Quarterly Progress and Performance Indicators Report:

Project Number and Title: Project 1.13: Structural Integrity, Safety, and Durability of Critical Members and Connections of Old Railroad Bridges under Dynamic Service Loads and Conditions
Research Area: Thrust 1 -Transportation Infrastructure Monitoring & Assessment for Enhanced Life
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Co-PI(s): N/A
Reporting Period: October 01, 2021, to December 31, 2021
Submission Date: December 31, 2021

******IMPORTANT: Please fill out each section fully and reply with N/A for questions/sections with nothing to report. For ease of reporting to the USDOT, please do not remove, or change the order of, any sections/text. You may remove/add each rows in tables as needed. Thank you! ******
The report is due on the last day of the reporting period in .doc format to tidc@maine.edu.

Overview:

*Provide **BRIEF** highlights of activities performed during the reporting period. This summary should be written in lay terms for a general audience to understand. This should not be an extensive write up of findings (those are to be included in the final report), but a high-level overview of the activities conducted during the last three months **no more than 3 bullet points at no more than 1 sentence each** ….*

Research work performed over this reporting period has been aligned with task 1 and task 2 of the proposed project:

- Good amount of literature search and review related to the project were carried out.
- Information relevant to this project, for example, train configuration and loading, and members type and their connection of the Devon Bridge (CT) and the Cos Cob Bridge (CT) have been collected and analyzed. .
- A preliminary Finite Element model (FEM) of the Cos Cob Bridge has been built using inbuilt construction drawing received from Connecticut Department of Transportation.

Meeting the Overarching Goals of the Project:

How did the previous items help you achieve the project goals and objects? Please give one bullet point for each bullet point listed above.

- Majority of the bridges in New England are around 100 years old or older, and many received poor ratings during their last inspection. Among these bridges, the Cos Cob Railroad Bridge, CT (Built 1904) and the Devon Railroad Bridge, CT (built 1906) has been selected for the study.
- FEM model constructed once completed will be used for the global analysis to identify critical members and connections.

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Accomplishments:

List any accomplishments achieved under the project goals in bullet point form…

- Literature search for project relevant information.
- Preliminary FEM modeling of a Cos Cob bridge.

Task, Milestone, and Budget Progress:

Complete the following tables to document the work toward each task and budget (add rows/remove rows as needed, make sure you complete the Overall Project progress row and include all tasks even if they have ended or have not been started) …

Table 1: Task Progress			
Task Number: Title	**Start Date**	**End Date**	**% Complete**
Task 1: Literature search and existing data review	Oct 01, 2021	Feb 01, 2022	20%
Task 2: Global Analysis to Identify critical members and connections	Feb 01, 2022	May 01, 2022	10%
Task 3: Local Analysis to understand the Behavior of critical members and connections	May 01, 2022	Oct 01, 2022	0%
Task 4: Field tests to validate the FE model	Oct 01, 2022	Feb 01, 2023	0%
Task 5: Members and Connection strengthening and anti-wear methods	Feb 01, 2023	May 01, 2023	0%
Task 6: Final Report preparation and submission	May 01, 2023	Sep 30, 2023	0%

Table 2: Milestone Progress			
Milestone #: Description	**Corresponding Deliverable**	**Start Date**	**End Date**
Milestones will closely represent task items listed above	Quarterly and final reports	Will closely follow task dates (See Table 1 above)	Will closely follow task dates (See Table 1 above)

Table 3: Budget Progress		
Project Budget	**Spend – Project to Date**	**% Project to Date (include the date)**
Enter Phase 1 Full Budget	*Enter Phase 1 Full Spend Amount (Federal + Cost Share)*	*Enter Phase 1 % Spent*
Will be provided separately	Will be provided separately	Will be provided separately

Is your Research Project Applied or Advanced?

☐**Applied** (*The systematic study to gain knowledge or understanding necessary for determining the means by which a recognized and specific need may be met.)*

☒ **Advanced** *(An intermediate research effort between basic research and applied research. This study bridges basic (study to understand fundamental aspects of phenomena without specific applications in mind) and applied research and includes transformative change rather than incremental advances. The investigation into the use of basic research results to an area of application without a specific problem to resolve.)*

Education and Workforce Development:

Answer the following questions (N/A if there is nothing to report):

1. Did you provide any workforce development or training opportunities to transportation professionals (already in the field)? If so, what was the training? When was it offered? How many people attended? (i.e. The research team provided an in the field training for the SAR technology for 3 maintenance crew members of the MassDOT on 3/31/2021. The members learned how to use the technology and interpret the data.)
    - N/A

2. Did you hold meetings with any transportation industry organizations or DOTs? If so, what was the meeting's purpose? When was it offered? How many people attended? (i.e. The research team held a meeting with MaineDOT to update them on the progress of the research findings and how the findings can be implemented on 3/31/2021. 15 DOT maintenance members were present at the meeting.)
    - Virtual meeting held on with December 21st at 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM with the CT DOT, Metro-North Railroad Co., and Polytec Inc., provide project update and receive feedback

3. Did you host/participant in any K-12 education outreach activities? If so, what was the activity? What was the target age/grade level of the participants? How many students/teachers attended? When was the activity held? (i.e. 25 8th graders and 2 teachers visited the concrete lab and created small concrete trinkets like Legos on 3/31/2021. They learned about the different types of fibers that can be used in the concrete.)
    - N/A

Technology Transfer:

Complete all of the tables below and provide additional information where requested. Please provide ALL requested information as this is one of the most important sections for reporting to the USDOT. ***ONLY provide information relevant to this reporting period.***

Use the table below to complete information about conference sessions, workshops, webinars, seminars, or other events you led/attended where you shared findings as a result of the work you conducted on this project:

Table 4: Presentations at Conferences, Workshops, Seminars, and Other Events					
Type	**Title**	**Citation**	**Event & Intended Audience**	**Location**	**Date(s)**
i.e. Conference, Symposium, DOT/AOT presentation, Seminar, etc.	*Presentation Title*	*Full Citation*	*Name of event (i.e. TIDC 1st Annual Conference) or who was the presentation given to?*		
Workshop/ Symposium /Webinar	Symposium on New England Railroad Infrastructure – Challenges, Solutions and Opportunities	Malla, R.B. (Co-lead organizer with M. Shin, D. Peabody, J. Bryce, and A. Collamore) "Symposium on New England Railroad Infrastructure – Challenges, Solutions and Opportunities," *Virtual webinars*, organized by US DOT Region 1 UTC-TIDC, Nov. 10, 2021	2021 TIDC Symposium on New England Railroad Infrastructure – Challenges, Solutions and Opportunities Audience: Transportation industry, town/state/federal agencies, and academicians (faculty and students)	Virtual	November 10, 2021
Workshop/ Symposium/ webinar	Session title: Session 3: Solutions & Opportunities: at the "Symposium on New England Railroad Infrastructure – Challenges, Solutions and Opportunities,	Malla, R.B. (Session Co-Chair with J. Gordon, FRA), Session Title: Session 3: Solutions & Opportunities: at the "Symposium on New England Railroad Infrastructure – Challenges, Solutions and Opportunities," *Virtual webinars*, organized by US DOT Region 1 UTC-TIDC, Nov. 10, 2021	2021 TIDC Symposium on New England Railroad Infrastructure – Challenges, Solutions and Opportunities Audience: Transportation industry, town/state/federal agencies, and academicians (faculty and students)	Virtual	November 10, 2021

Use the table below to report any publications, technical reports, peer-reviewed articles, newspaper articles referencing your work, graduate papers, dissertations, etc. written as a result of the work you conducted on this project. Please list only completed items and exclude work in progress.

Table 5: Submitted/Accepted Publications, Technical Reports, Theses, Dissertations, Papers, and Reports				
Type	**Title**	**Citation**	**Date**	**Status**
i.e. Peer-reviewed journal, conference paper, book, policy paper, magazine/newspaper article	*Publication title*	*Full citation*		*i.e. Submitted, accepted, under review (by org. submitted to)*
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Answer the following questions (N/A if there is nothing to report):

1. Did you deploy any technology during the reporting period through pilot or demonstration studies as a result of this work? If so, what was the technology? When was it deployed?
   - N/A

2. Was any technology adopted by industry or transportation agencies as a result of this work? If so, what was the technology? When was is adopted? Who adopted the technology?
   - N/A

3. Did findings from this research project result in changing industry or transportation agency practices, decision making, or policies? If so, what was the change? When was the change implemented? Who adopted the change?
   - N/A

4. Were any licenses granted to industry as a result of findings from this work? If so, when? To whom was the license granted?
   - N/A

5. Were any patent applications submitted as a result of findings from this research? If so, please provide a copy of the patent application with your report.
   - N/A

6. Did industry organizations or DOTs provide cost-share (cash or in-kind) to your research during the reporting period? Who was the organization? Please provide an in-kind support invoice from the organization with your report (this is kept confidential and used for record keeping purposes only).
   - N/A

Please add figures/images that can be included on the website and/or in marketing/social media materials to further clarify your research to the general public. This is very important to our Technology Transfer initiatives.

Insert figures here

Fig. 1: Cos Cob Bridge, CT (Left) and preliminary FEM model of the bridge (right)

Describe any additional activities involving the dissemination of research results not listed above under the following headings:

Outputs:

Definition: Any new or improved process, practice, technology, software, training aid, or other tangible product resulting from research and development activities. They are used to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and safety of transportation systems. List any outputs accomplished during this reporting period:

- N/A

Outcomes:

Definition: The application of outputs; any changes made to the transportation system, or its regulatory, legislative, or policy framework resulting from research and development activities. List any outcomes accomplished during this reporting period:

- N/A

Impacts:

Definition: The effects of the outcomes on the transportation system such as reduced fatalities, decreased capital or operating costs, community impacts, or environmental benefits. The reported impacts from UTCs are used for the assessment of each UTC and to make a case for Federal funding of research and education by demonstrating the impacts that UTC funding has had on technology and education. NOTE: The U.S. DOT uses this information to assess how the research and education programs (a) improve the operation and safety of the transportation system; (b) increase the body of knowledge and technologies; (c) enlarge the pool of people trained to develop knowledge and utilize technologies; and (d) improves the physical, institutional, and information resources that enable people to have access to training and new technologies. List any outcomes accomplished during this reporting period:

- N/A

Participants and Collaborators:

Use the table below to list individuals (compensated or not) who have worked on the project other than students.

Table 6: Active Principal Investigators, faculty, administrators, and Management Team Members

Individual Name & Title	Dates involved	Email Address	Department	Role in Research
Dr. Ramesh B. Malla, Professor (Principal Investigator)	Oct-Dec. 2021	Ramesh.Malla@UCONN.EDU	Civil & Environmental Engineering, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT	Principal Investigator (PI)/ TIDC Institutional Lead, UConn

*Use the table below to list **all** students who have participated in the project during the reporting period. (This includes all paid, unpaid, intern, independent study, or any other student that participated in this project.) **ALL FIELDS ARE REQUIRED.***

Table 7: Student Participants during the reporting period

Student Name	Start Date	End Date	Advisor	Email Address	Level	Major	Funding Source	Role in research
				Email is not included in the external report and is only used for internal purposes.	*(i.e. UG, MS, PhD)*		*(i.e. TIDC, Other university funds, , unpaid intern, etc.*	*What work are they conducting? Please be descriptive. Student research assistant is not enough info.*
Celso de Oliveira	Oct. 2021	Dec. 2021	Dr. Ramesh Malla		Ph.D.	Civil Eng.	TIDC/UConn	Literature Search/FEM Modeling

Santosh Dhakal	Oct. 2021	Dec. 2021	Dr. Ramesh Malla	M.S.		Civil Eng.	TIDC/UConn	Literature Search/FEM modeling/Material testing

Use the table below to list any students who worked on this project and graduated or received a certificate during this reporting period. Include information about the student's accepted employment during the reporting period (i.e. the student is now working at MaineDOT) or if they are continuing their students through an advanced degree (list the degree and where they are attending).

Table 8: Students who Graduated During the Reporting Period			
Student Name	**Degree/Certificate Earned**	**Graduation/Certification Date**	**Did the student enter the transportation field or continue another degree at your university?**
			Please list the organization or degree
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Use the table below to list any students that participated in Industrial Internships during the reporting period:

Table 9: Industrial Internships			
Student Name	**Degree/Certificate Earned**	**Graduation/Certification Date**	**Did the student enter the transportation field or continue another degree at your university?**
			Please list the organization or degree
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Use the table below to list **organizations** that have been involved as partners on this project and their contribution to the project during the reporting period.*

Table 10: Research Project Collaborators during the reporting period						
Organization	**Location**	**Contribution to the Project**				
		Financial Support	**In-Kind Support**	**Facilities**	**Collaborative Research**	**Personnel Exchanges**
		List the amount	List the amount	Mark with an "x" where appropriate		

Conn DOT Contact persons: (1) Haresh Dholakia-Transportation Engineering Supervisor, Rail Design *(Technical Champion)* (2) Mr. Manesh Dodia-Supervising Rail Officer, Rail Construction (*Technical Champion)*	Newington, CT		X	X	X	
Metro-North Railroad Co. Contact persons: (1) Warren Best-Assistant Deputy Director- Structures *(Technical Champion)* (2) Ms. Hong McConnell, Senior Structural Engineer	Bridgeport, CT		X	X	X	
Polytec, Inc., Hudson, MA Contact Person: Mr. Mario Pineda, Territory Manager	Hudson, MA		X	X	X	

*Use the table below to list **individuals** that have been involved as partners on this project and their contribution to the project during the reporting period. (**List your technical champion(s) in this table.** This also includes collaborations within the lead or partner universities who are not already listed as PIs; especially interdepartmental or interdisciplinary collaborations.)*

Table 11: Other Collaborators

Collaborator Name and Title	Contact Information	Organization and Department	Date(s) Involved	Contribution to Research
	For internal use only			(i.e. technical champion, technical advisory board, test samples, on-site equipment, data, etc.)
Haresh Dholakia, Transportation Engineering Supervisor, Rail Design	HareshKumar.Dholakia@CT.GOV	Connecticut Department of Transportation (Conn DOT), Newington, CT	Oct-Dec. 2021	Technical Champion

Manesh Dodia, Supervising Rail Officer, Rail Construction	Manesh.Dodia@CT.GOV	Connecticut Department of Transportation (Conn DOT), Newington, CT	Oct-Dec. 2021	Technical Champion
Warren Best, Assistant Deputy Director-Structures	Best@MNR.ORG	Metro-North Railroad Company, Bridgeport, CT	Oct-Dec. 2021	Technical Champion
Mario Pineda, Territory Manager	M.Pineda@POLYTEC.COM	Polytec Inc., Hudson, MA	Oct-Dec. 2021	Technical Champion

Use the following table to list any transportation related course that were taught or led by researchers associated with this research project during the reporting period:

Table 12: Course List

Course Code	Course Title	Level	University	Professor	Semester	# of Students
i.e. CE 123		*Grad or undergrad?*	*Where was the course taught?*	*Who taught the course?*	*Enter Spring, Fall, Summer, Winter and the year*	*How many students were enrolled in the class?*
CE 211-020	Applied Mechanics I	Undergrad	Storrs, CT	Prof. R. Malla	Fall 2021	120
CE 5542/ CE 4542	Earthquake Engineering	Grad (CE 5542)/Undergrad (CE 4542)	Storrs, CT	Prof. R. Malla	Fall 2021	9
CE 3640	Design of Reinforced Concrete Structures	Undergrad / lab class	Storrs, CT	Celso de Oliveira (Teaching Assistant)	Fall 2021	33
CE 2110-020D & 022D	Applied Mechanics I	Undergrad / Discussion sections	Storrs, CT	Santosh Dhakal (Teaching Assistant)	Fall 2021	60

Changes:

List any actual or anticipated problems or delays and actions or plans to resolve them (list no-cost extension requests here) …

- N/A

List any changes in approach and the reasons for the change…

- N/A

Planned Activities:

List the activities planned during the next quarter.

Research activities planned for next quarter include the following:

- Continue to work on literature search to find more project relevant information.
- Work on finalizing the global FEM model and prepare logistic for local analysis.
- Prepare logistic for the field testing on collaboration with CT and other New England DOTs, Metro-North Railroad company, and Polytec, Inc.