**TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM**

**QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

Date: 18 April 2016

Lead Agency : Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development

**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(273) | **Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period:**X Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31)□ Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30)□ Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30)□Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31) |
| **Project Title:****Latin American Trade and Transportation Studies** |
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| **Lead Agency Project ID:****13-ITTS** | **Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):****2000004871/H.005319.5** | **Project Start Date:****1 Dec 2012**  |
| **Original Project End Date:** **30 Jun 2017** | **Current Project End Date:** **30 Jun 2017** | **Number of Extensions:** **0** |

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** |
| $1,519,083 |  $340,706.64 |  27% |

***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** |
| $340,706.64 (22%) | $63,905.20 | 27% |

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| **Project Description**:**OBJECTIVES:**The purpose of ITTS is to estimate trade volumes with Latin America and other international trade, evaluate infrastructure investments needed to support growth in international trade, and develop strategies to guide infrastructure investments. The overall goal is to help the Southeastern Transportation Alliance states develop their competitive advantages to capture trade opportunities and the associated economic benefits.   The scope of work will consist of, but not be limited to, the following:* Update the Latin America Trade and Transportation Study but expand to include all international trade.
* Organize and facilitate workshops attended by ITTS member states to review trade forecasts and freight flows, and to present and compare member state transportation plans to ensure proper coordination.
* Organize and sponsor an annual “Freight in the Southeast” conference to provide a continuing education and peer exchange opportunity for member states.
* Within budgetary allowances, provide support to member states such as speaking at member state conferences, offering expert advice, etc.
* Provide technical assistance in meeting the requirements of MAP-21 including but not limited to State Freight Plans, Freight networks and identifying Regional Freight corridors.

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| **Progress this Quarter (includes meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.):**NetworkStates approved the SHIFT Model* Discussions with States on the 41K network model
* Continued coordination with ITTS States on SHIFT Model, which was sent to States for review
* Conference call with Peer Group on SHIFT model, waiting for additional comments from States.
* Worked with states on the Primary Highway Freight Network with FHWA.

Data* Meet with BTS and FHWA staff to discuss updates on freight programs at TRB
* Had phone call with FEAT Group

Communications* Prepared meeting notes for ITTS Member states for conference calls and ongoing administrative tasks
* Shared emails with states on USDOT FAST updates
* Updated website (date, shape files, videos, etc.)
* Truck parking peer group meeting via teleconference
* Webinar on FHWA Office of Highway Policy Information on their work on transportation data
* Webinar with Dr. Joel Schofer on trends in freight data
* Attended the Mississippi Intermodal Council meeting and Legislative Breakfast while visiting with Mississippi DOT staff
* ITTS Conference agenda finalized, including working with other groups
* ITTS Website developed for online registration, including developing a StarChapter account
* Evaluated software for conference registration
* Meet with Omni to discuss the ITTS Conference
* Discussed summer meeting with Cheryl Ball and Laura for June 13-14 in Kansas City

Service to States* Meet with Kentucky and West Virginia
* Meet with LA DOTD to discuss paper on Performance Metrics
* Had ongoing individual discussions with member states on FAST Act provisions and network attributes

Related Tasks* Attended TRB Annual meeting, led panel on the CFS workshop in October
* Organizational calls on the FEAT Model
* Organized conference calls on the National Freight Strategic Plan, the FAST Act, FHWA Office of Highway Policy Information
* Continued work on the ITTS Freight in the Southeast Conference, including coordination with TRB and AASHTO/FHWA
* Assisted AAPA/IRPT/AASHTO port survey
* Presented paper on Mississippi River Trade at Challenges of Natural Resource Economics and
* Policy, March 20-22, 2016 • New Orleans, LA
* Attending M-70 Meetings in Cincinnati Ohio
* Attended several FASTLANE webinars
* Attended US DOT listening session in New Orleans
* ITTS Conference- finalized agenda, set up registrations, reviewed menus and formats, website, design, budget
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| **Anticipated work next quarter**:Network* Get the FEAT Model under contract

Data* Tableau for Waterway datasets

Communications* Newsletters
* Set up conference calls for member states
* ITTS Summer Work Plan meeting
* Hold ITTS Freight in the Southeast Conference, including closing out records

Service to States* Moderate Critical Commodities Conference session
* Ongoing work related to FAST Freight activities

Related Tasks*
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| **Significant Results:** Planning for the ITTS Freight in the Southeast ConferenceAssisting Member States on FAST bill discussionsFinalized the SHIFT Model |
| **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:**  |