

## TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Date: October 10, 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.*

<b>Transportation Pooled Fund Program Project #</b>  TPF-5(212)	<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> Southeast Transportation Consortium		
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<b>Lead Agency Project ID:</b> LTRC No. 09-1PF	<b>Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):</b> SIO No. 30000281	<b>Project Start Date:</b> 9/1/2009
<b>Original Project End Date:</b> 8/31/2012	<b>Current Project End Date:</b> 8/31/2015	<b>Number of Extensions:</b> 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	\$ 97,667	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
\$137,463.25 (46%)	\$ 39,796.25	71

**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

Project updates provided during RAC region II conference calls

**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

**Completed projects:**

- ***12-2PF - ASPHALT SURFACE TREATMENTS FOR PAVEMENT PRESERVATION***  
Hesham Ali – Project end date: 9/14/13  
Technical comments from TAC addressed by PI  
Final draft report has been sent to LTRC editors for final review.  
Editorial comments sent to PI for final report revision.

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

Babaak Ashuri – Project end date: 5/31/13  
Revised final report received from PI  
Final report approved for publication

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

Clark Graves – Project end date: 1/31/13  
Final draft report received  
Draft report sent to TAC for comments

- ***12-5PF - WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AT CONSTRUCTION SITES***

Richard Sheffield, Thad Hopper, Trae Welch & Alex Aguilar – Project End date: 4/30/13  
Revised final report received from PI  
Final report approved for publication

Proposed projects:

Proposals were received for the following synthesis topics:

- ***14-1PF- Best Practices for Achieving and Measuring Pavement Smoothness***

- David Merritt, The Transtec Group awarded project
- Project Start Date: 1/2/14 Project End Date: 1/1/15

- ***14-2PF Real-Time Driver Information for Congestion Management***

- Sherif Ishak, Louisiana State University awarded contract
- Project Start Date: 12/1/13 Project End Date: 11/30/14
- Project Kick off meeting held 12/18/2013

- ***14-3PF- Transportation Funding Alternatives Now and in the Future***

- James Gibson, Kentucky Transportation Center awarded contract
- Project Start Date: 1/2/13 Project End Date: 1/1/15

- ***14-4 PF Reflective Cracking Mitigation Strategies for Cracked Pavements***

- Mostafa Elseifi, Louisiana State University awarded contract
- Project Start Date: 10/15/13
- Project kick off meeting held

**Anticipated work next quarter:**

- Continued updates to STC members on periodic conference calls
- Publish results for the four active synthesis projects
- Plan annual STC meeting

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

Hesham Ali  
Editorial comments sent to PI for revision.  
Revised report received back from PI.  
Final approvals  
Publish & distribute final report

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

Babaak Ashuri

Revised report received back from PI.

Final approvals

Publish & distribute final report

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

Clark Graves

Project time extend to new end date of January 2014 to complete data analysis from survey results

Draft final report due Nov 2013

TAC review of draft final report

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

Richard Sheffield, Thad Hopper, Trae Welch & Alex Aguilar

Final approvals pending

Publish & distribute 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
- STC synthesis projects nearing completion. Results will be distributed.
  - Best Practices for Determining Value of Research Results presented at RAC annual meeting to Value of Research Task Force

**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.