**TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM**

**QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): \_\_Maine 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.*

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| **Transportation Pooled Fund Program Project #**  *TPF-5(373)* | | **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:**  **New England Transportation Consortium VII** | | | |
| **Name of Project Manager(s):**  **Dale Peabody** | **Phone Number:**  **207-624-3305** | | **E-Mail**  dale.peabody@maine.gov |
| **Lead Agency Project ID:**  **23430.18** | **Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):** | | **Project Start Date:**  1/4/2018 |
| **Original Project End Date:**  **June 30, 2022** | **Current Project End Date:**  **June 30, 2022** | | **Number of Extensions:** |

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** |
| $2,400,000 | 0 | 0 |

***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** |
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| **Project Description**:  A transportation research program, where research projects are conducted primarily by the Land Grant  Universities of the New England states. This study was preceded by TPF-5(222), TPF-5(201), TPF-5(168),  SPR-3(089), SPR-3(029), and SPR-3(009). Other State DOTs may participate in individual research projects  by providing funds and a project technical committee member to represent their agency.   The New England Transportation Consortium (NETC) is a research cooperative between the state DOTs of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. The NETC is a valuable  regional partnership for the identification, prosecution and dissemination of shared transportation research initiatives. The NETC represents:  ◾Financial leveraging opportunities and regional partnerships.  ◾Stronger partnerships between university faculty and state DOTs.  ◾User-defined, diverse research topics.  ◾Opportunities for research dissemination and training to practitioners in the field.   Now in its third decade, the NETC was developed to help New England states meet their special research  needs by pooling resources and expertise. The NETC is now a well-established successful multistate  partnership. |

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| **Progress this Quarter (includes meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.):**  A request for proposals for NETC coordinator services was issued with four proposals being submitted. The proposal  team has reviewed and ranked these proposals. We are currently in cost negotiations with the highest ranked team.  NETC received 12 research problem statements for the FY18 research cycle and three new projects were selected for  funding. The projects are:     * Development of MASH Computer Simulated Steel Bridge Rail and Transition Details * Framework of Asphalt Balanced Mix Design for New England Agencies * Integration of Unmanned Aircraft Systems into DOTs   Technical Committee representatives are being assigned to these new projects. |
| **Anticipated work next quarter**:  Complete negotiations for the coordinator services and enter contract.  Hold Technical Committee kickoff meetings for the three new projects, draft scope of work and prepare/post request for proposals. |

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| **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).** |

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| **Potential Implementation:** |