

State of Wisconsin/Department of Transportation
RESEARCH PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING: December 31, 2008

Program: SPR-0010(36) FFY99	Part: II Research and Development
Project Title: Mississippi Valley Freight Info Clearinghouse Administrative Contact: Peter Rafferty WisDOT Technical Contact: John Corbin Approved by COR/Steering Committee: \$150,000 Project Investigator (agency & contact): David Noyce, UW-Madison, 608-265-1882, noyce@engr.wisc.edu	Project ID: MVFC 06 Sponsor: MVFC Pooled Fund Approved Starting Date: 12/1/07 Approved Ending Date: 2/22/09

Description:

Total study budget	Current FFY budget	Expenditures for current quarter	Total Expenditures to date	Percent Complete
\$150,000	\$80,000	\$20,000	\$68,000	45%

Progress This Quarter:

(Includes project committee mtgs, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.)

Project working group continues to meet every week. Items of discussion include project schedule, current tasks, and upcoming tasks. Other meetings include the MVTOC teleconference(s) and associated project-specific status teleconferences to which everybody who is interested is invited to call in.

In addition to the progress noted on previous quarterly reports, the surveys both to the motor carriers (web) and to DOT personnel / regulators (phone) have been completed and analysis is currently underway. The outreach and contacts have been achieved in collaboration with each state's motor carrier associations and the other two MVFC projects with survey efforts. The surveys were only possible by hiring additional resources to make direct phone calls. Response to the web survey continued to be negligible.

Progress in other areas include feasibility exploration and concept of operations, high level architecture, and the web prototype mockup. Each of these are over 50% completed. The web prototype mockup in particular has already progressed well beyond the scope of this project (freight.engr.wisc.edu).

Work Next Quarter:

Complete analysis of the surveys. With that information, complete portion of report on the concept of operations (data, standards, operations, routing, etc.). Continue work on final report, particularly high level system requirements and cost estimates.

Circumstances affecting progress/budget:

Loss of key PhD-level project lead; tasks have been shifted to others. Surveys had to be completed by telephone. No budget implications, but no cost schedule extension is necessary.

