

TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Date: April, 30, 2014

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 checked="" 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 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	\$ 137,464	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
\$144,684 (48%)	\$ 7,220	75

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
Final draft report has been sent to LTRC editors for final review.
- ***12-3PF - BEST PRACTICES FOR DETERMINING VALUE OF RESEARCH RESULTS***
Babaak Ashuri – Project end date: 5/31/13
Final report published, distributed and posted

- **12-4PF -REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF WARM MIX ASPHALT**
Clark Graves – Project end date: 1/31/13
Final draft report received
- **12-5PF - WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AT CONSTRUCTION SITES**
Richard Sheffield, Thad Hopper, Trae Welch & Alex Aguilar – Project End date: 4/30/13
Final report published,distributed and posted

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
 - Accomplishment to date
 - Literature search
 - Compiling survey results
 - Following up with individual states for their responses in the survey
- **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
 - Accomplishments to date:
 - A survey questionnaire was prepared, distributed, and posted on the web. 35 responses were received.
 - Analysis of the survey responses were conducted and will be compiled as part of the final report.
 - A meeting with the PRC was held to report on the progress of the project. A presentation was made during the meeting.
 - Studies are reviewed, organized, and synthesized as part of the proposed research activities.
 - The synthesis and final report are being prepared by the research team and will be submitted to the PRC for review.

Anticipated work next quarter:

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

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Hesham Ali

Publish & distribute final report

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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 Completed with results distributed.
 - Best Practices for Determining Value of Research Results
 - Water Quality Management at Construction Sites

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.