**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(349)** | **Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period:**\_ Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31, 2020)\_ Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30, 2020)\_ Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30, 2020)**X Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31, 2020)** |
| **Project Title:**Western Alliance for Quality Transportation Construction (WAQTC) |
| **Name of Project Manager(s):**Scott Nussbaum | **Phone Number:** 801-726-9065 | **E-Mail** snussbaum@utah.gov |
| **Lead Agency Project ID:**FINET 42079, PIN 15004 | **Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):** 1st UDOT Contract No. 17-9182 2nd UDOT Contract No. 21-8438 | **Project Start Date:** June 14, 2016 (pooled fund) June 27, 2017 (1st contract)November 10, 2020 (2nd contract) |
| **Original Project End Date:**September 30, 2021 (pooled fund) | **Current Project End Date:**November 30, 2020 (1st contract SOW)November 30, 2021 (2nd contract SOW)September 30, 2021 (pooled fund) | **Number of Extensions:** 1st contract: 7 contract mods 2nd contract: no mods |

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 = $351,000.00Current obligated funds = $470,518.971st contract amount = $333,141.332nd (current) contract amount = $93,281.57Fund balance not on contract = $97,913.32 | $298,081.23 (from 1st contract)$0.00 (from 2nd contract)$5,242.85 (contract management) | Goals are ongoing, no end date |

***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** |
| 2% (1st contract) | $6,137.40 (1st contract) | 86% (project) |

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| **Project Description**:WAQTC is focused in three main areas: Standardizing test methods (WAQTC, AASHTO, and ASTM), accreditation of the Transportation Technician Qualification Program (TTQP), and working together on national programs of significance including research, training, and technology deployment.The WAQTC Mission Statement is to: “Provide leadership in the pursuit of continuously improving quality in transportation construction.”An Executive Board consisting of at least one representative of each member agency governs the WAQTC.Through our partnership, we will: • promote an atmosphere of trust, cooperation, and communication between government agencies and the private sector • respond in a unified and consistent manner to identified quality improvement needs and new technologies that impact the products that we provide • provide a forum to promote uniform test standards • provide highly skilled, knowledgeable materials sampling and testing technicians • provide reciprocity for Qualified testing technicians among accredited Agencies TPF-5(349) funds the continued development and refinement of the TTQP, including: • Maintaining and revising the six existing WAQTC TTQP training and certification courses in coordination with member state agencies; • Distributing training materials, including training manuals, PowerPoint presentations, and written and practical exams, to member states; • Maintaining the WAQTC website; and • Developing and presenting proposed revisions and new standards to the AASHTO Subcommittee on Materials. ***IMPORTANT UPDATE:******UDOT is transitioning the WAQTC pooled fund from TPF-5(349) to a new TPF study number in 2021. See TPF Solicitation # 1544. As such, partner agencies are requested to zero out their 2021 funding commitment on TPF-5(349) and instead place the 2021 funding commitment (and following years' commitments) on the new TPF Solicitation # 1544.*** |

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| **Progress this Quarter (includes meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.):**A new solicitation was issued and a new contract issued for consultant services to the WAQTC. The Executive Board met via Video Conference on November 6 to review, discuss, and make decisions regarding:* Administration Manual and updates to the “Registration, Policies, and Information Handbook’
* AASHTO re:source written exam review results, specifically the confusion and direction regarding the use of WAQTC in accreditations other than R18, including ASTM D3740 and ASTM 1077.
* TFASH T 312 and ASTM D6925 harmonization – Oak
* COVID-19-related accommodations for certification.

A task force organized by the executive board met on December 17 to review the feasibility, effort, and desirability of modifying the WAQTC certification exams to meet the requirements of ASTM D3740 (Soi), ASTM C1077 (Aggregate), and ASTM C1077 (Concrete). A recommendation was made to the board to instruct the QAC to pursue compliance with ASTM D3740. A clarification in exam requirements.2021 Training Materials and Exams were distributed to member states. |
| **Anticipated work next quarter**:The QAC will meet in January to review AASHTO specification changes, and to update and modify WAQTC training and exam materials. The executive Board will meet to review the recommendations of the QAC and Exam Task Force. |

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| **Significant Results:**2021 Training Materials and Exams were distributed to member states. |
| **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).**The COVID-19 pandemic reduced ability to travel and meet in-person. |

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| **Potential Implementation:**Planned Training and Certification Program Updates for continued compliance with AASHTO Standards.Revisions to AASHTO Standards in process. |