**TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM**

**QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

Date: 30 January 2016

Lead Agency : Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development

**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 #***(i.e, SPR-2(XXX), SPR-3(XXX) or TPF-5(XXX)*TPF-5(273) | **Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period:**□ Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31)□ Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30)□ Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30)X Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31) |
| **Project Title:****Latin American Trade and Transportation Studies** |
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| **Lead Agency Project ID:****13-ITTS** | **Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):****2000004871/H.005319.5** | **Project Start Date:****1 Dec 2012**  |
| **Original Project End Date:** **30 Jun 2017** | **Current Project End Date:** **30 Jun 2017** | **Number of Extensions:** **0** |

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** |
| $1,519,083 |  $340,706.64 |  27% |

***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** |
| $340,706.64 (22%) | $63,905.20 | 27% |

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| **Project Description**:**OBJECTIVES:**The purpose of ITTS is to estimate trade volumes with Latin America and other international trade, evaluate infrastructure investments needed to support growth in international trade, and develop strategies to guide infrastructure investments. The overall goal is to help the Southeastern Transportation Alliance states develop their competitive advantages to capture trade opportunities and the associated economic benefits.   The scope of work will consist of, but not be limited to, the following:* Update the Latin America Trade and Transportation Study but expand to include all international trade.
* Organize and facilitate workshops attended by ITTS member states to review trade forecasts and freight flows, and to present and compare member state transportation plans to ensure proper coordination.
* Organize and sponsor an annual “Freight in the Southeast” conference to provide a continuing education and peer exchange opportunity for member states.
* Within budgetary allowances, provide support to member states such as speaking at member state conferences, offering expert advice, etc.
* Provide technical assistance in meeting the requirements of MAP-21 including but not limited to State Freight Plans, Freight networks and identifying Regional Freight corridors.

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| **Progress this Quarter (includes meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.):**Network* SHIFT Model project management
* Organized webinar by Kentucky on integrating probe data into performance measures
* Had several meetings on the SHIFT Model, including reviewing the training models with CDMSmith

Data* CFS Data meetings with FHWA
* Had initial meetings on FEAT model with Cambridge Systematics and Mississippi DOT

Communications* Conducted webinars for member states on Bluetooth technologies for traffic assignment calibration (Florida DOT)
* Several organizational meetings on the ITTS Freight in the Southeast Conference.
* Attended New Orleans State of the Port and other local freight meetings
* Worked on I-95 Capstone review panel (several ITTS members were involved)
* Released ITTS Newsletter
* Participated in USDOT Megaregion meeting, reviewing national freight plan
* Spoke at AASHTO Meeting

Service to States* Provided comments to LADOTD on their freight plan

Related Tasks* TRB meetings on the CFS and NCFRP projects
* Working with AASHTO and AAPA on waterway survey on infrastructure needs
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| **Anticipated work next quarter**:Network* Finish SHIFT Model including data and training for member states
* Develop SOW for FEAT Model

Data* Finish Tableau data integration for waterway datasets

Communications* Update ITTS website
* ITTS Newsletter
* Truck Parking Study
* Webinars for ITTS member states on FAST Provisions, Data, FHWA Office updates

Service to States* Continue organization of the ITTS Freight in the Southeast Conference

Related Tasks* Attend TRB Annual meeting
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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:**  |