

RAC Region 2 Meeting - 7/25/2016

1. Welcome and Roll Call
 - Elisha Wright-Kehner - AHTD - Chair
 - Cindy Smith - MSDOT - Vice Chair
 - Jason Siwula - KYTC - Secretary
 - Binh Bui - GDOT
 - Terry Swygert - SCDOT
 - Joe Crabtree - Kentucky Transportation Center
 - Darryll Dockstader. FDOT
 - Tyson Rupnow - LADOTD / LTRC
 - Donny Williams - WVDOT
 - James Watkins - MSDOT
 - Neil Mastin - NCDOT
 - Sam Cooper - LADOTD / LTRC
 - Bill Barstis - MSDOT
 - Jack Jernigan - FHWA
 - Chris Dailey - AHTD
 - Michelle Owens - ALDOT
 - Kevin Wright - VDOT
 - Ron Johnson - ALDOT
 - David Jared - GDOT - RAC Vice Chair
 - Tanisha Hall - TNDOT
 - Keith Platte - AASHTO
 - Dale Peabody - Maine DOT - RAC Chair
2. Old Business
 - a. Minutes from STC and last Region meeting not yet finalized. Will have those out by email for approval soon.
3. SCOR Update
 - a. Darryll - Encourage CEOs to get votes in for NCHRP program.
4. STC Update
 - a. June Meeting in Atlanta
 - b. Research benefit guidebook study
 - i. Presentation was made on VOR guidebook. Comments due on interim report by August 9. Can have a call if necessary to discuss.
 - c. Potential Synthesis Topics for STC
 - i. CV / AV
 - ii. Drone Utilization
5. Task Force Updates
 - Elisha - Please participate in the Task Forces. We would like to have Region 2 representation on each task force.
 - Neil - This doesn't have to just be RAC member. NCDOT is assigning staff to task forces as well.
 1. Administration
 - a. Need to update state DOT fact sheets on RAC website this FY. Send changes to Elisha and Cindy.
<http://research.transportation.org/pages/statedotresearchunitfactsheets.aspx>

2. Coordination and Collaboration - No report
3. PM&Q
 - a. Bill and Darryll (intellectual property) are both on this task force.
 - b. Joe Horton (Caltrans) is the new chair of this TF.
 - c. Will focus on program quality in the upcoming year.
 - d. Implementation facilitators group has merged into this group. A survey was done amongst that group to determine issues for future emphasis.
 - e. Intellectual Property group - Will we ever declare victory? Many resources available (NCHRP 799, etc.), however, each state will have to deal with this issue individually based on state policies and regulations. Proposing tabling this subgroup for the time being with the ability to restart if needed. [enid](#)
 - f. Task Force Chairs have agreed to a synthesis study for skill sets needed for research managers / research employees for State DOTs. This will be a small contract through NAS.
4. TKN
 - a. Curtis Bradley will chair this group. This is more than just libraries! Cindy is the lone voice from Region 2 currently.
5. Value of Research
 - a. Elisha - Thanks for all of the help with planning the winter meeting.
 - b. HVR awards at lunch on Tuesday
 - c. Presentations on Wednesday
 - d. Tyson is presenting on the STC project
6. SHRP2 Update
 - a. Last update! SHRP2 Round 7 IAPs awarded in June. This is anticipated to be the last round of implementation assistance.
 - b. Darryll - Looking at incentivizing Districts to implement research (similar to SHRP2 model).
 - c. Neil - Extra money left over from SHRP2 IAP. If there are products that you'd like to get assistance to implement it is worth asking.
 - d. Many states got implementation assistance funds in Round 7.
(<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/goshrp2/Solutions/SolutionsInTheField>)
 - e. Binh - Don't forget that STIC incentive funds are available for \$100k / year.
 - f. Add STIC / EDC discussion to agenda
7. UTC Update
 - a. Expect to hear about recompetition results by the end of the federal fiscal year.
8. NCHRP 20-102 - Impacts of CVs and Avs on State and Local Transportation
 - a. Approved in December 2014
 - b. 3.5M in authorized funding to date
 - c. Tasks intended to complement private sector as well as other state / federal initiatives.
 - d. Over 100 issues identified as a part of the roadmap process. 23 problem statements developed at an estimated cost of \$15M
(<http://apps.trb.org/cmsfeed/TRBNetProjectDisplay.asp?ProjectID=3824>)
 - e. Nine task orders scheduled for completion in 2017 (Tasks 1-9).
 - f. Five new tasks selected in July of 2016. (Tasks 10-14)
 - g. 20-113 Transformational Technologies - Conference in Detroit October 31- November 1 2016. (<http://www.trb.org/Main/Blurbs/174253.aspx>)

9. By-Laws
 - a. Draft has been sent and some comments have been received. One major proposed change is a two year rotation for officers instead of three.
 - b. Cindy will circulate a new draft to discuss at our next conference call.
10. Summer 2017 RAC Meeting
 - a. July 24 - 27 in Louisville, KY at the Brown Hotel
 - b. Will have monthly calls of the planning committee
 - c. Post RAC meeting survey - Michelle Owens
11. Items for RAC Leadership - None
12. Peer Exchanges for 2016-2017 - will be discussing tomorrow at breakfast
 - Elisha - Interest in having a joint peer exchange?
 - Neil - Looking at one this fall for implementation and communication
 - Jason - will host in the fall
 - Elisha - this FY
13. FHWA Update - Jack Jernigan
 - a. Working with OST-R on UTC selection. Final panel of raters met this week.
 - b. Prepared transition books for each Presidential candidate's team for USDOT
 - c. Full appropriations not likely to be prepared at the beginning of the Federal FY.
14. AASHTO Update - Keith Platte
 - a. Jim McDonnell has stepped down as the RAC liaison and has been replaced by Keith Platte.
 - b. NTPEP - Provides data to states on testing from a national perspective. This data can be used to support QPL or other research. Ann Ellis is the link from NTPEP to the RAC Community. Slides will be provided in the near future for further information.
 - c. Donny - Could a letter go out from AASHTO Leadership to encourage participation on NCHRP panels if selected?
15. Other business
 - a. Mentoring
 - i. New RAC members from TN and AL will need mentors.
 - b. Accomplishments for 2016
 - i. GA and MS had peer exchanges
 - ii. All but three Region 2 states got SHRP2 IAP Round Seven awards
 - iii. Presenting at STC at SASHTO
 - c. Goals for 2017
 - i. Host RAC 2017 Annual RAC Meeting
 - ii. Additional task force participation
 - iii. More involvement with mentoring Region 2 members
 - d. SASHTO Presentation on STC this year. **Please send your presentation ideas to Donny by August 5!** Presentation is in three weeks.
 - e. Jose Gomez from VDOT Research Council is retiring September 1. VDOT is recruiting for a new Research Council Director.
0. Meeting adjourned.