

Quarterly Progress Report:

Project Number and Title: 1.8: Enhancing Intelligent Compaction with Passive Wireless Sensors

Research Area: Thrust # 1, Monitoring and Assessment for Enhanced Life

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Reporting Period: 7/1/2020 to 9/30/2020

Submission Date: 9/30/2020

Overview:

During the past quarter, we continued to analyze data from two projects: (1) the data (IC, pavement quality indicators (PQI), and nuclear gauge density (NGD)) that we collected from field tests in Route 117 (Vermont) reclaimed asphalt pavement project, and (2) the data collected from another RSB project in Vermont. The focus of data analysis was to: (i) assess the reliability of IC measurement values (ICMVs), and (ii) potential utilization of ICMVs as a function of vibration amplitude and frequency in the control system, with the goal of optimizing the compaction process, and minimizing the spatial variability of the ICMVs. Furthermore, we made some progress in fine tuning the viable options for design/ruggedization of the pressure sensors to survive the extreme pressure and temperature during compaction process. The performed work in previous months helps us move closer toward the next steps of the project and to improve the IC performance and facilitate the process of geomaterial compaction and pavement performance monitoring.

Table 1: Task Progress			
Task Number	Start Date	End Date	% Complete
Task 1: IC in sub-base/asphalt	07/01/2018	08/30/2020	85%
Task 2: Passive sensor	06/01/2019	02/30/2021	65%
Task 3: Integration options/performance eval.	03/01/2021	06/30/2021	15%
Overall Project:	07/01/2019	06/30/2021	60%

Table 2: Budget Progress		
Project Budget	Spend – Project to Date	% Project to Date*
\$254,732	\$158,284	60.2%

Table 3: Presentations at Conferences, Workshops, Seminars, and Other Events				
Title	Event	Type	Location	Date(s)
Presentation title	Name of event (i.e. TIDC 1 st Annual Conference)	i.e. Conference, Symposium, Seminar,		
Investigating methods to enhance intelligent compaction performance	VTrans Research and Innovation Symposium	Symposium	Virtual	9/9/2020

Table 4: Publications and Submitted Papers and Reports				
Type	Title	Citation	Date	Status
The revised version of the submitted conference paper (4 th International Conference on Transportation Geotechnics), reported in previous quarterly report, is under review.				

Participants and Collaborators:

Table 5: Active Principal Investigators, faculty, administrators, and Management Team Members			
Individual Name	Email Address	Department	Role in Research
Ehsan Ghazanfari	Ehsan.ghazanfari@uvm.edu	Civil & Environmental Engineering	Principal Investigator
Hamid Ossareh	Hamid.Ossareh@uvm.edu	Electrical and Biomedical Engineering	Co-Principal Investigator

Table 6: Student Participants during the reporting period				
Student Name	Email Address	Class	Major	Role in research
Maziar Foroutan		Ph.D.	Civil & Environmental Engineering	Graduate Research Assistant
Ahmad Ghazanfari		M.S.	Electrical and Biomedical Engineering	Graduate Research Assistant

Table 7: Student Graduates			
Student Name	Role in Research	Degree	Graduation Date
None			

Table 8: Research Project Collaborators during the reporting period						
Organization	Location	Contribution to the Project				
		Financial Support	In-Kind Support	Facilities	Collaborative Research	Personnel Exchanges
None						

Table 9: Other Collaborators			
Collaborator Name and Title	Contact Information	Organization and Department	Contribution to Research

Name: Callie Ewald

Title: Geotechnical Engineering Manager

Organization: Vermont Agency of Transportation

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Changes:

None.

Planned Activities:

- (i) analysis of the collected data from IC field tests aiming at IC performance improvement*
- (ii) continue improving the design and ruggedization of the passive sensors in IC compaction*