**TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM**

**QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

**Lead Agency: Utah Department of Transportation**

**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(526)** | **Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period:** \_ Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31, 2023) \_ Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30, 2023)\_ Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30, 2023)**x Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31, 2023)** |
| **Project Title:**Western Transportation Research Consortium |
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| **Lead Agency Project ID:**FINET 42115, ePM PIN 21525UDOT PIC No. PL05.526 | **Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):** UDOT Contract No. (pending)  | **Project Start Date:** November 2023 (TPF study #) |
| **Original Project End Date:**September 2026 | **Current Project End Date:** September 2026 | **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** |
| Total commitments = $420,000.00Obligated to date = $45,000.00(contract pending) | Contract spent = $0.00Contract support = $0.00Total spent = $0.00 | 0% |

***Quarterly*** Project Statistics:

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|  **Total Project Expenses**  **and Percentage This Quarter (contract)** |  **Total Amount of Funds**  **Expended This Quarter (contract)** |  **Total Percentage of**  **Time Used to Date (project)** |
| 0% | $0.00 | 5% |

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| **Project Description**:AASHTO RAC Region IV presents this transportation pool funded initiative to conduct strategic research and foster collaboration among member states. Its purpose is to pool the financial, professional, and academic resources of the region to develop improved methods of dealing with common problems in the planning, design, construction, maintenance, management and operation of transportation systems. The consortium will gather DOT research and innovation professionals, virtually or in-person, to prioritize transportation needs and allocate resources. It will also address high priority transportation research topics of common interest to RAC IV states. The lead state will manage contracted services and adhere to the consortium charter.Benefits of the partnership include:* Regional collaboration on common problems will allow participants to more effectively use its resources.
* Collaboration will provide an effective way to focus resources on the Region’s transportation research priorities.
* The program will provide an additional way to leverage research and technology transfer funding of the state DOTs.
* The program will provide a means to define, support and share technology of mutual interest.
* The program will provide a method for Peer Exchange support.
* The partnership will develop a longer-range plan of collaboration (strategic plan).
* A focused program will help promote interest in transportation related fields by researchers and students within the research institutions in the region.

The program is intended to supplement, not to replace, ongoing state, federal, and university research activities and other national programs such as the National Cooperative Highway Research Program. It is intended to reduce duplication of research and provide means for better communication of on-going research activities in the state research programs.UDOT intends to hire a firm or university as the Administrative Coordinator consultant for the consortium and a number of firms or universities as Research consultants for specific studies, all through qualifications-based selection using a series of Solicitations (Requests for Qualifications). The technical advisory committee (TAC) for the study currently includes representatives from UT, CA, ID, MT, NM, OK, TX, and WA state DOTs.**Partner states in the consortium are encouraged to transfer their 2024 funding commitments to UDOT in January 2024. The Y560 program funds are preferred for the SPR funding transfers.** |

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| **Progress this Quarter (includes meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.):****Tasks** – Not yet finalized for contract.**Meetings** – No TAC meetings were held this quarter.**Contract** – Pending. UDOT worked on a draft charter for the consortium and a draft RFP/RFQ for the Administrative Coordinator. |
| **Anticipated work next quarter**:**Tasks** – Not yet finalized for contract.**Meetings** – A TAC meeting may be held this quarter to discuss the draft consortium documents.**Contract** – Pending. UDOT will share the draft charter for the consortium and the draft RFP/RFQ for the Administrative Coordinator with the TAC for review. Then, based on availability of transferred funds, UDOT will move forward with the Administrative Coordinator solicitation process. |

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| **Significant Results:**None yet. |
| **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. |

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| **Potential Implementation:**  |