

## 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.*

<b>Transportation Pooled Fund Program Project #</b> <i>(i.e, SPR-2(XXX), SPR-3(XXX) or TPF-5(XXX))</i>  TPF-5 (156)		<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31)	
<b>Project Title:</b> Mid-America Freight Coalition Pooled Fund – Member Services 2			
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<b>Lead Agency Project ID:</b> TPF-5(156)	<b>Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):</b> TRA 3475291	<b>Project Start Date:</b> 10/1/2012	
<b>Original Project End Date:</b> 9/30/2013	<b>Current Project End Date:</b> 03/31/2015	<b>Number of Extensions:</b> 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
\$60,000.00	\$52,044	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
\$0	\$0	87%

**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)

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

MAFC-13: Regional Freight Study

A new Member Services (2) contract was approved in April 2013.

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

July 2014 – Dr. Perry begins serving on the Minnesota DOT Freight Plan Advisory Committee.

July 2014 - Based on a teleconference call for MAFC states with toll facilities, along with Florida and Texas participants and Federal Highway, Dr. Perry developed a technical brief detailing this group's discussion regarding the role of toll facilities in national freight network and other MAP-21 freight initiatives. Results of the teleconference were developed into technical brief and distributed to participants.

July 8-10, St Louis Mo. Dr. Perry facilitated and spoke at the Upper Mississippi River Basin Association Commercial Navigation Summit. The meeting included leadership and participation from 5 of the MAFC states; Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois and Missouri. The meeting was successful in increasing the awareness of the issues and importance of freight movement on the Mississippi and in beginning to assemble agency representatives from transportation, natural resources, economic development along with navigation advocates to strategically move forward with increased policy and program development efforts for the River.

July 21: MAFC partnered with GRTLOC and University of Minnesota to host the MAFC Innovation Series Webinar – “Data and Best Practices for Freight Corridor Performance Metrics”, on July 21. The webinar detailed the latest on performance management approaches, practices and data.

July 28-30. Dr Perry attended and presented at the summer MAASTO meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana. The presentation on MAFC Regional Freight Study can be used by states to support multistate and multimodal freight planning.

August 8. Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Perry participated on a freight corridors panel and provided a presentation and testimony regarding the energy revolution and its impact to MAFC region freight corridors at the, US DOE Quadrennial Energy Review.

August 14. Appleton Wisconsin. Dr. Perry attended the Wisconsin Governor’s Freight Industry Summit.

September 2014. Dr. Perry begins organizing and then visiting or teleconferencing with state technical representatives regarding their research needs and desires for the Coalition

**Anticipated work next quarter:**

Continue updating web site with relevant content.  
Conclude Development of MAFC Research agenda  
Begin planning for 2015 MAFC Annual Meeting

**Significant Results:**

MAFC produced publications, presentations and a webinar in support of state collaboration and innovation in freight development and multi-state collaboration.

**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).**

**Potential Implementation**

States continue to innovate in freight, MAFC supports the identification, analysis and implementation of these innovations example, continued presentations on the MAFC regional freight study support the continued interest and investment in freight corridors.