

TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): [Wisconsin Department of Transportation](#)

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 # <i>(i.e., SPR-2(XXX), SPR-3(XXX) or TPF-5(XXX))</i> TPF-5 (156)	Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period: <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)	
Project Title: Mid-America Freight Coalition Pooled Fund – Member Services 2		
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Lead Agency Project ID: TPF-5(156)	Other Project ID (i.e., contract #): TRA 3475291	Project Start Date: 10/1/2012
Original Project End Date: 9/30/2013	Current Project End Date: 9/30/2013	Number of Extensions: 0

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
\$90,000.00	\$71,094	100%

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
\$591.79 (.65%)	\$591.79	100%

Project Description:

The Mississippi Valley Freight Coalition was renamed the Mid-America Freight Coalition in 2010.

The goal of this pooled fund is to improve the efficiency of freight movements in the region through inter-jurisdictional cooperation. Through the Mid-America Freight Coalition, the states will work cooperatively in the planning, operation, preservation, and improvement of the freight transportation system infrastructure and engage the public and private sectors in the processes for improving the efficiency of these freight transportation systems.

This Member Service contract entails the services provided to Members of the Coalition which includes coordinating and funding an annual meeting; communication efforts: Web site and newsletter production; and teleconferences/webinars. This contract also provides the administrative support for all MAFC projects.

All MAFC projects currently under contract through this pooled fund include: (see separate quarterly reports)

TPF#5(156) Member Services

MVFC-12: Critical Sections and Resiliency of Freight Corridors in the MVFC (TRA 3468690)

MAFC-13: Regional Freight Study

Completed projects include:

MVFC-01: Regional Freight Transportation Workshop and Meetings

MVFC-02: Logistics for the Public Sector Training Course

MVFC-03: Model Planning Approaches for Freight

MVFC-04: Expanded Truck Parking Facilities

MVFC-05: Planning to Address Regional Freight Bottlenecks

MVFC-06: Study of Mississippi Valley Clearinghouse of Freight Traveler Information

MVFC-07: Mississippi Valley Freight Coalition Workshop on Responding to National Transportation Initiatives

MAFC 08- Outreach Materials - Status

MVFC-09: Develop Regional Recommendations for Reauthorization

MAFC-10: Transportation Profiles for MVFC Commodities and Industries TRJ 03450830

MAFC-11: Performance Measures for Evaluating Multi-state Projects TRJ 3453255

A new Member Services (2) contract was approved in April 2013. The contract period runs from 10/1/2012 to 9/30/2013. Because a project code was not generated until April, this is the third quarterly report.

Progress this Quarter (includes meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.):

MAFC researchers attended the Indiana Logistics Summit October 9, 10, 2013 and gave two presentations to Indiana DOT staff

MAFC staff participated in a number of calls with FHWA in regard to the Primary Freight Network.

MAFC Staff attended the Wisconsin DOT Governor's Freight Summit. On November 5, 2013.

Dr. Perry conducted two teleconferences on Friday November 22 to discuss the National, Primary and Critical Rural Corridors. One was with the MAASTO STIC committee and the other with state representatives.

Staff attended Minnesota's 17th Annual Freight and Logistics Symposium on Friday, December 6, 2013

A new initiative, MAFC Best Practice Series began on December 13 with a webinar titled, "Institutionalization of Freight." Cheryl Ball of Missouri, Jack Kimmerling of Indiana, Craig O'Riley of Iowa and John Tompkins of Minnesota discussed their efforts to develop freight champions, policies and programs in their agencies.

Also this quarter, initial planning for the MAFC annual meeting to be held in conjunction with the Coalition for America's Gateways and Corridors was conducted. Dr. Perry began working with a steering committee of MAFC Member States to come up with content for a workshop for the states.

Continued communication with state representatives on federal policy news, webinar announcements. Continued updating web site with relevant information.

MAFC researchers attended the Wisconsin Rail Conference.

Anticipated work next quarter:

Continue updating web site with relevant content.
Continue planning for Annual Meeting to be held in Chicago in April.

Significant Results:

NA

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).

An additional \$30,000 was added to this contract on 10/25/2013 to cover summer expenses from the Freight Partnership V meeting held in Chicago in August 2013. Any balance will roll over to a new MAFC member services contract.

Potential Implementation