

**State Planning and Research Program
Quarterly Report**

PROJECT TITLE: *Calculating Plow Cycle Times from AVL Data*

OBJECTIVES: To develop a methodology to calculate plow cycle times, considering various relevant factors; and use the methodology to create the framework for a visualization tool that agencies can format with their own electronic data.

PERIOD COVERED: April 1 to June 30, 2023

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES: Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Clear Roads Technical Advisory Committee

PROJECT MANAGER:
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SP&R PROJECT NO:
MnDOT Contract No.
1047791

PROJECT IS:

LEAD AGENCY: MnDOT

Federal Project Number:
TPF-5(353)

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PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:
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ANNUAL BUDGET: \$125,377.84

PROJECT EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$55,829.25

WORK COMPLETED:

- Task 1: Project Management
 - Prepared progress reports and invoices.
- Task 4: Methodology – Plow Cycle Time
 - Refined cycle time calculation methodology per subcommittee comments.
 - Prepared a hypothetical case study illustrating the use of the methodology.
- Task 5: Online Tool Framework
 - Worked on developing a tool/dashboard framework.
 - Created use cases and workflows for the online tool/dashboard framework.
 - Worked on developing tool/dashboard design.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES EXPECTED TO BE PERFORMED NEXT QUARTER:

- Task 1: Project Management
 - Conduct a check-in meeting with project subcommittee to review draft outline for tool framework and sample tool layout.
- Task 5: Online Tool Framework
 - Develop and present a tool/dashboard framework to the subcommittee.
 - Finalize use cases and workflows for the online tool/dashboard framework.
 - Finalize online tool/dashboard design.
- Task 6: Final Report and Webinar
 - Initiate the development of a final report.

STATUS AND COMPLETION DATE:

Project is on budget and is approximately one month behind schedule. Expected project completion November 30, 2023.