

TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM

Quarterly Report

PROJECT TITLE: Southeast Transportation Consortium 736-99-

OBJECTIVES: 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 on-going 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

PERIOD COVERED: October 2009 to December 2009

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES:

Departments of Transportation from the Following States: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia. Contract is Administered through by Louisiana DOTD.

PROJECT MANAGER:

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LEAD AGENCY: Louisiana DOTD

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:

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PROJECT IS:

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ANNUAL BUDGET:

\$50,000

PROJECT EXPENDITURES TO DATE:

WORK COMPLETED:

The inaugural meeting of the Southeastern Transportation Consortium (STC) meeting was held in Baton Rouge, LA on October 21, 22, 2009. The meeting was hosted by Louisiana (lead state) at the Louisiana Transportation Research Center. Ten member states represented include AL, AR, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, TN, VA, and WV.

Accomplishments of this period included:

- Development and adoption of a STC charter defining conduct of business and organizational procedures.
- Presentation of member states research programs
- Developing a research topic list of opportunities for collaboration including member rating of research need
- Begin work on a synthesis study categorizing member states research projects for the past five years.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES EXPECTED TO BE PERFORMED NEXT QUARTER:

- Present results of member ratings of Opportunities for Collaboration research topics at TRB RAC II meeting.
- Complete majority of work on synthesis study on member state research projects
- Develop strategic plan for conducting research studies beneficial to the region
- Begin development of a web site for the STC

STATUS AND COMPLETION DATE: