### Project Information Form

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<th>Project Title</th>
<th>Impact and Feasibility Study of Solutions for Doubling Heavy Vehicles</th>
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| Total Project Cost | $443,648 |
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| Start and End Dates | November 1st, 2013 – April 31th, 2014 |
| Brief Description of Research Project | The objective of this research is to quantify the effect of meeting increasing freight demands with heavier trucks to reduce the growth in the number of trucks on the road; and to compare the effect of heavier trucks to the effect of doubling the number of heavy vehicles under the present legal weight restrictions. Ongoing research tasks includes the following:  
(1) Development of computer models of vehicle, bridge, and surface roughness  
(2) Dynamic Analysis of bridge due to moving vehicles  
(3) Fatigue Life Assessment; and estimating the bridge network costs associated with changes in the limits on legal and permit gross weight, axle weights, or axle configurations  
(4) Quantification of better or worse bridge durability and longevity when compared to increasing the number of trucks to meet freight demands;  
(5) Truck configurations that minimize the detrimental effect on bridges. Demonstration of the method will be provided with Alabama Bridge Case Study;  
(6) Investigate the Florida I-Beam (FIB) Girders under Heavy Vehicle Load (Review Development of Bridges, Loads, Characteristics, Advantages of New Bridges under given loads) |
Describe Implementation of Research Outcomes (or why not implemented)  
(Attach Any Photos)  

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| Task 1 | Develop heavy vehicle-bridge interaction model to quantify the effect of meeting increasing freight demands on bridges.  
  - Derivations of equations of the motion for different types of trucks (FIU) – 100%  
  - Develop Truck Models and Bridge Types (UAB + FIU) – 100%  
  - Detailed FE Modeling of a Bridge (UAB) – 100%  |
| Task 2 | Compare the effect of heavier trucks to the effect of doubling the number of heavy vehicles under the present legal weight restrictions.  
  - Design of steel and prestressed concrete bridges with different span lengths (FIU) -100%  
  - Write MATLAB code to solve the interaction equations for the vehicle models and beam system (FIU) - 100%  
  - Dynamic Analysis of bridge due to moving vehicles (UAB+FIU) – 90%  |
| Task 3 | Characterize the traffic measured by WIM data in terms of its influence on characteristic bridge load effect  
  - Characterize WIM data to detect the most reasonable expected extreme gross vehicle weight (UAB) – 100%  
  - Determine the characteristic Bridge under traffic load effects and Fatigue by WIM Data (UAB+UCF) – 90%  |
| Task 4 | Calculate the characteristic bridge traffic load effects bridges of  |
different lengths.

- Explore existing (conventional AASHTO) and future bridges (Florida I-Beam Girder) perform (UCF) – 100%
- Explore Florida Legal Load effects on the existing (conventional AASHTO) and future bridges (Florida I-Beam Girder) perform (UCF) – 100%
- Modeling Deck and Girders of AASHTO and FIB Girders (UCF+UAB) – 80%

Task 5. Calculate the cost effect of increasing loads on bridges

- Load rating of existing (conventional AASHTO) and future bridges (Florida I-Beam Girder) under AASHTO and Florida Legal Loads (UCF) – 90%
- Probabilistic analysis and reliability estimation of existing (conventional AASHTO) and future bridges (Florida I-Beam Girder) under AASHTO and Florida Legal Loads (UCF) – 50%
- Evaluation of existing (conventional AASHTO) and future bridges (Florida I-Beam Girder) under different damage scenarios (UCF) – 50%
- Fatigue life assessment (FIU) – 30%
- Cost impact assessment for all cost-impact categories (UAB) – 50%
Figure 3: Heavy Vehicle-Bridge Interaction Analysis

Figure 4: Explore efficient bridge design to mitigate heavy vehicle impact

Figure 5: Load Rating Factor Analysis of Different Bridge Types Under Different Load Conditions and Different Structural Conditions
Impacts/Benefits of Implementation (actual, not anticipated)

- Finding the **Answer To The Rising Demand** For Freight Shipping:
  - Bridge behavior with increasing the number of trucks traveling on the road
  - Bridge behavior with using trucks with higher capacities
  - Combination of the two solutions
  - Investigate innovative bridge design e.g., FIB as design solution

- Knowing the **trends in permits weights in excess of legal limits and resulting damage costs with appropriate design solutions and actions** is extremely important:
  - Better utilization of bridges
  - Possible increase in load demands within safety limits
  - Understanding damage locations for condition-based maintenance of bridges
  - Making long-term programmatic decision regarding truck size and weight that in the best interest of our transportation infrastructure.

- Some bridge response measures such as the **Dynamic Amplification Factor (DAF)** of bridges will be obtained. These measures have important effects on the design of highway bridges and also to understand the durability of current bridges.
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