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Progress This Quarter – Library Technical Services

Collection analysis. This task is complete for this stage of the project. Investigated OCLC’s WorldCat Collection Analysis tool and presented results to the TAC during Q1, no action to be taken at this time.

Online subscriptions. Compiled a list of relevant subscription databases and provided it to the TAC for their review. Working to create a short list of essential online tools based on feedback from the TAC, only two have responded to date.

Transportation library guide. Currently working on the 6th draft of a guide intended to aid transportation librarians, researchers, policymakers and practitioners in defining services and selecting and evaluating resources. The guide will be produced in both print and electronic formats and will be presented to the TAC and disseminated with the final report.

OCLC Subscriptions. Worked closely both with the DOTs, OCLC, regional services providers and WiLS to manage subscriptions. Unlimited Cataloging and Resource Sharing subscriptions are in process with WiLS for payment by the pooled fund for the 2007-2008 subscription cycle.

Technical assistance. Worked with members on their individual library OCLC needs and their related local cataloging system issues.

Outreach. Presented at the Special Libraries Association annual conference as part of Transportation Division and Government Transportation Research Information Committee programming. Worked with Christi Powers on the beginning stages of the formation of an AASHTO special task group for libraries, which included reviewing the draft charter and participating on teleconference. Assistance investigating OCLC subscription costs and liaised with regional service providers has been provided for prospective pooled fund and WTKN member libraries. Ms. Sacco is working with the T.A.L.E.T. committee and continues to participate as a volunteer contributor to the [Transportation Mega Search](#) custom Google Co-op search engine.

Site visits. There were no site visits this quarter.

TLCat. Received the first quarterly report on TLCat participation including member institutions, number of holdings, group affiliation and unique items in the database. The data is being packaged and enhanced for distribution to the TAC and the TRANLIB list, and posted to the blog.

Regional network development. Participated in a teleconference for the Western Transportation Knowledge Network (WTKN), a new group made up of AASHTO Region 4 libraries and some transit agency libraries. Updated the WTKN page on the blog dedicated to WTKN business and all of the latest drafts of organizational documents have been posted for members to review and comment on.

Documentation and communications. Posted to the [blog](#) several times weekly about the progress of the pooled fund, general information to members and interested outside readers, project documents and reports for this pooled fund, WTKN and the SLA conference.

Work Next Quarter – Library Technical Services

- Work with the Louisiana Department of Transportation to determine a timeframe for their site visit.
- Continue to develop transportation library “toolkit”.
- Continue to assist with development of the Western Transportation Knowledge Network and explore ways the pooled fund can support the continued work of the Midwest Transportation Knowledge Network to reduce costs and expand access to resources.
- Promote the WisDOT iCommons opening to the larger transportation community.
- Continue working with and including NTL director on pooled fund and regional library network teleconferences and initiatives.
- Continue contributing to the Transportation Mega Search custom search engine.
- Continue evaluations and recommend strategies to meet states’ technical needs while staying within the two-year budget: priorities include collection analysis, online subscription resources, and digital content management.
- Establish a baseline of OCLC listings for DOTs and provide a report that accounts for the number of holdings added to OCLC (or made accessible online), and other accomplishments, as a result of the study. This will be possible once members with new catalogs and without holdings in OCLC WorldCat get their catalogs online and holdings uploaded to OCLC.
- Provide quarterly report of TLCat data to pooled fund members and transportation library community.
- Provide technical cataloging assistance to convert bibliographic records into shareable digital format. Specifically, facilitate cataloging activities including adding new items to WorldCat/TLCat, helping eliminate backlogs, and enhancing overall quality of cataloging.
- Collaborate with the National Transportation Library (NTL) on tasks identified by the TAC as having mutual objectives including providing accurate TLCat data in report form and promoting TLCat integration with TRIS Online.

Circumstances Affecting Progress/Budget:

Library Technical Services

- Collection analysis - It has been determined that pooled fund financing of collection analysis is not feasible, although individual members may wish to subscribe to the service and pay through adding additional monies to the pooled fund. Purchase of the collection analysis tool with the aim of coordinated collection development as a group is not feasible in the short timeframe of the pooled fund.
- TLCat - Investigation of integrating TRIS and TLCat for better functionality is dependent upon on the initiative of the owners and administrators of the two products, TLCat (OCLC) and TRIS (TRB & BTS). Progress (as mentioned above) will depend on the owners of the products, but will continue to be encouraged and supported via contacts with NTL.
- Site visits - Louisiana DOT will be encouraged to schedule a site visit at their earliest convenience. Louisiana DOT has expressed interest in some involvement by Ms. Sacco in selecting the librarian, but no details are available at this time.

Our work is on schedule at this stage of the pooled fund study, with the exceptions noted above. As the project goals and priorities evolve, the tasks to address them have evolved as well. No delays are expected beyond those that may occur when working with a large group (scheduling issues with librarians and research managers, accommodation of participants’ responsibilities to their libraries and agencies as priorities, etc.).

All tasks and activities to date have been completed within budget as of the end of the first quarter of 2007. OCLC subscriptions have been renewed and paid in the amount of \$13,673.26. The technical services travel budget was set at \$15,000.00 and \$6,087.07 in travel expenses have been incurred to date.