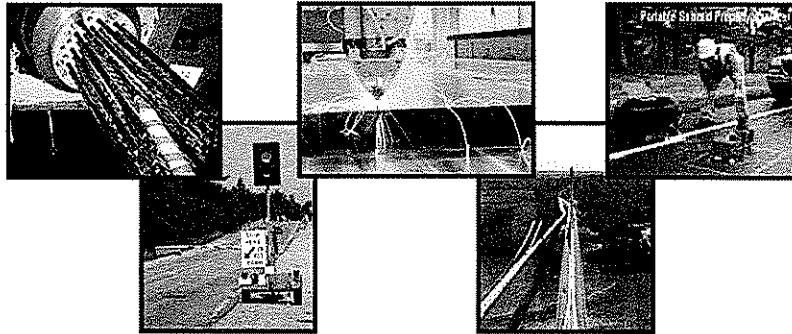


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"Research Program Management - Back to Basics"*



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## AGENDA

### Monday, July 14

- 8:00 - 12:00  
VT      **Research Program Management - Poster Session and Database Demonstrations**
- 12:00 - 1:00  
NH      **Lunch**
- 1:00 - 4:00  
MA  
CT / RI      **RAC 101**  
Coordinator: Gary Frederick, New York State DOT  
Breakout Sessions
- 4:15 - 6:00  
VT      **Future Needs Task Group Meeting**  
Coordinator: James "Darryll" Dockstader, Florida DOT
- 6:30 - 8:00  
NH      **Welcome Reception**

### Tuesday, July 15

- 7:00 - 8:00  
NH      **Networking Breakfast**
- 8:00 - 10:00  
VT      **Plenary Session**  
Coordinator: Stephen Pepin, Massachusetts  
Executive Office of Transportation  
Maine Welcome - Dale Peabody, MaineDOT  
David Cole, Commissioner, MaineDOT  
Jonathan McDade, Division Administrator, FHWA  
RAC Welcome - Wesley Lum, Caltrans  
AASHTO Report - Keith Platte, AASHTO  
SCOR Report - Wesley Lum, Caltrans  
TRB Report - Robert Skinner, TRB  
FHWA Report - Michael Trentacoste, FHWA  
RITA/UTC Report - Geraldine "Kelly" Leone, US DOT  
SHRP2 - Dr. Ann Brach, TRB
- 10:00 - 10:30  
NH      **Break**
- 10:30 - 11:30  
VT      **Transportation Research<sup>Administration</sup> Program International Scan: Results, Observations, Lessons Learned**  
Coordinator: Glenn Roberts, New Hampshire DOT  
David Huft, South Dakota DOT  
Debra Elston, FHWA  
Harold "Skip" Paul, Louisiana DOTD  
Christopher Jenks, TRB  
Barbara Harder, B T Harder, Inc.
- 11:30 - 12:45  
NH      **Lunch**

- 12:45 - 2:15  
VT            **Developing Research Programs – Idea Solicitation**  
Coordinator: Dan LaCombe, Delaware DOT  
Timothy McDowell, Wyoming DOT  
Harold "Skip" Paul, Louisiana DOTD  
Dr. Ann Brach, TRB  
Dr. Amy Estelle, New Mexico DOT
- 2:15 - 2:45  
NH            **Break**
- 2:45 - 4:00  
VT            **Innovative Ways to Get Things Done - Agreements  
& Funding**  
Coordinator: Allison Hardt, Maryland SHA  
William Ahearn, Vermont Agency of Transportation  
Nancy Chinlund, Caltrans  
Michael Perfater, Virginia DOT
- 4:30            **Depart for Evening Activity (gather in NH Room)**
- 5:30 - 10:00  
               **RAC Networking Dinner & "Freeways" Band**  
               **Peaks Island**

### ***Wednesday, July 16***

- 7:30 - 8:30  
NH            **Breakfast Buffet**
- 8:30 - 11:00            **Task Group Meetings**
- MA            ♦ **Research Administration**  
                   Chair: Dr. Mrinmay "Moy" Biswas, North Carolina DOT
- VT            ♦ **Value of Research**  
                   Chair: David Huft, South Dakota DOT
- RI            ♦ **Education and Training**  
                   Chair: Gary Frederick, New York State DOT
- CT            ♦ **Research Funding**  
                   Chair: Sandra Larson, Iowa DOT

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NH            **Lunch**  
                   The "Lighter Side" of Research and Transportation  
                   Gary Williams, MaineDOT
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VT ♦ Program Management and Quality  
Chair: Glenn Roberts, New Hampshire DOT

MA ♦ Research Coordination and Collaboration  
Chair: Sue Sillick, Montana DOT

RI ♦ Peer Exchange  
Chair: Randall Battey - Mississippi DOT

CT ♦ Transportation Knowledge Network  
Chair: Ellen "Leni" Oman, Washington State DOT

3:00 - 3:30  
NH **Break**

3:30 - 5:30 **Regional Meetings - led by Regional Chairs**

MA ♦ Region 1 - Stephen Pepin, Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation

RI ♦ Region 2 - Dr. Mrinmay "Moy" Biswas, North Carolina DOT

CT ♦ Region 3 - Sandra Larson - Iowa DOT

VT ♦ Region 4 - Ellen "Leni" Oman - Washington State DOT

6:00 - 10:00 **Regional Dinners**

### Thursday, July 17

7:00 - 8:00  
NH **Networking Breakfast**

8:00 - 9:30  
VT **Hot Topics in Research Management and Administration**  
Coordinator: Michael Bonini, Pennsylvania DOT  
Jennifer Fitch, Vermont AOT  
William Carr, Washington DC DOT

9:30 - 10:00  
VT **Communicating the Value of Research - NCHRP 20-78**  
Coordinator: Dale Peabody, MaineDOT  
Dr. Johanna Zmud, NuStats LLC

10:00 - 10:30  
NH **Break**

10:30 - 12:30  
VT **RAC Program Wrap-Up Meeting**  
Chair: Wesley Lum, Caltrans

Possible Topic Areas Include:

- ♦ Outcomes of the National Meeting
- ♦ Task Group Reports
- ♦ Regional Meeting Reports
- ♦ Transportation Pooled Fund Program Update
- ♦ Bylaws

"All attendees are encouraged to attend!"

12:30 PM **Adjourn / Lunch-on-the-Run**

1:30 - 4:00  
MA **RAC Leadership Team Meeting**  
Chair: Wesley Lum, Caltrans