AASHTO RAC/TRB State Representatives Annual Meeting
July 14-18, 2013
Tentative Agenda (updated 5/14/13)

Monday, July 15

7:00 – 8:00 am  Networking Breakfast
8:00 – 10:00 am  RAC/CUTC Collaboration Meeting
  This session brings together state DOT and University research staff to discuss issues of common interest and opportunities to collaborate.
10:00 – 10:30 am  Break & Exhibit Area Open
10:30 – 12:00 pm  Research Advisory Committee (RAC) 101
  This session is designed for relatively new RAC members, although all conference participants are strongly encouraged to attend to pick up new information. The purpose of the session is to provide an overview of DOT Research Program responsibilities and national transportation research programs. There will be ample opportunities for participants to ask questions of the panelists.
12:00 – 1:00 pm  Lunch
1:00 – 2:30 pm  Concurrent Meetings
  Administration & Education Task Force Meeting
  This task force is involved in a variety of issues such as updating RAC bylaws and managing/updating the contents of the RAC/SCOR website. The TF is also involved in providing resources to assist new staff in understanding the roles and responsibilities of RAC managers. The meeting is open to all who have an interest in the topic.
  Value of Research Task Force Meeting
  This task force focuses on efforts to document and communicate the value of research to our organizations and the public. The meeting is open to all who have an interest in the topic.
  Coordination and Collaboration Task Force Meeting
  This task force works to encourage collaboration between various organizations involved in transportation research. The meeting is open to all who have an interest in the topic.
2:30 – 3:00 pm  Break & Exhibit Area Open
3:00 – 4:30 pm  Concurrent Meetings
  Program Management and Quality Task Force Meeting
  This task force seeks to encourage adoption of best practices
Transportation Knowledge Network Task Force Meeting

This task force is working to develop and encourage adoption of best practices for preserving and sharing transportation knowledge. The meeting is open to all who have an interest in the topic.

**5:00 – 7:00 pm**

Welcome Reception

This session is an opportunity to network with other meeting participants and share best practices, innovation ideas and collaboration opportunities about transportation research.

*Dinner on your own.*

**Tuesday, July 16**

7:00 – 8:00 am

Networking Breakfast

8:00 – 9:30 am

Opening Session

This session will include welcoming remarks from the Chair of the AASHTO Research Advisory Committee and from our host state. Representatives of national organizations will provide updates on their activities related to transportation research.

9:30 – 10:00 am

Break & Exhibit Area Open

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm

SHRP2 Update

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 pm

SHRP 2 Coordination/Collaboration Roundtable

2:00 – 2:30 pm

Break & Exhibit Area Open

2:30 – 4:15 pm

High Value Research Sweet Sixteen

This session will include quick-hitting presentations on the top 16 picks and more from our annual High Value Research Project submissions with
emphasis on the benefits of the research and implementation strategies.

4:15 – 4:45 pm Break & Exhibit Area open

4:45 – 9:00 pm Banquet at Houmas House Plantation and Gardens
*Please see additional Banquet Information below.

Wednesday, July 17

7:00 – 8:00 am Networking Breakfast

8:00 – 10:00 am TRB State Representatives Meeting

10:00 – 10:30 am Break & Exhibit Area Open

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 pm TRB State Representatives Meeting

12:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch/HVR Awards

1:00 – 2:30 pm Attributes of Successful Research Programs

This session will focus on the question of what makes a research program successful. What are the attributes that a research program should have in order to maximize the probability of success? Panelists will share their stories of how they developed or enhanced those attributes and how those attributes contribute to their programs' success.

2:30 – 3:00 pm Break & Exhibit Area Open

3:00 – 5:30 pm Regional Business Meetings

- Region 1 Coordinator: Camille Chrichton-Sumners
- Region 2 Coordinator: David Jared
- Region 3 Coordinator: Amy M. Schutzbach
- Region 4 Coordinator: Ron Curb

*Note: Regional Dinners are not included in your registration fee.*
Thursday, July 18

7:00 – 8:00 am    Networking Breakfast

8:00 – 9:30 am    Concurrent Sessions

- National Research Development and Deployment Initiatives
  
  This session will provide an overview of new initiatives by FHWA and NCHRP to provide easier access to information and improve deployment of national research. The session will include one example of how RAC can get involved in advancing deployment of a national asset management initiative.

- Project Management Software
  
  This session will focus on successful program management and database systems that have been implemented by state DOTs to improve process efficiencies, project data archiving, and program reporting. Presentations will include the results of a recent survey on state-of-practice, management and database software examples, and lessons learned through implementation and adaption.

9:30 – 10:00 am    Break

10:00 – 11:30 am    Task Force and Regional Business Reports

  This session will highlight the current activities, recent successes, and future plans of the RAC Task Forces and RAC Regional Groups.

11:30 – 11:45 am    Invitation to Wisconsin: 2014

  This session will provide an opportunity to hand-off the annual meeting responsibilities to Region 3 and the 2014 host state DOT.

1:00 – 4:00 pm    RAC Officers Meeting

  This is a business meeting for RAC leadership. The meeting is open to representatives from AASHTO, TRB, FHWA, and the state DOT Regional Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Task Force Chairs.
Tuesday Banquet Information

The busses will depart the Hilton beginning at 5 pm for a 45 minute drive to the Houmas House. Houmas House grounds and gardens will be open for all attendees. For those wishing to participate in the guided tour of Houmas House, the tour will begin at 6:00 and take approximately one hour. ($15/participant is required) House tour participants should plan to use the first bus. A opening reception will begin at 7:00 in the first floor of the Main House. Dinner will begin 7:30 pm. in the Neptune Ballroom. Times are subject to change depending on participation in the house tour.

Driving Directions from Baton Rouge to Houmas House (approximately 3/4 hour driving time):

Take Interstate - 10 East to Gonzales. Take Exit 179 (Hwy 44). Turn right off the exit onto Hwy 44 and proceed past Pelican Point Homes and Golf Club, across the intersection with LA Hwy 22. After you cross HWY 22, go about a half mile and turn right at the levee onto River Road. Houmas House is on your right in less than a half mile. Enter the parking area on the far side of the property just past the white fence along the front of the property.