

TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): Wisconsin 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>(i.e., SPR-2(XXX), SPR-3(XXX) or TPF-5(XXX))</i> MAFC II TPF-5 (293)		Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period: Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31, 2016) 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: Mid-America Freight Coalition Pooled Fund II – Member Services 2015-2016 (144-PRJ95RV)			
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Lead Agency Project ID: TPF-5(156)	Other Project ID (i.e., contract #): TRA 3475291	Project Start Date: 04/06/2015	
Original Project End Date: 04/05/2016	Current Project End Date: 04/05/2016	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
\$60,000	\$41,344.84	100%

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
\$812.75/1.3%	\$41,344.84	100%

Project Description:

History: The Mississippi Valley Freight Coalition was renamed the Mid-America Freight Coalition in 2010.

The goal of this pooled fund is to improve the efficiency of freight movements in the region through inter-jurisdictional cooperation. Through the Mid-America Freight Coalition, the states will work cooperatively in the planning, operation, preservation, and improvement of the freight transportation system infrastructure and engage the public and private sectors in the processes for improving the efficiency of these freight transportation systems.

This Member Service contract entails the services provided to Members of the Coalition which includes coordinating and funding an annual meeting; communication efforts: Web site and newsletter production; and teleconferences/webinars. This contract also provides the administrative support for all MAFC projects.

All MAFC projects currently under contract through this pooled fund include:

TPF#5(156) Member Services

Truck Parking Management system Synthesis

MAFC Freight Plan Alignment

FAST ACT Support and Cross Modal Benefits Pending

The MAASTO Executive Board Unanimously approved an additional three year extension for MAFC at the August 2015

MAASTO meeting in Kansas City Missouri.

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

In the fourth quarter of 2015, Dr. Perry continued work on the freight plan alignment project. Interviews with state DOT staff were completed and a draft set of descriptive tables have been distributed to DOTs for review.

An overall project summary table is provided below.

Project	Start Date	End Date	Comments
COMPLETE June 7, 2015. Truck Parking Synthesis	March 10, 2015	*June 30, 2015	Completed. http://midamericafreight.org/wp-content/uploads/MAFC_TPMS_Synthesis_07012015.pdf
Aligning State Freight Plans	June 1, 2015	May 30, 2016	Completed. http://www.wistrans.org/cfire/documents/MAFC15_AlignmentStudy_FinalReport.pdf
Cross Modal Benefits	August 1, 2015	December 31, 2016	90% complete, final draft to technical representatives 02/14.
Freight Policy: FAST, Grow America and WRDA	March 30, 2015	Dec 31, 2016	Completed. State approved comments submitted to docket on 04/25/2016.
TPIMS Evaluation and Performance Metrics	Feb. 26.2016	TBD	SOW approved by project team, submitted for USDOT SOW.
MAFC Annual meeting	Jan 01, 2016	Aug 11, 2016	Complete. http://midamericafreight.org/events/2016am/

Additional activities in support of the coalition by Dr. Perry include the following:

January 10-13 – attended TRB and sessions related to freight policy operations, freight data, and economic development related to transportation.

November – February – attended three teleconferences with MAASTO TPIMS team continue work towards developing and implementing performances measures and data warehouse.

November – January – conducted two teleconferences with state technical representatives to develop and prioritize the coalition research agenda for 2017-2018.

October- January- participated in monthly MAASTO planning committee teleconferences.

October – January – Develop state directed research and work agenda for 2017-2018.

Anticipated work next quarter:

We will begin work on the prioritized research agenda for the coalition. Planning has begun to identify a 2017 MAFC meeting location. . Data identification and collection will continue for the TPIMS performance evaluation.

Will continue to update web with relevant materials and plan for another teleconference based on state input.

Significant Results:

Developed and finalizing 2017-2018 work plan. Working with College of engineering and WisDOT on organizing pooled fund Activities.

Participated in WisDOT freight advisory committee meeting.

In final draft of cross modal benefits research.

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).

NA

Potential Implementation

Sharing best practices and innovation in webinars on freight planning and FAST

Encouraging use of the Freight plan alignment report to spur greater collaboration and support for state and regional freight innovations.

TPIMS continues to and as states go on line with the parking information systems the performance measures and data warehouse will be prepared.

States continue to innovate in freight, MAFC supports the identification, analysis and implementation of these innovations.