

Rahall Transportation Institute Project Description Form

Project Number: RTI TTP 00-18

Project Title: Proposed GIS Mapping System for West Virginia's Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS) Corridors

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Project Objectives:

This project's objective is to incorporate West Virginia's ADHS corridors into a GIS mapping system. The information incorporated into this GIS structure will be acquired from "The 2002 Estimate Of The Cost To Complete The Appalachian Development Highway System In the State of West Virginia, April, 2002", which was prepared by the West Virginia Department of Transportation in cooperation with the United States Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration and the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Project Abstract:

The proposed research will implement the benefits of GIS mapping capabilities into the ADHS corridors, making it compatible with State DOTs, FHWA, and the ARC. The mapping functions will be able to show and easily update development status and Table B for the individual cost estimate sections for detailed classifications of ADHS development status. This system will also show cross-sections by WVDOT individual estimate sections. It will also incorporate aerial imagery at the one-meter resolution for the ADHS corridors. The system will incorporate easy updates to different development status and changes to corridor alignments, along with the ability to display Table B data and show typical cross-sections. Expected benefits of this project include extended cooperation between government agencies and lower cost of shared resources. This project will provide a more accurate digital map inventory of the ADHS corridors for transportation and economic development issues in the state of West Virginia.

Task Descriptions:

1. Create a new more accurate digital inventory of ADHS corridors, with National Map Accuracy Standards (NMAS) for 1:12,000-scale

Task 1 will include the following two (2) subtasks:

- a. Mosaiked image of the ADHS corridors must be created.
- b. Mosaiked image will then be incorporated into a GIS software package where the corridors will be digitized.

2. Design an integrated State ADHS maps complete with corridor strip maps following the “The 2002 Estimate of the Cost to Complete the Appalachian Development Highway System in the State of West Virginia, April, 2002” for both types of maps.

Task 2 will include the following two (2) subtasks:

c. Incorporation of the digital ADHS corridors into a state map of West Virginia. Color-coding and legend symbolization will be incorporated into the map.

d. ADHS will be segmented based on the corridor strip maps included in the “The 2002 Estimate of the Cost to Complete the Appalachian Development Highway System in the State of West Virginia, April, 2002.”

3. Data values for individual estimate will be queried based on the information provide by the “The 2002 Estimate of the Cost to Complete the Appalachian Development Highway System in the State of West Virginia, April, 2002.”

Task 3 will include the following Four (4) subtasks:

e. The values from Table B will have to be entered into a digital format and integrated within the GIS system

f. Table B will be linked to the appropriate ADHS segment.

g. Typical cross-sections will need to be scanned into a digital format.

h. Links will also be created to the typical cross-section.

Milestones, Dates, Schedule:

This project will end 6 months from permission to proceed.

Milestones, Dates, Schedule:					
	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5
Task 1	Complete Feb 28				
Subtask a.	14 days				
Subtask b.	30 days				
Task 2				Complete April 9	
Subtask c.			7 days		
Subtask d.			21 days		
Task 3					Complete May 28
Subtask e.				14 days	
Subtask f.				7 days	
Subtask g.					7 days
Subtask h.					7 days

Budget: Total \$24961.99

Student Involvement:

The project will provide employment support for at least 2 undergraduates and 1 graduate student. The student workers will support the Principal Investigator as project assistants.

Relationship to Other Research Projects:

Project Title: "Develop GIS Implementation Strategy for WVDOT"

Project Sponsor: Nick J. Rahall II Appalachian Transportation Institute

Project PI: Dr. Herbert Tesser

Relationships: This project would help with the implement of the proposed project

Project Title: "Automated Road Extraction Using Satellite Images"

Project Sponsor: Nick J. Rahall II Appalachian Transportation Institute

Project PI: Dr. Herbert Tesser

Relationships: Some of the technology developed on this project could assist with the road data accuracy.

Project Title: " Endangered Species Identification Along Corridors in WV Using GIS"

Project Sponsor: Nick J. Rahall II Appalachian Transportation Institute

Project PI: Dr. Mike Little

Relationships: The environmental databases developed on this project can be used to provide environmental data.

Technology Transfer Activities:

Final and progress reports will be available on the RTI Website. Reports and GIS data will be submitted to applicable organizations. Opportunity for the Principal Investigator to present findings through the Transportation Seminar Series to invited guests from ARC, WVDOT, USDOT, WVDO, and other ATI Principal Investigators, as well as any other interested parties, will be provided. We will also seek opportunities to demonstrate the research concept and technology to transportation and economic development professionals.

Potential Benefits of this Project:

Public and local governments, such as ARC and WVDOT, can readily implement the results of this research. This project will provide future benefits to other research projects by providing a base to incorporate their findings on the Geographic Information System.

Keywords: GIS, Mapping