TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM
QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): Washington State Department of Transportation

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.e, SPR-2(XXX), SPR-3(XXX) or TPF-5(XXX)* TPF-5(241)	**Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period:** ☑ Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31) ☐ Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30) ☐ Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30) ☐ Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31)	
Project Title: Western States Rural Transportation Consortium (WSRTC)		
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Lead Agency Project ID: GCA6737	**Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):** N/A	**Project Start Date:** June 1st, 2011
Original Project End Date: June 30, 2016	**Current Project End Date:** March 31, 2020	**Number of Extensions:** 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
$975,866	$721,500	74%

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
	16500	74%

Project Description:

The Western States Rural Transportation Consortium (WSRTC) was established with the following mission, vision and goals:

Mission

The WSRTC shall provide a collaborative mechanism to leverage research activities in a coordinated manner to respond to rural transportation issues among western states related to Technology, Operations and Safety.

Vision

The WSRTC shall promote innovative partnerships, technologies and educational opportunities to facilitate and enhance safe, seamless rural travel throughout the western United States.

Goals

• Provide a framework to leverage research and promote collaboration in solving rural transportation issues.
• To leverage research resources related to rural issues concerning technology, operations and safety.
• Provide technology solutions in the form of technology transfer to rural areas and training on a regular basis.
• Recycle and reuse existing research, applying its results to rural issues.
• Development of a rural western states integrated corridor management system to improve seamless, coordinated and safe transportation to the public.

Project work is assigned via task order, and nine task orders have been executed through the end of this quarter: Task Order #1, WSRTC Meeting Coordination and Website Maintenance ($55,000, $32,845.17 spent at end); Task Order #2, Rural Traveler Information (One Stop Shop) Phase 2 ($150,000); Task Order #3, WSRTC Meeting Coordination, Western States Forum Travel Support and Website Maintenance ($77,000, $29,358.75 spent at end); Task Order #4, WSRTC

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

Task Order #1: WSRTC Meeting Coordination and Website Maintenance

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This task order ended on 3/31/2012. Task Orders #3, #4, #5, #8, #10, and #11 cover subsequent, related work. See below.

Task Order #2: Rural Traveler Information (One Stop Shop) Phase 2

This Task Order ended on June 30, 2016. Task Order #9 covers subsequent, related work.

Task Order #3: WSRTC Meeting Coordination, Western States Consortium Support and Website Maintenance

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This task order ended on 4/30/2013. Task Orders #4, #5, #8, #10, and #11 cover subsequent, related work. See below.

Task Order #4: WSRTC Meeting Coordination, Western States Consortium Support and Website Maintenance

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This task order ended on 10/31/2014. Task Orders #5, #8, #10, and #11 cover subsequent, related work. See below.

Task Order #5: WSRTC Meeting Coordination, Western States Consortium Support and Website Maintenance

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This task order has ended. Task Orders #8, #10, and #11 cover subsequent, related work. See below.

Anticipated work next quarter:

Task Order #1: WSRTC Meeting Coordination and Website Maintenance

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This task order ended on 3/31/2012. Task Order #3, #4, #5, #8, #10 & #11 cover subsequent related work. See below.

Task Order #2: Rural Traveler Information (One Stop Shop) Phase 2

This task order ended on 6/30/2016. Task Order #9 covers subsequent related work.

Task Order #3: WSRTC Meeting Coordination, Western States Forum Travel Support and Website Maintenance

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This task order ended on 4/30/2013. Task Order #4, #5, #8, #10 & #11 cover subsequent related work. See below.

Task Order #4: WSRTC Meeting Coordination, Western States Consortium Support and Website Maintenance

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This task order ended on 10/31/2014. Task Order #5, #8, #10 & #11 cover subsequent related work. See below.

Task Order #5: WSRTC Meeting Coordination, Western States Consortium Support and Website Maintenance

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This task order ended on 6/30/2016. Task Order #8, #10 & #11 cover subsequent related work. See below.

Significant Results:

A Steering Committee meeting was held at the 2018 Northwest Transportation Conference.

Travel support requests were disbursed.

Speakers/presentations were selected for the Western States Forum and first drafts were reviewed.

Registration for the 2018 Western States Forum opened in mid-March.

The Forum and Consortium websites were updated and maintained.

OSS Phase 3 concluded.

An article was published about OSS in TR News in December and a web update was recently posted regarding this article. A final report was written and submitted. The Concept of Operations and Requirements documents for the project were revised and submitted. Despite a mild winter in California this year, system usage picked up in February and March 2018. On March 1st, 2018 there were nearly 9000 user sessions on the One-Stop-Shop. For the month of March 2018, there were nearly 75,000 user sessions, the third highest monthly total ever.

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:

Tech Transfer and prospective implementation is anticipated from roundtable discussions and affiliation with the Western States Forum. The Western States One Stop Shop is planned for ongoing research and development and subsequent implementation. WeatherShare is also planned for ongoing research and development and subsequent implementation.