

**TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM
QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

Date: March 31, 2017

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): Indiana DOT

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.

Transportation Pooled Fund Program Project # <i>(i.e. SPR-2(XXX), SPR-3(XXX) or TPF-5(XXX))</i> <u>TPF 5-253</u>		Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31)	
Project Title: Evaluation of Member Level Redundancy in Built-up Steel Members			
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Lead Agency Project ID:		Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):	Project Start Date: 9/1/2011
Original Project End Date: 8/31/2014		Current Project End Date: 7/31/2016	Number of Extensions: One

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
\$700,000	\$613,657	96%

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
\$57,026	8.1 %	100%

Project description:

The objective of this research project is to quantify the redundancy possessed by built-up members. For example, a riveted built-up member will not typically “fail” if one of the components fractures. However, there is very little experimental data which is available to quantify the remaining fatigue life or strength of a member in which one of the components has failed. Furthermore, if built-up members are located in bridges classified as fracture critical, when significant member redundancy can be shown the bridge may not need to be classified as FC. However, doing so would release these members from the more rigorous arms-length inspection currently required. As a result, should a component fail, it may go undetected for an extended interval. Thus, a portion of the project is devoted to setting rational inspection intervals for these members. Lastly, the advantages of using built-up members fabricated with HPS components fastened using HS bolts in new construction will also be explored.

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

- Presented Final Draft Guide Specification for design and evaluation of flexural members to AASHTO T-14 and T-18, and FHWA for review.
- Continued with FEA parametric studies for axially loaded members
- Prepared ballot-ready Guide Specification for consideration for 2017 SCOBS meeting (note, this ballot was withdrawn due to a clerical issue on the part of AASHTO.)
- Developed step-by-step examples to provide guidance on how to use the proposed Guide Specifications.

Anticipated work next quarter:

- Continue working on parametric studies associated with axial members.
- Test additional prototype axial test specimen.
- Prepare a new ballot for evaluating flexural members for consideration by AASHTO T-14 for the August mid-year meeting in Denver.

Significant results:

During the past quarter, the major steps forward included:

1. Gained additional support from AASHTO T-14 and FHWA to prepare ballot item related to specifications for evaluating internal redundancy in built up members.
2. Design and testing of the second axially loaded specimen.

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, with recommended solutions to those problems).

Potential Implementation:

Working with T-18, T-14, and FHWA to develop specification language for implementation of results into MBE for riveted members subjected to flexure. Draft AASHTO-ready specification language has been prepared and the RT will continue to work with AASHTO to move the research into practice.