**TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM**

**QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): \_\_Washington State 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.*

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| **Transportation Pooled Fund Program Project #**  *(i.e, SPR-2(XXX), SPR-3(XXX) or TPF-5(XXX)*  TPF-5(386) | | **Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period:**  □XXQuarter 1 (January 1 – March 31) 2023  □Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30)  □Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30)  □Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31) | |
| **Project Title:**  **Gravel-Bed River Assessment Tool for Improved Resiliency of Engineering Design** | | | |
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| **Lead Agency Project ID:** | **Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):** | | **Project Start Date:**  September 2018 |
| **Original Project End Date:** | **Current Project End Date:**  **September 30, 2024** | | **Number of Extensions:** |

Project schedule status:

X□ On schedule On revised schedule □ Ahead of schedule □ Behind schedule

Overall Project Statistics:

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| **Total Project Budget** | **Total Cost to Date for Project** | **Percentage of Work**  **Completed to Date** |
| $365,000 |  |  |

***Quarterly*** Project Statistics:

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| **Total Project Expenses**  **and Percentage This Quarter** | **Total Amount of Funds**  **Expended This Quarter** | **Total Percentage of**  **Time Used to Date** |
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| **Project Description**:  **Background:** The world’s rivers and streams are adjusting to changes in climate. In Washington State, stream channels are becoming more dynamic – especially in the vicinity of gravel-bed rivers. Federal, state, tribal and private roads are increasingly compromised or destroyed due to progressively more dynamic channel processes. A river’s bedload (sediment transported along the channel bed) drives how rivers move into – or away from – road infrastructure. In order to design durable roads and bridges, we need high quality information on how the natural material in the river system will move and deposit in the vicinity of road infrastructure.  Widely available methods for assessing channel dynamics and hazards are based on sand-bed rivers, like the Mississippi River, that do not apply to gravel-bed rivers found throughout the United States. We need a gravel-bed river assessment tool that accounts for changes in gravel-bed rivers from glacial melt and extreme flooding associated with projected future climate change.  In this pilot, WSDOT proposes to develop practical guidance and methods for assessing bedload transport in gravel-bed rivers for more resilient road infrastructure. This guidance will inform engineering design, hazard assessment, and maintenance strategies of roads along or near gravel-bed rivers. Other federal and state agencies support the pilot, and are willing to assist in the development and review process. WSDOT anticipates that US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon DOT, Caltrans and other public works agencies will use the gravel-bed assessment tool developed by this pilot project.  **Objectives:** This pilot will consist of three parts:  1. A technical workshop to define the framework, goals, and criteria for developing the guidance and case studies.  2. Data collection and case study development.  3. The guidance write-up and finalization |

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| **Progress this Quarter (includes meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.):**  Case study development has begun with the Methow River and Glacier Creek sites. A SRH2D model is under development for the Methow River. The USGS is scheduled to review results of their topographic analyses for the Methow River and Glacier Creek in May. The USGS was on standby for bedload sampling of the Upper Skagit River over the winter, however low rainfall in the fall set up conditions for minimal flow releases from Ross Dam in the upper watershed. Flows did not reach our minimum for bedload sampling over the winter due to dam management and Seattle City Light has confirmed that elevated releases during spring runoff are very unlikely. We will extend the contract for the USGS for another winter for the last opportunity to sample bedload. |
| **Anticipated work next quarter**:  We anticipate completing the hydraulic and sediment transport model for the Methow River. WSDOT staff will follow up with Yong Lai for a timeline to incorporate the Parker and Klingeman equation into a beta version of SRH2D. Once completed, WSDOT staff will use the GUI developed by University of Idaho to define key parameters for input into SRH2D. Field visits to Glacier Creek and possibly the Methow River will be scheduled for Q2 to field verify results of studies and analyses. |

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| **Significant Results:** |
| **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).** |

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| **Potential Implementation:**  The final product of the pilot study will be the publication of WSDOT’s guidance and methods. These will be applicable to state DOTs and other highway asset managers across the nation wherever gravel-bed rivers  are found. |