

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.

Transportation Pooled Fund Program Project # TPF-5(396)	Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31) <input 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)	
Project Title: Mid-America Freight Coalition (MAFC) Phase 3		
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Lead Agency Project ID: TPF-5(396)	Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):	Project Start Date: 2/1/2019
Original Project End Date: 1/31/2022	Current Project End Date: 1/31/2022	Number of Extensions: 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
\$1,110,000	\$641,089.00 (contracted for as of 9/30/2019)	45%
	\$211, 812.78 (paid as of 03/31/2020)	

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
\$77,642.00; 48% of total amount contracted for as of 03/31/2020	\$77,642.00	45%

Project Description:

The MAFC pooled fund (initially named the Mississippi Valley Freight Coalition) began in 2006 to investigate and support the efficient, reliable, and safe transport of freight, and the related development opportunities.

The MAFC's major emphasis areas support the development of freight-related transportation facilities and freight-related policy, and their linkages with economic and community development. TPF-5(396) is the 3rd phase/iteration of the MAFC pooled fund

MAFC pooled fund members are the 10 states of the Mid America Association of State Transportation Officials (MAASTO).

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

Studies/Projects Under Contract

Study/Project	Start Date	End Date	Comments
<i>Member Services for Mid-America Freight Coalition Phase 3 (February 1, 2019-March 31, 2019)</i>	2/1/2019	3/31/2019	All tasks completed.
<i>Member Services for Mid-America Freight Coalition Phase 3 (April 1, 2019-January 31, 2020)</i> <i>New mem services – planning for meeting and developing contingencies</i>	4/1/2019	1/31/2020	Complete contract. Tasks ongoing for annual meeting. Due to shutdowns meeting moved to a virtual format and planning is underway.
<i>Analysis of Surface Transportation Board Waybill Data for Freight Planning and Operations</i>	7/1/2019	8/31/2020	Literature review complete, data received from STB and under analysis and verification. Document preparation underway. Project 85% complete.
<i>Mid America Association of State Transportation Officials (MAASTO) Regional Freight Alignment: Understanding Regional Assets for Freight Movement and Economic Development</i>	9/1/2019	2/28/2021	Literature review 85%. Interviews with technical representatives 90% complete. Data tables for interviews 50% complete. State fact sheets 90% complete. Review of multistate coalitions complete. Review of support for multistate activities and investments in federal programs underway. Interviews with Planning and STIC committee members underway.

Additional Work:

- MAFC website updated (ongoing)
- Dr. Perry participated in monthly MAASTO Planning Committee and MAASTO Motor Carrier teleconferences to support upcoming projects.
- Work continues on data management and performance reporting for “Truck Parking Information Management System Performance Metrics and Data Warehousing” project. Coordination and development of TPIMS web-based data repository underway.
- Development of Freight Aviation work order scope has been reviewed by technical group and being edited for contracting.
- Development of Member Services work order scope completed. (02/01/2020-03/31/2022)

- Planning for 2020 MAFC annual meeting underway. Original partnership meeting has been canceled due to national health emergency. And with the MAASTO meeting in Chicago in August canceled, MAFC is working on a approach to the annual meeting.

Anticipated work next quarter:

- Provide draft report *Analysis of Surface Transportation Board Waybill Data for Freight Planning and Operations* study to technical committee for comment. Finalize report.
- Continue work on *Mid America Association of State Transportation Officials (MAASTO) Regional Freight Alignment: Understanding Regional Assets for Freight Movement and Economic Development* study. Complete interviews with MAASTO committee members, FHWA and AASHTO.
- Convene technical group teleconference to establish additional research projects for TPF, discuss contingencies for annual meeting and provide peer-to-peer discussions.
- Continue annual meeting planning for session and events in coordination with MAASTO.

Significant Results:

- Continued refinement of TPIMS data exchanges and performance measures.
- Cancellation of original planning for annual meeting due to national “stay at home” efforts. Beginning of contingencies meeting planning with MAASTO.
- States commented on Freight Aviation research project.
- 9 of 10 state interviews completed for Freight Planning research project.

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).

There are potential changes to programming and meetings due to national health emergency shutdowns.

Potential Implementation:

- TPIMS data management efforts continue to support refinement of data collection, management and reporting. External, private businesses are incorporating TPIMS information in their information sources.
- Discussion with technical group may result in development of additional research agenda development on a two year cycle to ensure program addresses current issues.
- As the rail waybill study is finalized, states will have insight and information from which to better assess the data they use in rail planning.