

# TMC Pooled Fund Study 2020 Annual Meeting – Part II

Friday December 11, 2020  
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM ET

## Attendees

PFS Members Present		FHWA Liaison
1. Jose Camacho (Caltrans)	9. Dominic DeCol (ODOT)	Jon Obenberger
2. Fred Heery (FDOT)	10. David Gaffney (PennDOT)	
3. Matt Glasser (GDOT)	11. Ryan McNary (PennDOT)	
4. Shari Hillard (KSDOT)	12. Adam Moncivaez (TDOT)	
5. Suzette Peplinski (MDOT)	13. David McDonald (TXDOT)	
6. John McClellan (MnDOT)	14. Lisa Miller (UDOT)	
7. Alex Wassman (MoDOT)	15. Ali Farhangi (VDOT)	
8. Dominic Ciaramitaro (NCDOT)	16. Stacey Pierce (WisDOT)	
		Noblis Support
		Cheryl Lowrance Kathy Thompson

## Review Project Selection Process (Alex Wassman)

Twenty (20) projects were identified at the previous quarterly meeting held in June 2020. During Part 1 of the Annual Meeting held on November 16, members proposed an additional project and members prioritized 10 of these 21 projects to consider further. Two-page project proposals were developed for these 10 projects and sent to member prior to the meeting.

**The goal of today’s meeting: review these 10 proposals, discuss & revise them, and vote on the projects to pursue in 2021.**

Similar to previous annual meetings where sticky notes were used for voting, each member state was given 10 votes to allocate as they chose across the 10 projects (e.g. members could give all 10 votes to one project they feel strongly about, give two projects 5 votes each, or give votes of 4, 3, 2, 1 to their ranked top 4, etc.). Members privately messaged Kathy Thompson their votes and she tallied the results in a spreadsheet for the group to review after the voting closed.

The voting results are summarized under *Project Prioritization*.

## **Review Project Proposals (Jon Obenberger)**

Jon briefly reviewed the purpose, objectives and deliverables captured on the 2-page proposals for each project. The members in attendance asked questions, provided comments on the projects or indicated how each project and products may benefit their agency.

## **Select Projects to Initiate in 2021**

A quorum of members was in attendance. Those in attendance would vote for projects the TMC PFS would advance in 2021.

Per Jon, the PFS has \$675,000 cash on hand currently for projects. If the same amount is contributed by agencies in 2021, there would be an additional \$675,000 available to select and initiate projects in 2021. Selecting the projects now to advance in 2021 would allow these projects to advance when funding is received by the TMC PFS in 2021. There is also the potential for projects identified as priorities but not selected to receive TMC PFS funding in 2021, to be advanced as priorities with other sources (e.g., FHWA, NCHRP Program), in support these groups funding or selecting and advancing the projects.

The TMC PFS members agreed to allocate the funding already available to the TMC PFS and to be received in 2021 to the projects identified as Tier 1 and 2 priorities. Three scopes of work will be developed, and projects advanced into the procurement process in the second quarter of CY 2021. The scopes of work for the two Tier 2 projects will be developed, and the projects will be advanced into the procurement process as funding is incrementally available to the TMC PFS (e.g., third quarter CY 2021). Jon will work with the TMC PFS co-chairs to develop and advance proposals for the Tier 3 priorities with other stakeholders to consider these proposed projects.

## **Project Prioritization**

The following is a summary of the results of the final voting:

**Tier 1:** Projects to initiate now using funding already available to TMC PFS (\$650K)

- Project 21 - Sharing Information and Practices on TMS Emerging Topics (\$200K now and \$200K when funding is available to TMC PFS in 2021)
- Project 8 - Integrating and Using New Data Sources in TMS Data and Software (\$250K)
- Project 13 - Options for TMSs to Receive and Share Data from Multiple Sources (\$200K)

**Tier 2:** Projects to initiate when 2021 funding is made available to TMC PFS (\$650K)

- Project 5 - Planning for and Developing Multi-year Plans to Guide a TMSs Strategic Direction, Future Investments or Improvements, and Evolution (\$250K)
- Project 19 - Using Data from Social media to Improve the Management and Operation of TMSs (\$200K)

**Tier 3:** Projects to obtain support from other sources (e.g., NCHRP Program, FHWA) to advance (\$1,025K)

- Project 15 - (Tie) Developing or Updating Staffing Plans to Support TMS Operations (\$225K)
- Project 16 - (Tie) Preparing for and Enabling Remote Operation of TMSs During Planned or Unplanned Events (\$225K)
- Project 1 - Traffic Management Systems Capabilities and Performance (\$225K)
- Project 11 - Subsystems Assessing the Capabilities, Needs and Requirements for Virtual Operation of TMSs (\$225K)
- Project 2 - Develop Concepts and Requirements for a Community College Curriculum for a Traffic Operations Technician to Support TMC Operations (\$125K)

**Next Steps:**

1. An email summarizing the projects selected to advance in 2021 along with a supporting power point presentation will be sent to the TMC PFS members. This email will also ask for TMC PFS members to volunteer to be lead points of contact for the Tier 1 and 2 projects or to volunteers from their agency to be on the informal technical review team for each project.
2. The two-page proposals for the tier 1, 2 and 3 projects will be updated in early January.
3. The email requesting agencies to submit their contribution for 2021 to the TMC PFS will be sent in January. The power point capturing the projects to be advanced in 2021 will accompany this email. We will also prepare a 2-page summary providing an overview of the TMC PFS, highlight the projects completed, projects underway, and activities being advanced or participating to support members initiating their requests for funding for the TMC PFS for 2021.

**Upcoming Meetings**

**Next Quarterly Meeting Date/Time:** March 3, 2021; 1:00 – 4:00 PM ET

**Agenda:**

- Introductions and Review of Agenda
  - Update on Current TMC PFS Projects
  - Update on Current TMC PFS Activities
  - Member Updates
  - Review Agendas for Upcoming TMC PFS Meetings
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- Members Identified to Provide Updates:
    - Arizona
    - California
    - Delaware
    - Florida
    - Georgia
    - Illinois
    - Iowa
    - Kansas
    - Maryland
    - Michigan
    - Nevada
    - New Jersey
    - New York
    - Texas
    - Virginia
    - Washington
    - Illinois Tollway Authority

**ACTION:** Members listed above will receive a reminder and project template by mid- February to prepare member updates for the Quarterly meeting.