

**State Planning and Research Program
Quarterly Report**

PROJECT TITLE: *High Performance Plow Blades*

OBJECTIVES: The objective of this project is to develop a field test protocol and cost-benefit analysis methodology that can be reproduced by Clear Roads agencies in future testing, so that other blades may be evaluated and compared using the same standard procedures used in this project.

PERIOD COVERED: January 1 to March 31, 2020

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

PROJECT MANAGER:
Debbie Sinclair / Tom Peters

LEAD AGENCY: MnDOT

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SP&R PROJECT NO:
MnDOT Contract No.
1031542

Federal Project Number:
TPF-5(353)

PROJECT IS:

Planning
 Research & Development

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$99,673.93 (Project Budget)

PROJECT EXPENDITURES TO DATE: \$ 12,247.18

WORK COMPLETED:

- Task 1: Literature review compiled in matrix-style summary (100%)
- Task 2: Survey of DOTs in matrix-style summary (100%)
- Task 3: List of potential blades and testing locations for research (95%)
- Task 4: Design Test Protocol (95%)

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES EXPECTED TO BE PERFORMED NEXT QUARTER:

- Task 5: Field data collection (75%)
- Task 6: Standard Test Protocol (50%)
- Task 9: Final Report (50%)

STATUS AND COMPLETION DATE:

Task 5 should be completed by May 1st, 2020.
Task 6 should be completed by June 30th, 2020.
Task 9 should be completed by June 30th, 2020.