

## 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.*

<b>Transportation Pooled Fund Program Project #</b> <i>(i.e, SPR-2(XXX), SPR-3(XXX) or TPF-5(XXX))</i>  <a href="#">TPF-5 (156)</a>	<b>Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period:</b> <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)	
<b>Project Title:</b> <a href="#">Mid-America Freight Coalition Pooled Fund – Member Services 2</a>		
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<b>Lead Agency Project ID:</b> <a href="#">TPF-5(156)</a>	<b>Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):</b> <a href="#">TRA 3475291</a>	<b>Project Start Date:</b> <a href="#">10/1/2012</a>
<b>Original Project End Date:</b> <a href="#">9/30/2013</a>	<b>Current Project End Date:</b> <a href="#">03/31/2015</a>	<b>Number of Extensions:</b> <a href="#">0</a>

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
<a href="#">\$60,000.00</a>	<a href="#">\$53,198</a>	<a href="#">100%</a>

**Quarterly** Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
<a href="#">\$1,155</a>	<a href="#">\$1,155</a>	<a href="#">89%</a>

**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)

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

MAFC-13: Regional Freight Study

A new Member Services (2) contract was approved in April 2013.

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

September 2014. Planning for the 2015 MAFC annual meeting begins with discussions with the Ohio Conference on Freight followed by discussions with states to approve of the venue. Twice a month planning calls are being held as of December 2014.

September, October, December. Dr. Perry continues visits and teleconferences with MAFC state technical representatives to generate the MAFC agenda and workplan.

October 21, 2015. Dr. Perry attends the Iowa DOT, "Moving Iowa Forward," transportation and economic development conference.

October 28-29. Dr. Perry attends and presents at the Ohio Transportation Engineers Conference (OTEC). Perry's presentation detailed the development of regional collaboration and analytical techniques to advance freight planning.

December 2014. Dr. Perry invited to join the Wisconsin Freight Advisory Committee as a voting member.

December 2014. Planning and organization begins for February Upper Mississippi River Basin Association partner meeting  
Inland Rivers, Ports and Terminals group.

**Anticipated work next quarter:**

Continue updating web site with relevant content.  
Conclude Development of MAFC Research agenda, finalize and review with MAAASTO Planning Committee  
Begin MAFC research  
Attend and present at Purdue Road School March 2015.  
Continue planning for 2015 MAFC Annual Meeting

**Significant Results:**

MAFC provided presentations in support of state collaboration and innovation in freight development and multi-state collaboration. Development of 11 research abstracts for prioritization and selection by the states.

**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**

States continue to innovate in freight, MAFC supports the identification, analysis and implementation of these innovations. Example, continued presentations on the MAFC regional freight study support the continued interest and investment in freight corridors.