

Meeting Minutes

Date	5/10/2016	Time	2:30 pm (Eastern)
Facilitator	Cynthia Jones	Secretary	Steve Bower
Subject	RAC Region 3 Meeting		
Attendees	<p>Member states attending:</p> <p>Illinois – Megan Swanson Indiana – Tommy Nantung Iowa – Brian Worrel, Vanessa Goetz Kansas – Rick Kreider Michigan – Steve Bower Minnesota – Linda Taylor Missouri – Jennifer Harper Ohio – Cynthia Jones, Zona Kahkonen Keppler Wisconsin – Diane Gurtner</p> <p>Member states not attending: None</p> <p>Guests: Greg Pearson- AASHTO, Maina Tran- TRB</p>		

Key Points Discussed		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	Agenda/Roll Call/New Members	Roll Call was taken and attendance noted above Agenda approved
2.	Review previous meeting minutes	A motion to approve the March 2016 minutes was made and seconded. Motion carried.
3.	Review action items from previous meeting	State Fact Sheets: Email Maina Tran mtran@nas.edu to confirm the accuracy of your state's research state fact sheet. RAC 3 Nominations for July Meeting: Vice Chair and Secretary Rick Kreider will be next chair, Vice Chair is needed, Secretary is needed.
4.	Future meeting materials	The group agreed that the RPPM calendar will be used in the future to provide meeting materials for future meetings. The calendar is available at http://rppm.transportation.org/Lists/ConfMtgWebinarsWS/Calendar.aspx Also note that you need to create an account in order to post materials to the calendar.
5.	NCHRP	SCOR recently made 2017 NCHRP project selections in March. Panel nominations were due last Friday, May 6. 2016 NCHRP Synthesis projects were also recently selected. Panel nominations were recently solicited and are due June 6.

		<p>Does your research office send an endorsement (email, letter etc..) to NCHRP following candidate submittals to NCHRP for panel membership?</p> <p>Illinois, Minnesota, Ohio – Yes All Other States - No However, all states ensure executive level endorsement prior to candidate submittal to NCHRP.</p>
6.	AASHTO Digital Publications	<p>Greg Pearson – AASHTO has begun digital only publishing since October 2015. Each state agency will be provided one account that allows five on-line agency users (licenses) at a time. Additional copies will be available to agencies for a fee.</p> <p>The AASHTO Board of Directors decided that five licenses will be provided for no additional cost. In the past, states received ten paper copies. Several states expressed concern over the reduction in free copies from ten to five.</p> <p>Each state should identify their library central contact for these digital publications and communicate this to Carolyn Toye, ctoye@ashto.org</p>
7.	High Value Research (HVR)	<p>RAC3 Voted Selections for the 2016 AASHTO Sweet Sixteen. Congratulations to Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota! As always, there many great submittals from all RAC3 states.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “Testing Protocols to Ensure Performance of High Asphalt Binder Replacement Mixes Using RAP & RAS” - Illinois 2. “Development of Self-Cleaning Box Culvert Design: Phase II” - Iowa 3. “Evaluation of Michigan's Engineering Improvements for Older Drivers” - Michigan 4. “Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Enable Safe and Cost-Effective Bridge Inspection” - Minnesota
8.	Summer Meeting, Providence, RI July 25 – July 28	<p>Travel Approval: Ohio-no, Illinois-yes, Iowa-yes, Indiana-yes, Michigan-yes, Minnesota-yes, Missouri-yes, Kansas-yes, Wisconsin-maybe</p> <p>Ahead of the Curve Attendees (Sunday, July 24): Brian Worrel, Tommy Nantung, Hafiz Munir, Rick Kreider, Diane Gurtner, Linda Taylor, Jen Harper (if travel approved)</p> <p>Draft RAC 3 Agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Transportation Product Evaluation Program (NTPEP) Presentation 2. AASHTO RAC Web Site Redesign - Maina Tran 3. RPPM Website – Maina Tran 4. FHWA - Leslie Wright Replacement 5. NCHRP Synthesis/Project Coordination – Chris Hedges <p>RAC 3 Dinner: Wednesday, July 27, 5:30 PM,</p>

		Invite other RAC meeting attendees – FHWA reps, TRB Reps etc...
9.	OSTR Feedback	Cameron Kergaye sent out email requesting feedback. Please respond if you have not already.
10.	SCOR Member	Peggy Knight, Iowa DOT, has indicated an interest. Iowa DOT has submitted and AASHTO is reviewing the nomination request.
11.	TC3 AASHTO Web Training	Deferred due to Bill Stones absence.
12.	State-by-State Update	<p>Illinois: No report</p> <p>Indiana: Recent reports can be found at https://engineering.purdue.edu/JTRP InDOT is also moving to a more flexible research program development process that allows new research submittals at all times. Also, stressing innovation in the field resulting from research.</p> <p>Iowa: No report</p> <p>Kansas: No Report</p> <p>Michigan: Two research projects were mentioned, “Cost and Benefits of Michigan Intelligent Transportation System Investments” More information can be found at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdot/RC1631_Spotlight-ITS_Deployment_509517_7.pdf</p> <p>“Predictive Modeling of Freezing and Thawing of Frost Susceptible Soils” More information can be found at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdot/RC1619Spotlight_517226_7.pdf</p> <p>Minnesota: Three items were mentioned, Taconite-based pavement patches are showing great potential for pothole repair in Minnesota. Rapid Patch, a water-activated taconite mix, works well for concrete. For asphalt, researchers believe a microwave method for applying a taconite-based patch could be applied nearly as quickly as the typical “throw-and-go” method of repairing potholes. A taconite-based patch lasts years, whereas the five-minute “throw-and-go” patch often only lasts a few months (and sometimes only days). Additional study is under way.</p> <p>A recent study finds that in-place recycling methods – like full-depth reclamation and cold-in-place recycling – are more cost-effective for rehabilitating damaged rural roads than the traditional “mill-and-fill” method. A</p>

		<p>decision tree has been developed to help local agencies decide which treatment option to apply.</p> <p>The Local Road Research Board has developed supplemental guidance for local agencies to identify appropriate work zone layouts, based on the maintenance activity that will be performed. The guidance focuses on low-volume roads only and includes both a rural and urban guidebook that are intended to supplement MnDOT's Temporary Traffic Control Work Zone Layouts Field Manual.</p> <p>Missouri: No Report</p> <p>Ohio: ODOT recently completed research on effective maintenance techniques for Finger Joint Bridges. Additional information can be found at http://cdm16007.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/ref/collection/p267401ccp2/id/13361</p> <p>Wisconsin: WisDOT presently has several research Request for Proposals advertised. These can be found at http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/about-wisdot/research/researchers.aspx</p>
13.	Next conference call	Annual Summer Meeting, Providence, RI RAC3 Meeting Monday, July 25, 3:30 PM

Action Items			
No.	Action Item	Owner	Target Date
1	Consider nominations for RAC3 Vice Chair and Secretary	All Members	July 25, 2016
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