

Who We Are

The Research Administration Section includes engineers, research analysts, statisticians, librarians, library assistants, specialists and administrative support staff. Research staff team with MDOT subject area experts, university researchers, private research firms, industry experts, and local government to conduct transportation related research.

How We are Funded

Research projects are funded primarily by the State Planning and Research (SPR) Part II Program. Program administration is funded by state funds.

What We Do

Research Administration oversees the entire MDOT research program which includes both individual research projects and pooled fund studies with other states. Multiple transportation research “Centers of Excellence” are also managed by the Research Administration Section.

MDOT utilizes a tiered approach for program development and project administration. The approach engages senior executives, managers, subject area experts, and field staff. In addition, external research stakeholders ideas are solicited during the research idea development phase of program development to ensure their continued input into the development of the MDOT research program.

Expertise

Our office supports and facilitates research in Program/Project Development, Delivery and Operations, Multi-Modal Transportation, and Planning/Finance. Research projects are managed by experts from Bridges/Structures, Design, Safety, Environment, Workforce Development, Safety & Security, Mobility & System Operations, Pavements, Materials, Construction, Geotechnical, Intelligent Transportation Systems, Connected Vehicle Research, Maintenance, Freight, Passenger Transportation, Rail, Aeronautics, Maritime, Planning, Asset Management, Policy, Finance and Contract Services.

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