

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> TPF-5 (156)		Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period: <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31) <input type="checkbox"/> 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 – Member Services			
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Lead Agency Project ID: TPF-5(156)	Other Project ID (i.e., contract #): TRA 3475291	Project Start Date: 1/1/2011	
Original Project End Date: 10/31/2011	Current Project End Date: 10/31/2011	Number of Extensions: One extension is in negotiation. Contract amendment includes additional funding and an extension to 12/31/2012.	

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
\$40,000.00	\$29,650.96	75%

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
\$228.96 5.7%	\$228.96	100%

Project Description:

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: (see separate quarterly reports)

TPF#5(156) Member Services

MVFC-12: Critical Sections and Resiliency of Freight Corridors in the MVFC (TRA 3468690)

MAFC-13: Regional Freight Study - Filed Extension

Completed projects include:

MVFC-01: Regional Freight Transportation Workshop and Meetings

MVFC-02: Logistics for the Public Sector Training Course

MVFC-03: Model Planning Approaches for Freight

MVFC-04: Expanded Truck Parking Facilities

MVFC-05: Planning to Address Regional Freight Bottlenecks

MVFC-06: Study of Mississippi Valley Clearinghouse of Freight Traveler Information

MVFC-07: Mississippi Valley Freight Coalition Workshop on Responding to National Transportation Initiatives

MAFC 08- Outreach Materials - Status

MVFC-09: Develop Regional Recommendations for Reauthorization

MAFC-10: Transportation Profiles for MVFC Commodities and Industries TRJ 03450830

MAFC-11: Performance Measures for Evaluating Multi-state Projects TRJ 3453255

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

Conducted initial planning for MAFC Annual Meeting that will be held in Minneapolis, MN April 18-20, 2012.

Published Freight Notes

Completed editorial and Website duties with regard to deliverables MAFC 08, MAFC 10, MAFC 11 and Annual Meeting

Updated website with MAFC 13 (Regional Freight Study) content.

Published Summer issue of Freight Notes

An amendment to this contract was submitted to WISDOT in the amount of \$40,000 in order to fund travel costs for Coalition members to the Annual Meeting. The amendment would also extend the contract to 12/31/2012. The contract is currently being negotiated.

Anticipated work next quarter:

Scheduled conference call: January 12, 2012 with Technical Committee.

Continue updating website with relevant content.

Coordinate Annual Meeting.

Administrative work related to conference as well as Annual Meeting travel logistics for Coalition Members.

Produce Winter issue of Freight Notes.

Significant Results:

NA

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).

None.

Potential Implementation: There are no research activities for this project, though the annual MAFC meeting will result in technology transfer/dissemination of information, specifically related to:

1. Regional Freight Study (MAFC 13),
2. A "how to" for the establishment and implementation of Freight Advisory Teams,
3. Benefit-cost training as it relates to national level freight projects,
4. Freight and Livability updates, and
5. A business meeting of the Technical Committee, which is made up of the technical contacts of the 10 state DOTs.

