methods; (6) investigate pile setup and/or relaxation; (7) develop LRFD resistance factors for piles on IGM; and (8) recommend changes and improvements to current pile design and construction practices. The research plan has two phases (I and II) and total 14 tasks. Their proposed completion dates and percent completion are summarized in the following table.

Task	Description	Proposed Completion Date	Percent Completion
I-1	Historical Pile Data Collection	31-Dec-19	85.71%
I-2	Expand Electronic Database	31-Dec-22	28.57%
I-3	Identify Bridge Projects for Field Test	31-Dec-19	30.77%
I-4	Detailed Geotechnical Investigation	31-Dec-20	33.33%
I-5	Innovative Static Load Tests	30-Jun-21	8.46%
I-6	Reporting for Phase I	31-Dec-21	0.00%
II-1	Geotechnical and Pile Data Interpretation	31-Dec-20	2.00%
II-2	Pile Resistance Estimation	30-Jun-22	0.00%
II-3	Pile Setup/Relaxation Investigation	30-Sep-22	0.00%
II-4	Variability Analysis	31-Dec-22	0.05%
II-5	Development of LRFD Resistance Factors	31-Mar-23	0.00%
II-6	Cost-Benefit Analysis	30-Jun-23	0.00%
II-7	Outcomes and Recommendations	30-Sep-23	0.00%
II-8	Reporting for Phase II	31-Dec-23	0.00%
Average Percent Completion			13.5%

b. Describe what was accomplished under these goals.

1. Major activities.

Agency	Major Activities by Research Team
WYDOT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visited a bridge site and geotechnical investigation in Wyoming, and completed triaxial testing on three IGM samples for WYDOT. • Completed detailed bidding documents for the first test site. • Identified second test site for WYDOT and completed a preliminary pile resistance calculation.
IADOT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified ten project sites for PDA testing plan. • Completed a static load test frame design. • Completed bidding plans for two test sites in Iowa.
CDOT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed scanning test pile reports.
KDOT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluated historical pile data.
ITD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluated historical pile data.
NDDOT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collected historical pile data.
University of Wyoming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two PhD and one master research assistants began working on the project in August 2019. • A undergraduate student was hired to work on the electronic database. • 500 ton load cell, 350 ton hydraulic jack, gas pump and data acquisition system were setup and calibrated in the laboratory. • Third TAC conference meeting was conducted on July 8th, 2019

2. Specific objectives. Too early to report.
 3. Significant results (both positive and negative). Too early to report.
 4. Key outcomes and other achievements. Too early to report.
 5. Goals not met. Not applicable.
- c. What opportunities for training and professional development has the project provided? Nothing to Report.
- d. How have the results been disseminated to communities of interest? Too early to have results for dissemination.
- e. What do you plan to do during the next reporting period to accomplish the goals and objectives? The research team will work with individual department of transportation on selecting bridge sites for pile load tests.
- f. List any products resulting from the project during the reporting period. Include in this list:
1. Publications, conference papers, and presentations. Too early to report.
 2. Website(s) or other internet sites (List the URL). Too early to report.
 3. Technologies or techniques. Too early to report.
 4. Inventions, patent applications, and/or licenses. Too early to report.
 5. Other products. Too early to report.
- g. Impact:
1. How will this project impact WYDOT? Too early to report.
 2. How will this project impact other agencies? Too early to report.
- h. Changes to Scope of Work. Provide the following changes, if applicable:
1. Scope of work or objectives of the project. No change.
 2. Changes in key persons. Not applicable.
 3. Disengagement from the project for more than three (3) months, or a twenty five (25) percent reduction in time devoted to the project. Not applicable.
 4. The inclusion of costs that require prior approval. Not applicable.
 5. The transfer of funds between line items in the budget. Not applicable.
 6. The subawarding, transferring or contracting of work. No change.
 7. Changes in the approved cost-sharing or match. Not applicable.