

## TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT):   FHWA  

**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>  TPF-5(211)	<b>Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31) 2017 <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30) 2017 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30) 2017 <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31) 2017	
<b>Project Title:</b> Bridge Pier Scour Research		
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<b>Lead Agency Project ID:</b>	<b>Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):</b>	<b>Project Start Date:</b>
<b>Original Project End Date:</b>	<b>Current Project End Date:</b>	<b>Number of Extensions:</b>

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

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date

**Project Description:**

The present evaluation shows that, while the individual scour influences of the many bridge waterway variables are now well understood for simple or standard pier designs, and that recently developed scour estimation methods attempt to encompass these influences, there are several sources of substantial complexity that complicate the development of reliable comprehensive design relationship for estimating scour depth at piers:

- Complexity of flow field
- The fundamental problem of simultaneously scaling three scales (flow depth, bed material size and, structure size)
- Variations in channel boundary materials
- Differences in pier structure
- The complicating interaction of pier scour and other boundary erosion processes , such as accumulation of woody debris, ice bridge over-topping, abutment proximity, channel morphology, bedforms
- The large number of parameters involved

The TFHRC Hydraulics Laboratory will collaborate on this proposed research and will provide Lab capabilities and technical assistance.

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

- Reviewed current scour evaluation methods relevant to pier scour in cohesive soils.
- Studied original development documents to verify applicability and limitations.
- Developed computational fluid dynamics (CFD) and computational multiphysics modeling (CMM) simulation approaches to visualize and evaluate the formation of pier scour.
- Collected more information and further investigated hydraulic power decay functions near bridge piers.
- Investigated risk-based approach for scour evaluation.
- Reporting and documentation.

**Anticipated work next quarter:**

- Reporting and documentation.

**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).**

None to report.

**Potential Implementation:**

