

**NEW ENGLAND TRANSPORTATION CONSORTIUM
QUARTERLY PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT**

A. PROJECT NUMBER AND TITLE:

Project: NETC 18-1

**Title: Development of MASH Computer Simulated Steel Bridge Rail and Transition Details
State Project No.: 023430.18**

B. PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S) & UNIVERSITY(S):

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D. START DATE (Per NETC Agreement): 09-October 2018

E. END DATE (Per NETC Agreement): 31-December 2019

F. ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE: 31-December 2019

G. PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of the project are to: 1) review existing NETC bridge rail and AGT designs and assess performance aspects to determine preliminary MASH compliance/equivalency, 2) review current standard details and specifications for NETC style bridge rails and transitions used by MaineDOT, NHDOT, RIDOT and VTrans to identify differences in material specifications and dimensional details and 3) evaluate the crash performance of the NETC bridge rail and approach guardrail transition (AGT) designs using finite element analysis (FEA) computer simulation. The impact conditions and assessment procedures for the FEA will conform to the specifications in *MASH* for TL-3 or TL-4 (as appropriate) and will include evaluations of structural capacity of the railing, risk of occupant injury, and vehicle stability during impact and redirection. The systems included in the evaluation are listed below along with the target test level for each system:

- Bridge Rail Systems:
 - NETC curb-mounted 2-Bar Rail (TL3)
 - NETC curb-mounted 3-Bar Rail (TL4) (4-bar curb mounted NETC rail would be considered equivalent to this type)
 - NETC sidewalk-mounted 4-Bar Rail (TL4)
- Bridge Rail Transitions:
 - NETC Style 2-Bar Rail to Thrie Beam (TL3) (NHDOT steel rail transition)
 - NETC Style 3-Bar Rail to Thrie Beam (TL4) (NHDOT steel rail transition)
 - Concrete Transition Barrier to Thrie Beam (TL4) (MaineDOT standard detail)

Project Tasks

- Task 1: Literature Review and Preliminary Assessment of Current Designs
- Task 2: FEA Model Development and Validation of Baseline R350 Design(s)

- a) Develop model of sidewalk-mounted 4-bar bridge rail based on existing validated model reevaluate validity against Test NETC 3.
 - b) Develop model of NETC AGT for 2-Bar bridge rail and validate with Test 401181-1 (R350 Test 3-21).
- Task 3: MASH TL-4 Simulations for NETC 3-Bar Bridge Rail
 - Task 4: MASH TL-4 Simulations for NHDOT 3-Bar Transition
 - Task 5: MASH TL-4 Simulations for NETC 4-Bar Bridge Rail
 - Task 6: MASH TL-4 Simulations for MaineDOT 4-Bar Transition
 - Task 7: MASH TL-3 Simulations for NETC 2-Bar Bridge Rail
 - Task 8: MASH TL-3 Simulations for NETC 2-Bar Transition

H. REPORT PERIOD: January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019

I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS PERIOD:

- **Task 2:** Finite Element Model Development and Validation of Baseline Designs completed.
- **Task 3:** MASH TL-4 Simulations for NETC 3-Bar bridge rail completed.
- **Task 4:** MASH TL-4 Simulations for NHDOT 3-Bar Transition initiated.

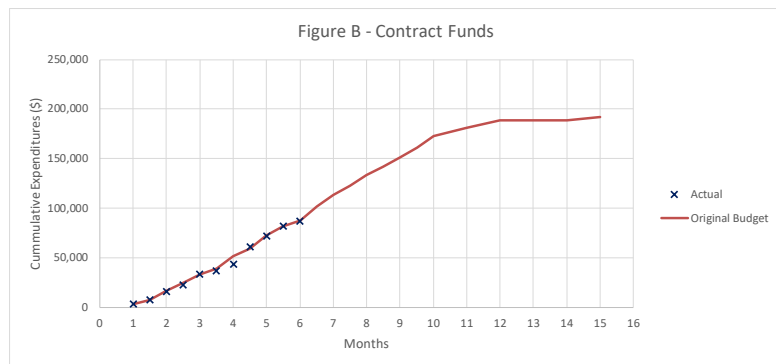
J. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED (If any): No problems were encountered this quarter that would affect the overall scope or budget for the project. Due to vacation and conference travel time during January, there were some delays in completing Task 2 and for initiating Tasks 3 and 4. However, all tasks are now back on schedule.

K. TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ACTIVITIES: No results from the project were presented or shared outside the project's technical advisory committee (TAC) during the quarter.

L. STATUS BY TASK:

Task		Task Description	QTR	QTR 1			QTR 2			QTR 3			QTR 4			QTR 5			% Complete
NO.	Code		Month	Oct	2	3	Jan	5	6	Apr	8	9	July	11	12	Oct	14	15	
1	Literature Review	Literature Review and Preliminary Assessment of Current Designs		25	50	75	85	100											100
2(a)	BR Model Validation	Development and Validation of NETC 4-Bar Bridge Rail Model				25	50	80	90	100									100
2(b)	AGT Model Validation	Finite Element Model Development and Validation of 2-Bar AGT					10	12	15	70	100								100
3	3-Bar BR (TL4)	TL4 Simulations of the NETC 3-Bar Bridge Rail Design						10	50	75	100								100
4	3-Bar AGT (TL4)	TL4 Simulations for AGT to 3-Bar Bridge Rail									25	50							50
5	4-Bar BR (TL4)	TL4 Simulations for the NETC 4-Bar Bridge Rail Design																	0
6	4-Bar AGT (TL4)	TL4 Simulations for AGT to Concrete Abutment																	0
7	2-Bar BR (TL3)	TL3 Simulations of the NETC 2-Bar Bridge Rail Design																	0
8	2-Bar AGT (TL3)	TL3 Simulations for AGT to 2-bar Bridge Rail																	0
9	Interim Meetings	Interim Reports / Meetings					13	25	38	50									50
10	QPR	Quarterly Progress Reports						33											33
11	Final Report	Final Report																	0
	Direct Expense	Computational Resources and Software (Is-dyna)		0	8	17	25	33	42										42

Original Schedule
 Projected Schedule
 Not Started



Funds Expended:	43.77%	Time Expended:	47%
Contract Amount:	\$ 199,936	Start Date:	10/9/2018
Expended this Month:	\$ 17,429.01	Completion Date:	12/31/2019
Total Expended to Date:	\$ 87,510.67		
Balance:	\$ 112,425.53		

M. PERCENT COMPLETION OF TOTAL PROJECT: 44%

N. ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT QUARTER:

Work will be conducted on Tasks 4 – 7 next quarter and are planned to be completed. As of the date of this report (April 23, 2019), Tasks 4 and 5 have been completed.

O. FINANCIAL STATUS:

As of: March 31, 2019

Total Project Budget: \$ 199,936

Total Expenditures : \$ 87,510.67