

TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Date: July 25, 2013

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development

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 # TPF-5(212)	Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period: <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31)	
Project Title: Southeast Transportation Consortium		
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Lead Agency Project ID: LTRC No. 09-1PF	Other Project ID (i.e., contract #): SIO No. 30000281	Project Start Date: 9/1/2009
Original Project End Date: 8/31/2012	Current Project End Date: 8/31/2015	Number of Extensions: 1

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
\$300,000	\$ 84,002	percentage varies by project

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
\$84,002 (28%)	\$ 27,430	62

Project Description:

STC's objectives are to pool financial, professional, and academic resources to coordinate research and develop improved methods of addressing common problems in the planning, design, construction, maintenance, management, and operation of transportation systems in participating states. The program is intended to supplement ongoing state, federal, and university research activities and other national programs such as the National Cooperative Highway Research Program. It is intended to reduce duplication of research and provide means for better communication of ongoing research activities in the state research programs. The cooperative and collaborative objectives of the STC program are to develop synergy and provide for a more efficient use of resources. Specific objectives include

- Plan and conduct meetings to establish research priorities, share research findings, exchange information, and define direction of the organization. Each member may utilize funds for one representative from each organization to participate
- Discuss and screen potential research projects and seek partners from the public, academic, and private sectors to collaborate on these projects and utilize available resources to ensure research is not duplicative
- Conduct research studies
- Communicate and disseminate research results and innovations through the use of communication products such as development and maintenance of a Web site, periodic electronic newsletter, and fact sheets
- Put research results into practice through technology transfer events

Communicate impacts of the organization's activities to national leaders in transportation

Progress this Quarter (includes meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.):**Program Management/Administrative Activities**

Continued contract administration of synthesis projects

Requests for proposals were advertised for the following synthesis topics:

- Transportation Funding Alternatives Now and in the Future
- Reflective Cracking Mitigation Strategies for Cracked Pavements
- Best Practices for Achieving and Measuring Pavement Smoothness
- Real-Time Driver Information for Congestion Management

STC Synthesis Projects:

STC Syntheses Projects are technical summaries of research performed and state-of-the-practice reports prepared under contract by outside individuals or firms. These reports are oriented toward practical solutions of specific transportation problems. The specific objectives of a Synthesis of State-of-Practice are:

- To locate and assemble information;
- To learn what practice has been used;
- To identify ongoing and recently completed research;
- To learn what problems remain largely unsolved; and
- To organize, evaluate, and document the useful information acquired Best Practices for

- ***ASPHALT SURFACE TREATMENTS FOR PAVEMENT PRESERVATION (12-2PF)***

Hesham Ali

End Date of project was extended to September 2013 to allow more time to complete collection of survey data. Final draft report was received and set to TAC for technical review.

- ***BEST PRACTICES FOR DETERMINING VALUE OF RESEARCH RESULTS (12-3PF)***

Babaak Ashuri

Final report has been reviewed by Editing. Project was presented at national RAC meeting in July. RAC/STC members were given an extended deadline to submit comments until 7/26/2013. Comments/mark-ups sent to PI for revision.

- ***REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF WARM MIX ASPHALT (12-4PF)***

Clark Graves

Received results from state survey. Evaluating results from completed research. Presentation of research results to be presented at RAC annual meeting in July during regional breakout

- ***WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AT CONSTRUCTION SITES(12-5P)***

Richard Sheffield, Thad Hopper, Trae Welch & Alex Aguilar

The final report has gone through Editing. We are awaiting a revised report from the PI addressing the Editor's mark-ups.

- Requests for proposals were developed for approved synthesis topics:

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Anticipated work next quarter:

- Present status of activities Annual RAC meeting
- Continued updates to STC members on periodic conference calls
- Review proposals with TAC for next series of synthesis projects
- Initiate contracts with Principal Investigators for next series of synthesis projects
- Manage contracts for the four active synthesis projects
- (12-2PF, 12-3PF 12-5PF, 12-4PF)

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Comments received from TAC technical review will be sent to PI for revision. Report will be sent to LTRC editor for grammar and format review.

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Publish final report

Significant Results:

- Developed database for member state research projects
- Developed website for STC pooled fund program
- Established the STC synthesis project program
 - Initiated first series of synthesis projects identified above
- Held annual meetings to promote collaboration among member states
- First series of synthesis project nearing completion. Results will be distributed.

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).

This pooled fund project is a continued effort to collaborate resources for the southeast region member states. The tasks are ever-evolving as member state set priorities on issues and collaboration opportunities. Administrative activities are accomplished by volunteers from member states as their work schedules allow.

Potential Implementation:

In order to reduce redundancy of state research projects and promote transfer of knowledge on completed research, there exists a need to classify and quantify the focus, status and implementation of all member state research projects and programs. The STC Syntheses program was established to prepare technical summaries of research performed and state-of-the-practice reports prepared under contract by outside individuals or firms. These reports will be oriented toward practical solutions of specific transportation problems. The specific objectives of the synthesis are:

1. To focus on research projects conducted in the southeast region on a specific synthesis topic and issues;
2. To perform a literature search on the synthesis topic to identify other on-going or completed research;
3. To review the commonality of project scopes and methodology of studies performed in the STC region;
4. To review the commonality of project results, conclusions and recommendations;
5. To identify differences in results, conclusions and/or recommendations that would affect regional implementation and practice;
6. To review implementation status of individual state project results and recommendations;
7. To recommend applicability of applying research results to other states within the southeast region;
8. To recommend additional research (if needed) to enhance implementation within the region.
9. To organize, evaluate, and document the useful information acquired.

Completion of these synthesis reports will enhance implementation efforts for all states.