

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: Develop Regional Recommendations for Reauthorization Administrative Contact: Jason Bittner WisDOT Technical Contact: Beth Nachreiner Approved by COR/Steering Committee: Project Investigator (agency & contact): Teresa Adams, UW-Madison	Project ID: MVFC 09 Sponsor: MVFC Pooled Fund Approved Starting Date: Sept. 1, 2008 Approved Ending Date: June 30, 2009

Description: Develop a regional position relative to freight for reauthorization.

Total study budget	Expenditures for current quarter	Total Expenditures to date	Percent Complete
53,250	-0-	-0-	65%

Progress This Quarter: The project made significant progress in this quarter:

- A project committee and liaisons to the regional policy group were defined
- Three teleconferences were held with the project committee
- Summaries of the AASHTO, ARTBA, AAR, and Chamber positions were developed
- Issue papers and background materials were developed on five specific issues
- A two day meeting of the committee and liaisons was held to define regional positions
- Regional positions were found on all the issues

Work Next Quarter: Over the next quarter:

- Positions will be documented
- Positions will be reviewed by the states and revised as needed
- Information will be collected on projects that might be forthcoming under the recommended freight program
- Out reach materials will be developed for review
- Positions and materials will be approved by the states
- A workshop, which will be held at the MVFC annual meeting in April will be developed

Circumstances affecting progress/budget:

Much of the effort in the project has been accomplished by a CFIRE staff person, whose time has not been charged to the project. Therefore, project costs do not reflect the overall progress.

Gantt Chart:

Task/Month	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J
Prepare and gain approval of a work plan	█									
Identify an advisory/working committee	█									
Identify liaisons with the MVC policy group		█								
Collect and synthesize materials		█								
Identify specific issues		█								
Collect information on potential projects		█	█							
Develop short issue papers		█	█							
Convene the advisory/working/policy groups				█						
Document positions				█	█					
Share positions with the larger MVFC				█	█					
Modify positions as needed					█					
Share positions with the policy group					█					
Finalize positions						█				
Prepare supporting materials							█			
Monitor the process							█	█	█	
Revise positions as needed							█	█	█	█
Interact with MVC policy group	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█

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Based on this schedule, the project is about 2 weeks behind schedule. It will be completed on time.