

## TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): **Wisconsin 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.*

<b>Transportation Pooled Fund Program Project #</b> <b>TPF-5(432)</b>		<b>Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31)	
<b>Project Title:</b> <b>Bridge Element Deterioration for Midwest States</b>			
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<b>Lead Agency Project ID:</b> 0092-19-40	<b>Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):</b> N/A	<b>Project Start Date:</b> December 3, 2019	
<b>Original Project End Date:</b> December 2, 2021	<b>Current Project End Date:</b> December 2, 2021	<b>Number of Extensions:</b> 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
\$399,317	\$322,727	70%

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
\$35,058 / 9%	\$35,058	88%

## **Project Description:**

### **Scope**

The objective of this pooled fund research is to have multiple Midwest DOTs pool resources and historic Midwest DOT bridge data related to element-level deterioration, operation practices, maintenance activities, and historic design/construction details. This data will provide the basis for research to determine bridge deterioration curves. A select number of deterioration curves will provide needed utility for the time-dependent deterioration of bridge elements to be used in making estimates of future conditions and work actions. This effort will pool data and through the analysis and research processes create results that will improve the accuracy of various bridge management and asset management applications that the member DOTs use (AASHTO BrM, Agile Assets, and others).

This study is sequenced into three tiers based on the priorities of the DOTs:

Tier 1 National Bridge Elements (NBE) & National Bridge Inventory (NBI) Components:

- Develop element-level deterioration curves for Reinforced Concrete Deck.
- Develop element-level deterioration curves for Reinforced Concrete Slab.
- Develop deterioration curves for NBI component items (i.e. bridge deck, superstructure, and substructure).
- Develop element-level deterioration curves for Reinforced Concrete Deck after a major preservation activity such as mill and overlay with the rigid concrete wearing course.
- Develop predicted improvement in the condition of Reinforced Concrete Deck element after a major preservation activity such as mill and overlay.
- In addition to probabilistic deterioration curves, also develop select deterministic deterioration curves.

Tier 2 Bridge Management Elements (BME) & Remaining NBE Elements

- Develop element-level deterioration curves for each type of wearing surface (bare concrete, sealed concrete, thin polymer overlay, Polyester Polymer Concrete (PPC) overlay, ridged concrete overlay, Polymer Modified Asphalt overlay, and asphalt overlay with membrane).
- Develop element-level deterioration curves for Strip Seal Deck Joints and Modular Deck Joints.
- Determine defect-level deterioration curves that describe defect development and progression (e.g., cracking and delamination).
- Develop deterioration curves for Paint system (protective steel) effectiveness.
- Develop defect-level deterioration curves for Steel Girder corrosion, and correlate to Paint system effectiveness; specifically, how long from new paint to 75% and 50% effective and end of life.
- Develop element-level deterioration curves for substructure elements in harsh environments (e.g., pier caps under expansion joints, pier columns in spray zone from snow plows, etc.).

Tier 3 Similar Agency Defined Elements (ADE) & Inspection Related

- Identify Agency Defined Elements (ADE) that would be of use for other Midwest DOTs to consider adopting.
- Determine what type of inspection information related to Nondestructive Evaluation (NDE) Midwest DOTs have and how it is used that translates into information on element-level defects (Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR), Infrared Thermograph, or other).
- Provide a summary of policy, guidance, and practices that Midwest DOTs employ to relate NDE results to defect reporting (to describe delamination and deterioration) and how DOTs use NDE to make quantifiable inspection and actionable work actions for concrete bridge decks.

### **Expected Findings and Benefits**

The project will deliver the following items:

- Literature review which will detail the current state of the practice for bridge deterioration modeling and will include the literature review, a survey, and targeted interviews.
- Data screening procedure. This will allow participating States to help understand the validity of their data and its pros and opportunities for improvement.
- A populated and documented open source database and analysis engine which the States can use to explore and model their data or data from other States in an easy to use interface.
- Tier 1 models.
- Tier 2 models.
- Tier 3 information.

Overall the main thrust of this project is to produce deterioration models to fuel the analysis of bridge performance for selected items.

The activities, tools, practices, policies, or methods in partner States that would be impacted by the research findings include:

- Bridge management practices and policies.
- Deterioration modeling of bridge components.
- Deterioration modeling processes which can be applied to other element level bridge components.
- Development of defensible system performance targets.
- Development of bridge work plans.
- Performance of risk analysis to determine which bridges are more at risk from a condition standpoint.
- This project will provide participating States strengths and opportunities for improvement in their data collection policies, procedures, and methods.

The primary benefit of this project to the participating States is the ability to plug the resultant models into their asset management systems and immediately begin to use the data to make better, data-driven decisions. A secondary benefit of this project is the provision of the online database and analysis engine that will be designed for the participating States to run their own analysis at the NBI level or NBE level using their State's data, a portion of the participating States' data, national data, or some other permutation. This will empower the participating States to explore the data and come up with deterioration models as new data are available or new analysis concepts are uncovered.

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

**Task 1 – Project Management**

A progress report was issued and the project was managed. We held monthly status calls with the participating States and calls with the Wisconsin DOT Project Manager.

This task is 90% complete. No problems have been encountered to-date.

**Task 2 – Literature Review**

This task is 100% complete.

**Task 3 – Data Collection**

This task is 100% complete.

**Task 4 – Develop Data Screening Procedure**

This task is 100% complete.

**Task 5 – Develop Data Management Policy**

In a previous quarter, the project team developed a draft data management framework which was presented and discussed with the States. Subsequently, the States discussed various approaches to the data management strategy and relayed these to the project team. The project team developed a memorandum for discussion with the States. The States decided to place a hold on this task until more was known about hosting the dataset. This task is 90% complete.

**Task 6 – Develop Tier 1 Deterioration Curves**

Upon notice to proceed with this task, the project team developed and validated the Tier 1 deterioration curves. This included the following curves:

- Element-level deterioration curves for Reinforced Concrete Deck.
- Element-level deterioration curves for Reinforced Concrete Slab.
- Deterioration curves for NBI component items (i.e., bridge deck, superstructure, and substructure).
- Element-level deterioration curves for Reinforced Concrete Deck after a major preservation activity such as mill and overlay with the rigid concrete wearing course.
- Predicted improvement in the condition of Reinforced Concrete Deck element after a major preservation activity such as mill and overlay.

After presenting the curves to the project Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) in a meeting, it was decided that the member States needed additional time to review the underlying data and curves. This review has been ongoing during the reporting quarter and frequent meetings are being held with the participating States as a group and one-on-one.

As a result of these discussions, it is evident that the analysis dataset created under task 4 will need to be recreated to incorporate new and amended data from the participating States and new insights into the provided data by the project team. Then the Tier 1 models will need to be re-run and new models generated.

This task is 93% complete as per the original scope, however, as per the above, a new analysis dataset will be created and the models re-developed.

#### **Task 7 – Develop Tier 2 Deterioration Curves**

It was decided to perform the first of the task 7 models along with the task 6 model development to create efficiencies. Thus, the element-level deterioration curves for each type of wearing surface were developed. The TAC was briefed on these models as well. These models will be re-run as per the discussion under task 6. This task is 15% complete.

#### **Task 8 – Develop Tier 3 Inputs**

No work was conducted on this task during the reporting period. This task is 0% complete.

#### **Task 9 – Final Project Deliverables**

No work was conducted on this task during the reporting period. This task is 0% complete.

### **Anticipated Work Next Quarter:**

#### **Task 1 – Project Management**

We will issue a progress report and invoice. We will continue the monthly status calls with the participating States on the third Friday of every month. Keeping all States informed of progress and discussing key technical issues is a critical step in the success of this project.

#### **Task 2 – Literature Review**

The literature review task has been completed.

#### **Task 3 – Data Collection**

The data collection process has been completed.

#### **Task 4 – Develop Data Screening Procedure**

The data screening task has been completed.

#### **Task 5 – Develop Data Management Policy**

We will finalize the policy after receiving feedback from the States.

#### **Task 6 – Develop Tier 1 Deterioration Curves**

The project team will revise the models based on feedback from the States and provide a final report on the Tier 1 development process. Workshops will be held to discuss the technical aspects of the models as needed. The project team should complete work on the Tier 1 deterioration curves during the next quarter.

#### **Task 7 – Develop Tier 2 Deterioration Curves**

The project team will conclude work on the first set of models developed along with Task 6 (the wearing surface models). We will also commence work on the remaining models and present the results to the TAC. Workshops will be held to discuss the technical aspects of the models. The project team will also begin work on a report to document the Tier 2 model development process.

#### **Task 8 – Develop Tier 3 Inputs**

No work is anticipated on this task during the reporting quarter.

#### **Task 9 – Final Project Deliverables**

No work is anticipated on this task during the reporting quarter.

**Significant Results:**

A significant result is that the project team has a fully populated data analysis database, a critical aspect of this project. The draft Tier 1 models have been developed. While the analysis database and Tier 1 models are being reviewed and updated, this still remains a significant result of the 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).**

The project is behind schedule. This is due to review of datasets and development of the analysis dataset, which took longer than planned due to the complexities of merging 12 States into one coherent analysis dataset. The review of the Tier 1 models is also taking longer than originally anticipated. However, these reviews are a necessary part of the project so that all member States are comfortable with the process and results. The project schedule is currently being evaluated in concert with the TAC and we anticipate an extension of the contract through December 2022.

**Potential Implementation:**

The Tier 1 and 2 models that will be finalized within the next six months are believed to be very robust. There was a large dataset used to develop the models and results are intuitive. These models can be implemented by member and other States to assist with bridge management functions in the DOT. In addition, the analysis matrix is being developed such that the TAC members can update and run their State's data to update the models. This flexibility is a key request from the participating States.

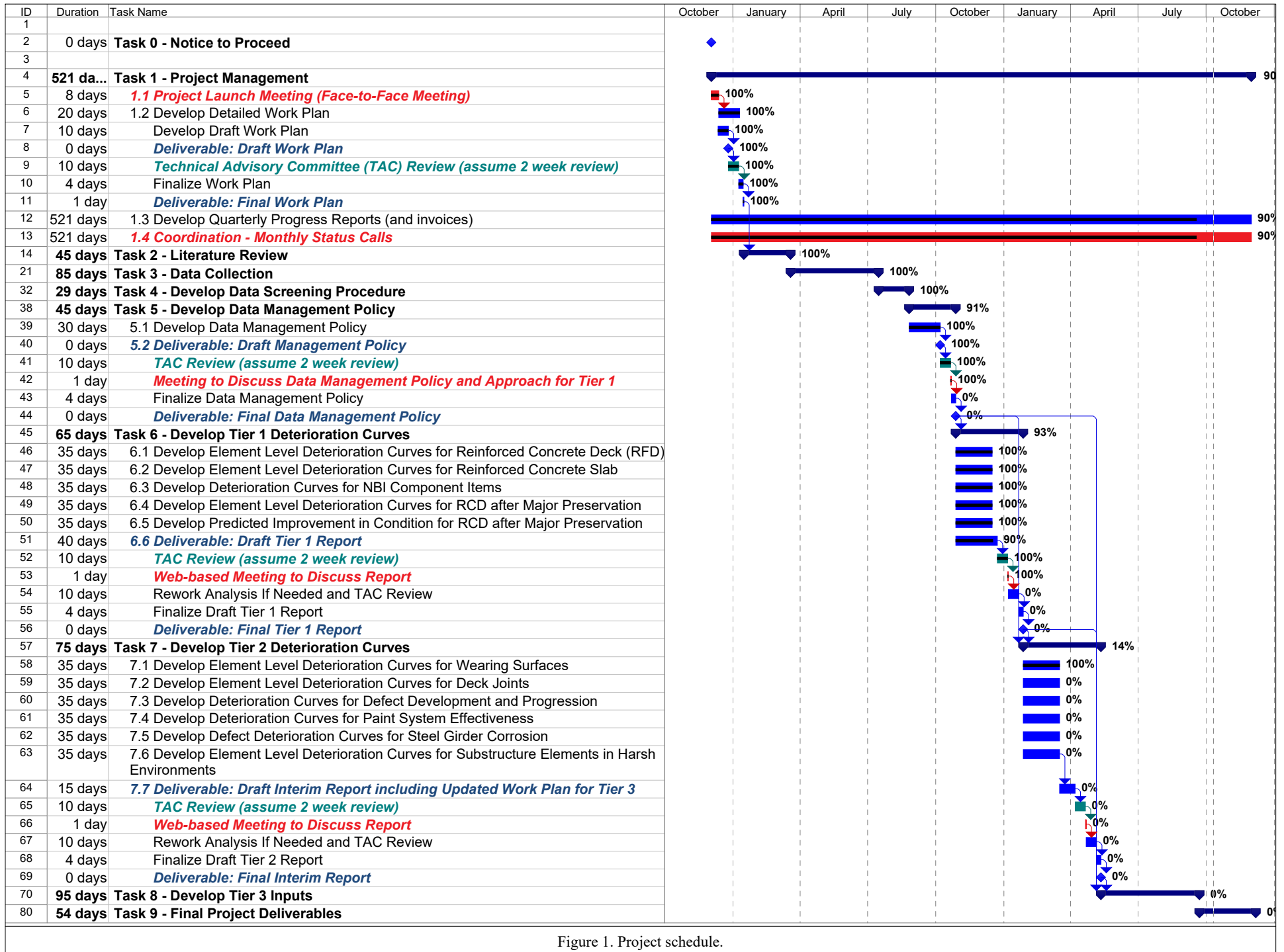


Figure 1. Project schedule.