

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: <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31) Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31)	
Project Title: Mid-America Freight Coalition Pooled Fund II – Member Services 2 (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	\$27,194.94	45%

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
\$27,194.94	\$2,866.19	45%

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: (see separate quarterly reports)

TPF#5(156) Member Services

Truck Parking Management system Synthesis

MAFC Freight Plan Alignment

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 first quarter of 2015, Dr Perry finalized the planning for a two year work program with the MAASTO planning committee following outreach to the state freight technical representatives. The process resulted in identification of 4 projects as follows, one of which has been completed and two are additional projects underway. The projects and estimated start and deliver dates are as follows.

Project	Start Date	End Date	Comments
COMPLETE June 7, 2015. Truck Parking Synthesis	March 10, 2015	*June 30, 2015	*Due date and scope of work TBD with Planning Committee.
Aligning State Freight Plans	June 1, 2015	May 30, 2016	Underway
Cross Modal Benefits	August 1, 2015	December 31, 2016	
Freight Policy: Grow America and WRDA	March 30, 2015	Dec 31, 2016	Underway

Significant work has been completed in this quarter for member services as well as the MAFC Freight Plan alignment Study. For the Freight Plan alignment effort, freight plans and planning efforts for all 10 states have been reviewed and analyzed. State freight planners have been interviewed about their planning efforts and the project effort was reviewed and discussed at the annual meeting in Cincinnati. As part of implementation for this project, I organized a webinar based on Iowa DOT's planning work to share best practices across the states. I anticipate another project meeting with state technical representatives in early 2016 to finalize data collection. Here is a link to our Freight planning best practices webinar with IowaDOT - <http://midamericafreight.org/2015/11/iowa-dot-freight-innovations/>

Another major success in the last quarter was the MAFC annual meeting held in conjunction with the Ohio Conference on freight. With close to 300 people in attendance at this event, all 10 of the states were able to attend and benefit from the presentations and networking. It was truly a great meeting with sessions on marine freight development, economic development, workforce issues, freight planning and others. There were also tours of the Ohio River freight facilities, DFI and intermodal. Links to the meeting can be found at: <http://midamericafreight.org/events/2015-annual-meeting/>

And with an active policy environment in Washington, I have also undertaken reviews of the National Freight plan and multimodal network as well as the freight components of the Reauthorization bill –FAST - passed just last week,

The Truck Parking synthesis final report can be found at:
http://midamericafreight.org/wp-content/uploads/MAFC_TPMS_Synthesis_07012015.pdf

At the request of Indiana DOT, a review of J – turns and their impact to trucks and permitted vehicle was conducted. The draft document was delivered to Indiana DOT in late June and final edits are now underway. Upon the finalization of editing, the completed document will be shared with all states and posted on the MAFC web.

On June 18, Dr Perry attended and participated in the MnDOT Freight Planning committee meeting to review the progress and approach for the MnDOT freight Plan.

Dr Perry is working with TMACOG and OKI planning groups as well as Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky for the MAFC fall conference planning. State registrations and tour sign-ups are complete.

Dr Perry and staff currently are focusing on the MAFC freight planning alignment study. State freight plans, freight and modal websites and planning guidance have been reviewed, and interviews with state freight technical contacts has begun. This is a promising project and from our initial interviews there will be tremendous opportunity to share information and strategies across the MAASTO states.

Dr Perry is also preparing for the Aug 8-10, 2016 MAASTO meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Anticipated work next quarter:

Work will continue on the freight plan alignment effort, as well as on the new national freight planning direction and the freight components of reauthorization with the FAST act.

Will continue to update web with relevant materials and plan for another teleconference and best practices webinar with the state representatives.

Continue updating web site with relevant content.
Beginning planning for 2016 MAFC Annual Meeting.

Significant Results:

Successful annual meeting in collaboration with Ohio TMACOG, and the states of Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky.

Reviewed all freight planning active in 10 states and completed interviews.

Freight planning best practices webinar

States awarded 25 million Tiger grant for Truck parking implementation.

Finalized Truck Parking Management Synthesis. MAASTO submitted Tiger application for regional system.

Completed literature review on J-turns for Indiana DOT

Attended MnDOT Freight Planning meeting.

Seventy-five percent complete on planning and arrangements for September MAFC annual meeting.

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

Implementation expected with best practice sharing through freight plan alignment study, as well as with analysis of national freight plan and FAST act.

Results of Truck Parking Management systems support multistate truck parking grant application. ***States awarded 25 million grant for implementation!

J-turn supports InDOT and review to be shared across states.

State of practice freight activities, programs and policies are being collected to share across the states.

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