**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(499) | | **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:**  **International Conference on Ecology & Transportation Pooled Fund** | | | |
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| **Lead Agency Project ID:** | **Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):** | | **Project Start Date:**  October 2022 |
| **Original Project End Date:** | **Current Project End Date:**  **September 30, 2023** | | **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** |
| $64,000 |  |  |

***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:**  There have been twelve biennial International Conferences on Ecology and Transportation (ICOET) since its origin in 1999. The most recent conference was the largest to date, entirely virtual due to the Covid Pandemic held in September 2021 and entirely hosted by the ICOET Steering Committee with assistance from the Road Ecology Center at the University of California – Davis (UC Davis). This pooled fund will support the next conference in June of 2023 that will be a hybrid conference with the in-person part occurring in Burlington, Vermont.  ICOET continues to serve as an invaluable conduit for transportation and ecology professionals to share applicable research and best practices, and to transfer knowledge between experienced practitioners and future leaders.  The ICOET program includes podium presentations, posters on current research, field trips, and exhibits on topics of interest to researchers, biologists, engineers, planners, project managers, administrators, and policy makers. The folks that regularly attend ICOET represent hundreds of professionals that work for government, Tribal, academic, non-governmental and private industry from the United States and other countries. The 2021 conference had 581 participants from 29 countries.  This new pooled fund will supersede the previous pooled fund (TPF 5-452) that was completed on December 31, 2021.  Provide one ICOET Conference in 2023 for communication, technology transfer and information sharing among transportation professionals on ecology issues and transportation. The ICOET Conference for 2023 will be in Vermont cohosted by the Vermont Agency of Transportation and the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, with support from FHWA and organized by the Road Ecology Center at the UC Davis.  There will also be a hybrid component to the conference that folks can attend virtually.  Building on the 2021 ICOET Conference this 12th biennial conference in 2023 will:  • Bring experts around the world to exchange knowledge & best practices on the interrelationship of ecology & transportation.  • The sharing of ideas through presentations, panel discussion, breaks, lunches, receptions, and field trips.  • Expand the shared knowledge and learn about the cutting edge of science on the topic of ecology and transportation. |

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| **Progress this Quarter (includes meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.):**  Had virtual Teams Meeting with all the participating states and the contractor (UC Davis) on Feb 23rd. Working with the states to transfer funds to Washington state for the pooled fund. The conference is in June in Vermont both in person with a hybrid component. Finalizing the task order with UC Davis for the conference. |
| **Anticipated work next quarter**:  Waiting for final funds to be transferred, then, WSDOT can sign the task order with UC Davis. 7 participating states are  providing $64,000 for the conference. |

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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:** |