

TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Date: Dec 31, 2023

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): Indiana 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.

Transportation Pooled Fund Program Project # <i>(i.e., SPR-2(XXX), SPR-3(XXX) or TPF-5(XXX))</i> <u>TPF 5-281/TPF 5-436</u>		Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period: <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31)	
Project Title: Center for the Aging Infrastructure: Steel Bridge Research, Inspection, Training and Education Engineering Center – S-BRITE			
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Lead Agency Project ID:		Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):	Project Start Date: 9/1/2013
Original Project End Date: 10/1/2015		Current Project End Date: INDEFINITE	Number of Extensions: None

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**
\$3,215,000*	\$1,637,579	90%

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date**
\$76,820	2.4%	90%

*Additional partners have joined S-BRITE and others have renewed participation, hence total project budget has increased.

**Since end date has been extended, project percentages have been updated (estimates)

Project Description:

The objective is to develop the Steel Bridge Research, Inspection, Training, and Education Engineering Center (S-BRITE Engineering Center) focused on existing steel highway bridges. This National Center will be the first of its kind and will become the leading education, training, research, and engineering center related to all aspects affecting the existing aging steel bridge and structure inventory. Although the Center will be focused on highway bridges, it will also support stakeholders of steel railroad bridges as well as steel ancillary structures, such as lighting towers and sign supports. The Center will contribute to improved asset management decisions for DOTs, FHWA, and other partners relative to existing steel bridge inventory.

This impact will be realized through:

- Research
- Training
- Technical Support

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

- Continued to provide DEN support to all partners;
- Continued support to partner states related to FHWA memo on T1 steel, in particular coordinating performance testing efforts related to T1 steel issues with various partner states;
- Offered training for partner states/agencies.
- S-BRITE held conference call with FHWA regarding approval of the S-BRITE/INDOT NSTM training class. FHWA has confirmed the NSTM train need not meet 508 compliance. As such, course materials have been updated based on FHWA comments and productive conference calls with FHWA technical staff have been held to allow S-BRITE to make needed changes to PowerPoint materials. It is hoped approval from FHWA will come in the first quarter of 2024 however second quarter may be more likely. INDOT is working to resubmit the entire package for FHWA re-review.
- Additional states have joined S-BRITE included New York, Pennsylvania and West Virginia is poised to join.
- S-BRITE is working with Alaska DOT to develop a project on developing inspection criteria for pins and pin assemblies that would be funded as a special S-BRITE subtask. Once the scope is finalized, the document will be circulated to the partner states as well as all states through AASHTO COBS to solicit additional support if there is interest.
- Note the total project budget shows a significant increase due to updating as a result of the increase in partner states in the past 12 months has now been finalized.

Anticipated work next quarter:

- Continue support that efforts to support states in performance testing efforts as part of the testing required per the FHWA T1 memo.
- Offer S-BRITE training to various partners.
- Continue to work with FHWA to obtain approval for S-BRITE equivalent NSTM training. It is hoped that the course will be fully approved sometime in the first or second quarter of 2024.
- Continue to develop final scope for field testing of Fort Pierre Bridge in SD to be done as special S-BRITE Task;

Significant Results:

1. Training of employees from several State DOT, including the Development of S-BRITE equivalent NSTM training.
2. DEN support has provided solutions to various DOT problems.
3. S-BRITE research results are being disseminated

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).

Potential Implementation:

S-BRITE continues to have tremendous impact and benefit for owners, designers, and fabricators of steel bridges.