

## TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): IOWA 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> TPF-5(300)	<b>Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period:</b> Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31, 2017) Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30, 2017) X Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30, 2017) Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31, 2017)	
<b>Project Title:</b> Performance and Load Response of Rigid Pavement Systems		
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<b>Lead Agency Project ID:</b>	<b>Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):</b> Addendum 504 16345	<b>Project Start Date:</b> 5/29/14
<b>Original Project End Date:</b> 5/31/2017	<b>Current Project End Date:</b> 5/31/2019	<b>Number of Extensions:</b> PFS

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	Total Percentage of Work Completed
\$1,770,000.00	\$930,168.12	70%

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Percentage of Work Completed This Quarter
\$148,594.16		3%

**Project Description:**

The modern approach to highway design is embodied in the Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide (MEPDG), which incorporates models embedded in dedicated software, such as AASHTOWare Pavement ME Design, to predict pavement performance in greater detail than before. Full implementation of the MEPDG by state departments of transportation requires customizing or calibrating the software to state and local conditions, which in turn requires collecting data on climate, material properties, load response, and pavement performance.

The MEPDG software uses these data inputs to more accurately simulate the load response of pavements and long-term pavement performance. Local calibration of the software involves comparing long-term performance simulation results to actual performance data at local sites if possible or from matching pavements in the LTPP database. New York is one of the states that have previously instrumented test pavement sections to acquire local data to improve calibration of the MEPDG software. The installed sensors are still functioning to an extent that permits collection of additional useful data. This project has these objectives:

- Collecting load response and performance data and environmental monitoring at selected test pavements in New York for four years.
- Installing new instrumented sections as needed for a better understanding of rigid pavement response, including monitoring for the duration of the project.
- Determining the impact of a base on long-term performance of rigid pavement utilizing the data acquired in fulfilling the first two objectives and other nationally available data on the topic.

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

- Completed Part 2 of draft report on the JPCP design catalog, delivered in July.
- Received feedback from the Part 1 and Part 2 report on JPCP design catalog. Changes are in preparation.
- Worked on Part 3 of draft report on the JPCP design catalog with the new design tables for NYSDOT regions.
- The overlay design software via an Excel spreadsheet that implements the AASHTO 93 now works with newer versions of Windows Operating System after modifications. An alternative program being developed in study TPF-5(269) “Development of an Improved Design Procedure for Unbonded Concrete Overlays” will also be evaluated.
- The research team went to the RT9A project on September 26 and was able to connect the data acquisition system to the sensors.
- The FWD data collected on I-86 in June have been delivered to Ohio, and analysis is underway.
- There was a conference call with the TAC and Iowa State University on July 12.

**Anticipated work next quarter:**

- Complete Part 3 of the draft report on the JPCP Design Catalog with the new design tables for NYSDOT regions. This will be delivered shortly.
- Combine Parts 1-3 of the JPCP design catalog into a whole and incorporate changes based on the TAC comments.
- Write a brief summary of the recent inspection and FWD data collected on I-86 at Olean.
- A one week trip to the I-90 and I-490 projects. During those site visits FWD data will be collected in addition to the sensor data and distress surveys. If possible, dynamic response truck tests will be conducted on the I-90 project.
- Work with the unbonded overlay design program when it is obtained from the other Pooled Fund Study TPF-5(269) “Development of an Improved Design Procedure for Unbonded Concrete Overlays”.

- Meeting with full TAC at NYSDOT HQ in Albany October 24-25 to discuss status of various test pavements and the JPCP Design Catalog.

**Significant Results:**

**Circumstances affecting project or budget (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).**