

State of Wisconsin/Department of Transportation
RESEARCH PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING: June 30, 2008

Program: SPR-0010(36) FFY99	Part: II Research and Development
Project Title: Mississippi Valley Freight Coalition Pooled Fund Administrative Contact: Jason Bittner WisDOT Technical Contact: Sandy Beaupre Approved by COR/Steering Committee: \$750,000 Project Investigator (agency & contact): Teresa Adams, Ph.D., Director, National Center for Freight and Infrastructure Research and Education (CFIRE), University of Wisconsin-Madison.	Project ID: TPF-5(156) Sponsor: MVFC Pooled Fund Approved Starting Date: 2/1/2007 Approved Ending Date: 1/31/2009

Description:

Total study budget	Expenditures for current quarter	Total Expenditures to date	Percent Complete
\$449,500	\$91,653	\$222,162	50%

Progress This Quarter:

(Includes project committee mtgs, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.)

Pooled Fund Deliverables:

- A Regional Freight Transportation Workshop and Meetings
 - See associated QPR, **MVFC 01**
- A Logistics Course for the Public Sector
 - See associated QPR, **MVFC 02**
- The Development of Model Planning Approaches for Freight Transportation
 - See associated QPR, **MVFC 03**
- MVFC Expanded Truck Parking Facilities
 - See associated QPR, **MVFC 04**
- Assessment of Multimodal Freight Bottlenecks and Alleviation Strategies for the Upper Midwest Region
 - See associated QPR, **MVFC 05**
- Mississippi Valley Freight Information Clearinghouse
 - See associated QPR, **MVFC 06**
- 2008 MVFC Workshop and Meetings
 - See associated QPR, **MVFC 07**
- Website
 - Have continued to make necessary updates to www.mississippivalleyfreight.org, including additions to format and current events, and www.wistrans.org/cfire (MVFC projects are contained here), including upcoming events related to freight; and posting minutes from meetings of the Executive and Technical Committees and the Mississippi Valley Traffic Operations Coalition.
- Coalition Action Plan
 - The Coalition Action Plan consists of the scope of work for project initiatives. Project scopes were developed for all seven projects. Additional project scopes are added as projects are approved by the Executive Committee and awarded through the MVFC Pooled Fund.
- Committee Meetings (at least semi-annual) Executive and Technical Committee meeting minutes can be viewed at <http://www.mississippivalleyfreight.org/>.
 - Mississippi Valley Traffic Operations Coalition: (Minutes of the MVTOC can be viewed at <http://www.mississippivalleyfreight.org/traffic.htm>)
 - Conference call on May 7th included project updates on MVFC 02, 04, 05, and 06. Other business included a recap of the 2008 MVFC Workshop in Indianapolis, a N/W Passage update detailing the projects in their upcoming fourth work plan, and updates from the Lake Michigan Interstate Gateway Alliance. Next meeting is scheduled for 8/6.
- Other business:
 - The MVFC held its second regional freight workshop on March 31st to April 2nd in Indianapolis – hosted by Indiana DOT. The objectives of the workshop which were addressed included the facilitation of opportunities for collaboration among Coalition members, updated Coalition members on sponsored activities, facilitated dialogue in the context of

related national efforts, facilitated discussion and response to National Initiatives in Transportation Funding and Policy, and conducted MVFC Technical Committee meeting to develop the 2009-2010 work plan for the Coalition.

- CFIRE's Research Advisory Committee approved RFPs to be posted for grant years 1 & 2 research cycle. Proposals were due 6/9/08. Proposals were received and sent out for peer review.

Work Next Quarter:

- MVFC Projects
 - Work will continue on these projects with work being completed on MVFC 03.
- Website
 - Will continue to update the MVFC website as needed.
- Coalition Action Plan
 - Will continue to carry out activities of the Coalition Action Plan.
- Committee Meetings
 - Plan to meet with MVTOC on May 7th.

Circumstances affecting progress/budget:

- None. The work of the Coalition is on time and budget.

