

## State Planning and Research Program Quarterly Report

**PROJECT TITLE:** Pavement Surface Characteristics Rehabilitation MnROAD Study. TPF 5 (134).

**OBJECTIVES:** To demonstrate and field-validate some lab-tested unique diamond grinding configurations that optimize noise, Friction, Texture and Ride Quality

**PERIOD COVERED:** July 2008 to September 2008

**PARTICIPATING AGENCIES:**  
Mn/DOT, TXDOT, FHWA ACPA/IGGA

**PROJECT MANAGER:**

Bernard Izevbekhai

**SP&R PROJECT NO:**

TPF-5 (134)

**PROJECT IS:**

_____	Planning
X	Research & Development

**LEAD AGENCY:**

Mn/DOT

**PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:**

W. James Wilde, PhD, P.E.

**ANNUAL BUDGET:**

\$275,000 for 5 years

**PROJECT EXPENDITURES TO DATE:**

Non-Federal match.  
In-Kind Cost of Grinding and Noise testing on Cell 37 MnROAD. As a proof of Concept.  
Full Width Grinding on Cells 7-8 MnROAD Mainline I-94  
Mn/DOT Initial Testing, Mn/DOT Rodeo (June 2008)  
Spring Noise texture, Ride friction Measurements  
Consultant Appointed for data analysis and reporting

**WORK COMPLETED:**

- ACPA / IGGA performed the Grinding of 3 configurations at MnROAD Cell 37 for a proof –of – Concept and Preliminary On-Board -Sound –Intensity (OBSI) pre and post grind measurements on the 3 configurations + control. Mn/DOT performed Ride Friction, and Texture measurements on the same pre and post grind configurations.
- Memorandum of Understanding with Diamond Surface Incorporated to perform the Diamond Grinding Full width on cell 7 and 8 MnROAD.
- Measurements of Surface Characteristics parameters on the MnROAD Low volume Road
- Actual grinding of the Mainline cells 7 and 8 to the current and Innovative grinding configurations.
- Pre-grind Measurements for the MnROAD Mainline
- Grinding of Cells 7 and 8 full Width by Diamond Surfaces Inc.
- Initial Post Construction Ride texture friction Ride measurement by Mn/.DOT
- Draft Construction (Grinding Report for cells 7 and 8 Innovative Grinding & Conventional configurations)
- Development of Limited Scope of Consultant Activity
- Mn/DOT Initial Testing, Mn/DOT Rodeo (June 2008)
- Spring Testing Noise texture, Ride friction Measurements
- Consultant (Minnesota State University, Mankato) Appointed for Data Analysis and Reporting. Principal Investigator is W. James Wilde, PhD.

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**SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES EXPECTED TO BE PERFORMED NEXT QUARTER:**

- Consultants Construction and first year Report.
- Pooled Fund Meeting: Strategies for further testing and Initiatives
- OBSI Mini Rodeo Mn/DOT and Transtec Results Available.
- Additional Monitoring Innovative grind Cell (Cell 9 MnROAD) Providing Improved Friction Ground in October 2008

**STATUS AND COMPLETION DATE:**

- Next Meeting will be held in December
- Project is on schedule. Task 1 draft report expected in Dec 2009