
Value of Research Task Force

Task Force Report
July 2013

Mission

- Actively monitor, support, and encourage methods and practices designed to demonstrate the value of transportation research
 - Facilitate dissemination and exchange of information and experiences among RAC members
 - Serve as advocates of methods and practices that identify, market, maximize and convey the values of research to others
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Members

- Co-chairs

- R2 Mark Morvant Louisiana DOTD
- R3 Linda Taylor – Minnesota DOT

- Members

- R1 Jim Fallon, CT DOT (New Member)
 - R1 Glenn Roberts- New Hampshire
 - R2 Darryll Dockstader- Florida
 - R2 Cynthia Smith - Mississippi DOT
 - R3 Steve Bower - Michigan DOT
 - R3 Daniel Yeh - Wisconsin DOT
 - R3 Bill Stone – Missouri DOT
 - R4 David Huft - South Dakota DOT
 - R4 Clayton Schumaker
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Taskforce Friends

- ❑ Abdul Wakil
 - ❑ Ann Overton
 - ❑ Anne Ellis
 - ❑ Bob Skinner
 - ❑ Brian Hirt
 - ❑ Camille Crichton-Sumners
 - ❑ Chris Jenks
 - ❑ David Kuehn
 - ❑ Deborah Harper
 - ❑ Dick McReynolds
 - ❑ Donny Williams
 - ❑ Dale Peabody
 - ❑ J. Michelle Owens
 - ❑ J.T. Rabn
 - ❑ Ken Jacoby
 - ❑ Kim Osborne
 - ❑ Mark Norman
 - ❑ Michael Patritch
 - ❑ Michelle Akin
 - ❑ Patrick Casey
 - ❑ Rob Harper
 - ❑ Timothy McDowell
 - ❑ Vicki Morrison
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Accomplishments

■ High Value Research

- 2013 Research Impacts: Better, Faster, Cheaper
 - Final review
 - Sweet 16 Awards
 - RAC Recognition
 - National Recognition
 - 2013 RAC Annual Meeting Presentations
 - 2013 TRB Annual Meeting
 - Poster Session
 - Lectern Session on selected projects
 - Research Makes a Difference Brochure
 - In review process
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Accomplishments

■ RPM Tool

- RPM Intro and Demo Webinar Sept. 2012
archived on TRB website
 - 2013 HVR submittals
 - Expedited 2013 Research Impacts Compilation
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Goals and Activities

- Continue Solicitation of Annual High Value Research Projects
 - Explore additional marketing opportunities
 - Evaluate RPM Tools software
 - HVR submittal process
 - Sharing of state research project benefits
 - Develop and host RPM webinar on state experiences (late 2013/2014)
 - Hosting RPM long term
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Goals and Activities

- Expand documentation of methodology for determining value/benefits of research
 - Review Southeast Transportation Consortium synthesis on state of practice
 - Reviewing individual state initiatives
 - Compile and recommend supportive resources
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Needs & Opportunities

- RPM Tools Application
 - Coordination & Collaboration Value of Research & PM & Q of RPM Benefits
 - RPM Define roles & responsibilities
 - RPM long term goal and timeline
 - July 2014 deadline hosting
 - RPM assistance, expertise and experience with RPM Tools
 - Potential RPM Tools webinar speakers
 - Re-establish RPM User Group
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Needs & Opportunities

- Resource Materials for Value/Benefits of Research
 - Assessing materials & DOT initiatives
 - Identify shared resources
 - Promote and sharing information
 - Develop other HVR focused publications
 - Review options, opportunities & resources
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Next Steps

- Regular Scheduled Meetings
 - Conference calls on second Wed. of alternate month (Jan, March, May, July, Sept., Nov.) between 11-12:00 CST
 - Sweet 16
 - Coordinate TRB Annual Meeting poster session
 - Support for 2014 TRB lectern session
 - Timing, responsibility & acknowledgements of awards (AASHTO Newsletter)
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