

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 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	\$39,760.93	66%

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
\$36,894.74	\$36,894.74	61%

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 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.

On the heels of the truck parking synthesis and award of the TIGER grant to the 8 MAASTO states, Dr. Perry has drafted a scope of work for performance evaluation of the TPIMS. We are currently adding this to the MAFC work plan at the Request of the MAASTO planning committee. A 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	*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
TPIMS Evaluation and Performance Metrics	Feb. 26.2016	TBD	SOW approved by project team, submitted for USDOT SOW.

Dr. Perry also organized two MAFC webinars and provided one presentation as described below:

Dec 21, 2015. MAFC Webinar: Leveraging FAST Freight Initiatives. Organized speakers and opened Webinar, and facilitated discussion with state representatives and partners to discuss FAST freight initiatives. MnDOT, AASHTO and FHWA speakers all provided presentations.

Nov 18, 2015. HWY H2O conference. Toronto Canada. Presented, *Unleashing our Comparative Advantage: How the MAFC Region is becoming more Competitive*. Was invited speaker to discuss how the MAFC fosters collaboration and supports the economy of the region and states.

Oct 28, 2015. MAFC Webinar: Innovations in Freight Planning in the MAFC. Organized speakers, opened webinar and facilitated discussions. Based on the freight plan alignment project, Iowa DOT presented their supply chain and freight corridor analysis process.

For the MAFC website, all new reports and documents are being placed “resources” to increase their visibility. Dr. Perry will also begin posting all presentation in 2016.

Also – planning meetings have begun for the 2016 MAFC meeting to be held in Minneapolis in conjunction with the MAASTO summer meeting. The MAFC meeting will be integrated with the MAASTO event to support increased institutionalization of freight in the agencies.

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. Data identification and collection will begin for the TPIMS performance evaluation.

Will continue to update web with relevant materials and plan for another teleconference to discuss and finalize the freight plan alignment project.

Significant Results:

Freight plan alignment data tables to members for review.

Two MAFC webinars

MAFC Exposure to new audience at HwyH20 conference

Developed scope of work for TPIMS performance evaluation and metrics

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

Freight plan alignment webinar in 1st quarter 2016 is expected to support implementation of freight plan alignment project. Anticipating the report to spur greater collaboration and support for state and regional freight innovations.

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