

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT 1

Study Title: Coordination of Pavement Activities in the Northeast
Project Number – TPF-5(62)

Research Agency: Connecticut Transportation Institute
179 Middle Turnpike U-202
Storrs, Connecticut 06259-5202

Project Started: July 1, 2003
Funds Programmed: \$80,240
Funds Spent & Encumbered as of 9/30/03: \$ 15,000
Period Reported: 7/1/03 – 9/30/03
Date Report Prepared: 9/30/03

Work Items: Below are listed by task the work performed during this quarter.

1. Project Management and Direction – The project Advisory Panel was formed. The first meeting of the panel was held 8/14/03 in Danbury, CT. Minutes of the meeting were sent to all states for review and comment. The next Advisory Panel meeting will be held at the Annual TRB Meeting in January, 2004.

Policies and Procedures for the project have been drafted and comments requested from all states.

Each state DOT was contacted to set up and conduct a survey of pavement needs in each state. This activity will be completed 10/7/03 when the last state is interviewed. The initial results of the needs survey will be presented at the upcoming NEAUPG meeting.

2. Coordination – We experienced problems with electronic communications initially. These problems have been overcome, hopefully.

3. Website – Work on this item was delayed to focus on assembling and analyzing regional needs. The panel determined that electronic communication, via the web, will be used to provide information to the states rather than a paper newsletter. Cost is the main factor in this decision.

4. Library – Cataloging continues. Methods to extract pavement related information via key words is being employed.

5. Newsletter – Work deleted. See 3. above.

6. Technology Transfer and implementation – Work in this area has been significantly reduced to focus on efforts in 1. above.

Problems Encountered: None. The project budget has been revised to address panel concerns and direction.

Significant Findings: None

Anticipated work for Next Quarter:

- 1 – Complete needs survey. Initial results to be presented at the October, 2003 NEAUPG Meeting.
- 2 – Complete Policies and Procedures.
- 3 – Develop draft website and initiate trial usage of the website.

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