

Deer-Vehicle Crash Information and Research Center (DVCIR Center) Final Research Progress Report

Pooled Fund Program Number: TPF-5(120)	Part: II Research and Development
Project Title: Deer-Vehicle Crash Information and Research Center	Project IDs (Internal): 402531, 402521 (TTI Prime Contract and UMN Subcontract)
Technical and Administrative Contact: Keith Knapp, UMN Center for Excellence in Rural Safety	Sponsors: IA, CT, MD, MN, NH, NY, OH, TX, WI, and FHWA
FHWA Lead Agency Contact: Bill Ostrum, FHWA	Approved Starting Date: 3/19/07 (Admin. Contract) Approved Ending Date: 3/19/09 (Admin. Contract) Extension Approved: 3/19/10 (Admin. Contract)

Description: The Deer-Vehicle Crash Information and Research Center (DVCIR Center) was created to continue the tasks being completed by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation multi-state Deer-Vehicle Crash Information Center (DVCIC). The center will also fund research projects as defined by the participating pooled fund members. A commitment of \$10,000 to \$25,000 per year and a two-year involvement were requested for participation. Committed funds (per www.pooledfund.org) currently total \$330,000 and include \$50,000 from MN, NY, OH, WI, and IA. WI has also provided the project with the use of their DVCIC website (www.deercrash.com). An additional \$10,000 and \$20,000 has been committed by CT and MD, respectively, and \$25,000 added by NH and TX. A total of \$50,000 in match funds is also being pursued from FHWA. Potential second year funds for participation from several states in year two of the project could total about \$35,000.

Two 2-year contracts (now extended), totaling \$130,000, were initiated between TTI and the FHWA (the lead agency) on March 19, 2007 for the continuation of DVCIC activities and administration activities of the DVCIR Center. Subcontracts have been negotiated between TTI and the University of Minnesota (UMN) and were completed in the first quarter of 2009. A no-cost extension to the contract (to account for the last year of no charging) was finalized in March 2009. The contract has been extended to March 2010. Contracts for the completion of the research portion of the project with the remaining available funds (\$200,000 with the potential for another \$35,000) will follow in individual research contracts. The kick-off meeting for the pooled fund was January 30, 2007. The first kickoff meeting was not funded by the pooled fund but by the Southwest University Transportation Research Center. A second meeting was held October 2007.

The lead agency of this pooled fund is currently the Federal Highway Administration Office of Project Development and Environmental Review.

Progress This Quarter:

Work on this pooled fund is complete. The pooled fund has fulfilled its objectives, and the deercrash.org website is being updated by Iowa DOT. Remaining funds have been returned to the states.

Approximate Percentage of Project Complete: The project studies have been completed and remaining funds have been returned. The objectives of the project have been fulfilled.