

Transportation Pooled Fund Program

Project Title: “Improving the Quality of Pavement Profiler Measurement”		
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Reporting Period: July 1 through September 30, 2006	Multi Year Project Four Year	
Description of Work Performed and Progress:		
<p>The following list of priorities is adjusted for priority one and has been reaffirmed by the TAC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reference Profile Device (development of) – RFP’s under development. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a.) Golden Footprint 2. Critical Profile Accuracy Requirements (definition) - Completed 3. Construction Acceptance and Correction Software (acquisition of existing) - Ongoing 4. Certification / Validation Sites – On Hold for completion of Priority One. 5. Evaluating Upper Limits of Single Accelerometer and Single Height Sensor – Contractor is on board. 6. Emerging Technology That Enhances Profile Measurement - Ongoing 7. Portable Validation Device Feasibility – On Hold. 8. Lightweight Profilers Unique Problems – Ongoing. 9. Portable Validation Device Implementation. On Hold. <p>Priority One – Reference Device(s): At the Des Moines, IA meeting, the TAC reviewed the final RFP for the bench mark testing solicitation. A Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) by FHWA is being considered for the solicitations for the actual pavement profiling reference device. It was agreed that we were not seeking one device, but would look at providing partial funding to assist with the development of several devices. The RFP for the benchmark testing is being fine tuned by the contracting officer and the contracting officer’s technical representative and is scheduled for release in mid-October. The BAA will follow within one or two months of the release of the benchmark testing solicitation.</p> <p>Priority Two: Completed. The “Defining of Critical Profile Accuracy Requirements” final report was delivered to the FHWA. The project was conducted by Steve Karamihas from the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI). A copy of the final draft is available that the pooled fund web site: http://www.pooledfund.org/projectdetails.asp?id=280&status=4.</p> <p>Priority Three: The latest version (2.70.004) of ProVAL is available as of August 31st for download free of charge at the website: www.roadprofile.com. The ProVAL support contract has been modified to add two additional years of with a completion date of August 31, 2008.</p> <p>Priority Five - Evaluating Upper Limits of Single Accelerometer and Single Height Sensor: The project has begun with Dr.’s Nicolas Gagarine and James Mekemson of Starodub, Inc. providing the research and report. There have been two satisfactory progress reports to date.</p>		

Funding - There is currently \$1,100,600.00 of obligated funds from the participating STD's in the pooled fund study account. A total of \$1.43 Million has been committed to the project over the four year time frame from the participating SHA's. When combined with FHWA funding, a total of \$2,007,700 has been committed to this pooled fund study.

Participating State Highway Departments: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas and Wisconsin. Also assisting FHWA Federal Lands, FHWA LTPP, and FHWA Office of Pavement Technology (HIPT).

Note: A web site has been developed to manage all of the pooled fund study proposals, solicitations and projects. The TPF-5(063) Profile Quality study can be found at:
<http://www.pooledfund.org/projectdetails.asp?id=280&status=4>.

NEXT MEETING: The next full TAC meeting has not been scheduled. Two subcommittees have been formed. The first to assist with the final development of the BAA for the pavement profile reference device. A second committee will be assisting with the review of the ProVAL software development.

STATUS AND COMPLETION DATE

Percentage of work completed to date for total project
Project is: 60 %

_____ on schedule X behind schedule, explain:
Request for Proposals for Priority One Bench Mark Testing will be announced during the first quarter of FHWA FY2006.

Expected Completion Date: September 30, 2007

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