

State of Wisconsin/Department of Transportation
RESEARCH PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING: June 30, 2009

Program: SPR-0010(36) FFY99	Part: II Research and Development
Project Title: Mississippi Valley Freight Information 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	Project ID: MVFC 06 Sponsor: MVFC Pooled Fund Approved Starting Date: 12/1/07 Approved Ending Date: 8/31/09

Description:

Total study budget	Expenditures for current quarter	Total Expenditures to date	Percent Complete
\$150,000	\$30,000	\$140,000	95%

Progress This Quarter:

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

The project has largely come to its conclusion this quarter. Project working group meetings continued weekly. Items of discussion included project schedule, current tasks, and upcoming tasks. Other meetings included the MVFC annual meeting and 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 now complete and documented in the report. The outreach and contacts were 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. Initial response to the web survey was negligible.

As part of the MVTOC and MVFC Technical Committee conference calls in early March, we presented this project and did a web-based demo of the Clearinghouse prototype. The response was highly agreeable, and all feedback, comments, questions, suggestions, etc. have been addressed in the prototype and documentation.

The prototype and the draft report were reviewed and edited by the internal project team and were available for review at the Coalition meeting in Kansas in mid April.

The project team has collected and addressed all feedback received. The prototype and the report documentation are completed, including recommendations and high level resource estimates for different options of moving forward. These materials will remain available via the Clearinghouse home page: www.mississippivalleyfreight.org/clearinghouse

Work Next Quarter:

This project was largely completed in May as planned. The timeline was extended through the end of the summer as an approved no-cost extension. The only remaining work anticipated is continued questions and answers, information dissemination, and any other follow-up that may be required.

Circumstances affecting progress/budget:

No new issues to report. This project is on time and on budget.

Gantt Chart:

**Mississippi Valley Freight Coalition
Mississippi Valley Freight Traveler Information Clearinghouse**

Account 144-QU58 issued: Monday, Jan 28, 2008

Target completion date: Friday, May 15, 2009 (approved no-cost extension to August 31, 2009)

Schedule:

Task	Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		2008											2009						
		F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J
1. Literature review		█	█	█															
2. Analysis of current agencies in charge of relevant information systems		█	█	█															
3. Analysis and list of current available data/information sources to freight travelers.		█	█	█	█														
4. Motor carriers survey					█	█	█	█	█										
5. Planners/Regulators Survey					█	█	█	█	█										
6. Estimate System Requirements for Clearinghouse						█	█	█											
7. Data set and proposed standard for data collection and collaboration btw states							█	█	█										
8. Study of decision points for routing										█	█	█	█						
9. Create prototype demo for motor carrier groups (basic interface and function)													█	█	█	█			
10. Draft/final report and edits on the clearinghouse and its contents; recommendations discussion															█	█	█	█	█