

**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.*

<b>Transportation Pooled Fund Program Project #</b> <i>(i.e., SPR-2(XXX), SPR-3(XXX) or TPF-5(XXX))</i>  <u><b>TPF 5-238</b></u>	<b>Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period:</b> <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)	
<b>Project Title:</b> <b>Design and Fabrication Standards to Eliminate Fracture Critical Concerns in Steel Members Traditionally Classified as Fracture Critical</b>		
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<b>Lead Agency Project ID:</b>	<b>Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):</b>	<b>Project Start Date:</b> 8/1/2011
<b>Original Project End Date:</b> 7/31/2014	<b>Current Project End Date:</b> 7/31/2014	<b>Number of Extensions:</b> None

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
<b>\$790,000</b>	<b>\$790,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Project Description:**

The objective of this research project is to take advantage of the major advances that have occurred in the past 30 years in the following areas related to fracture control in steel bridges:

1. The very high toughness of high performance steel (HPS), which was not available 30 years ago, can be used to take brittle fracture off the table so to speak. Crack arrest and very large defect tolerance can be ensured in these steels. Similar strategies have been employed by other industries for several years.
2. Modern fatigue design and detailing can ensure fatigue cracking does not occur.
3. Modern fabrication, shop inspection and the AWS FCP, greatly reduces the likelihood that defects are not introduced during fabrication. Advancements in NDT techniques along with technologies not regularly used, such as phased array UT have the potential to further reduce the chance of a defect being missed.

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

- Draft Final report summarizing Phase II full-scale testing and FEA is was completed

**Anticipated work next quarter:**

- Submit Phase II final report for review in April 2017

**Significant Results:**

During the past quarter, the major steps forward included:

1. The final report for Phase II was nearly completed

**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).**

**Potential Implementation:**

None to date