

The RAC Region I teleconference was held on Thursday 05/05/16. The following individuals participated.

Allison Hardt	Maryland DOT
Hua Xiang	Maryland DOT
Nicholas Zavalas	Mass DOT
Curtis Bradley (Vice Chair)	Mass DOT
Camille Crichton-Sumners	New Jersey DOT
Dale Peabody	Maine DOT
Brad Overture	Conn DOT
Beth Klemann	New Hampshire DOT
Mark Felag	RI DOT
Stephanie Dock	District of Columbia
Soumya Dey	District of Columbia
Lisa Tarson	Penn DOT
Bill Ahearn	VTrans
Chris Jolly (Secretary)	FHWA- Vermont

Minutes from 04/073/16 call were approved.

Old Business:

- a. RAC Leadership call notes from the 4/14/16 call were posted on the RPPM site. Highlights include: AASHTO's offer to track committee interest in NCHRP implementation. Keith Platte will be looking into this. AASHTO's comprehensive committee review- latest draft of the restricting scenario has been distributed to all State DOT AASHTO committee members for review and comment. TRB is encouraging SCOR and RAC members to identified nominees for NCHRP panels. Tomorrow 5/6 is the last day for nominations. Region 1 had 22 HVR submittals which is an increase of 15 from last year. Good luck to Pittsburg, PA. in their Smart City challenge. FHWA has invited States to submit articles for their Public Roads magazine. Dale noted that a Task force is looking into using HVR submittals as the basis for an article.
- b. Ahead of the Curve- Region 1 has 6 confirmed attendees. The 6 will be getting additional information shortly on travel and logistics. Registration is now closed.
- c. High Value Research- Ballots are posted on the RPPM site and are due 5/10/16.
- d. Region 1 Report for summer meeting- Please send updates to Ann before June 30th. Last year's report is on RPPM site and will provide examples of what is needed.
- e. RAC Region 1 Listserv- Looking to make sure this is updated and all are receiving emails. Need to add Nicholas Zavalas (MassDOT) and Mark Felag (RIDOT). Steve Woelfel (MassDOT) should be removed. Will check on Gabriel Sherman (MassDOT).

- f. TRB Visits- most scheduled for fall. Some states have not heard from a TRB rep. Looking for states to share past successful visits that can be used to structure future visits.

RAC Task Forces/Announcements:

Administration- Working on updates to RAC Operating Guidelines and hope to finalize during the next month. Working on “Your Role in RAC” session for the summer meeting. Three topics will be discussed- Peer exchange best practices, FHWA Super Circular 2 CFR Part 200 and Mentoring best practices.

Coordination and Collaboration- Working on a study looking at unfunded research needs.

Program Management and Quality- Members of the previous Research Implementation Facilitators User Group and members of the “Implementation Sub-group of the task force will be merging at the summer RAC meeting and are looking for feedback by May 11 on concerns and challenges with research implementation, what products you would like to see and past ideas or topics that the group can build on.

Value of Research- No update

Transportation Knowledge Networks- Working on session for summer RAC meeting. Looking at AASHTO’s electronic and paper publications. How best to disseminate information.

Topic Presentation: No topic presentation this call. These will be postponed until after the summer meeting as preparation for the summer meeting is RAC 1’s priority.

National RAC meeting 2016- Providence, RI:

Progress continues to be made on updating the agenda and sessions. Version 8 is out and is on the RPPM website. Continue to work on sessions and speakers. The RPPM website also has an update on registration and sponsorship. Need to establish a date for when agenda needs to be finalized for printing. Had discussion on equipment needs. At this point it appears all equipment needs will be met with several states committed to bringing laptops, projectors and conference phones.

New Business: Allison had a question for the group wanting to know if any states have had experience with sponsorship programs at Rest Areas. Apparently MD is dealing with this. Next Leadership call is scheduled for May 12. Let Ann know if you have any issues you would like brought forward.

NEXT CALL 6/2/2016