

AASHTO-Research Advisory Committee (RAC), Region 3
Meeting Minutes

Date	7/25/2016	Time	3:30 pm (Eastern)
Facilitator	Rick Kreider	Secretary	Steve Bower
Subject	RAC Region 3 Meeting		
Attendees	<p>Illinois – Megan Swanson Indiana – Tommy Nantung Iowa – Brian Worrel, Peggy Knight Kansas – Rick Kreider Michigan – Steve Bower Minnesota – Linda Taylor, Hafiz Munir Missouri – William Stone, Renee McHenry Ohio – Absent Wisconsin – Lynn Hanus</p> <p>Guests: Maina Tran, AASHTO RAC Website Coordinator, Josh Beakly, American Concrete Pipe Association, Keith Platte, AASHTO</p>		

Agenda Items		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	Meeting Minutes	May meeting minutes were approved.
2.	Election of RAC 3 Officers Term: January 2017 to January 2019	Chair: Rick Kreider Vice Chair: Brian Worrel Secretary: Megan Swanson Motions made, seconded and supported for the election of all three officers.
3.	Alternative Fee Funding Grant Application	Four proposals submitted to MAASTO for Consideration. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Survey of States Alternative Ideas for Transportation Funding 2. Examination of alternate registration fees for heavy vehicles 3. Pre-Paid Manual Mileage Fee System 4. Bridging the transition between fuel tax and mileage based user fee funding. <p>MAASTO will be deciding later this year if any of these proposed ideas will be submitted to USDOT for grant consideration from the special \$20 Million funding allocated in the FAST Act to develop new alternative funding strategies for the National Highway Trust Fund.</p>
4.	2017 TRB RAC Meeting – Sunday Evening	RAC3 is responsible for developing the agenda for the Sunday night national RAC Meeting. Possible ideas discussed included having a round table discussion format concentrating on information sharing on state and federal research projects. This information sharing could potentially lead to future discussions at the Summer 2017 national RAC meeting that would further identify common research needs and better coordinate state DOT and federal transportation research strategies. Further discussions at the September 13

		meeting.
5.	Web Site Redesigns – (AASHTO SCOR/RAC, RPM, RPPM) - Maina Tran	Maina provided an update on enhancements to the RAC/SCOR website. The Surveys area have been enhanced to show active and completed surveys. RSS feeds have also been added to show a history of website updates. Research Performance Measures (RPM) is being migrated to a new site labelled “high value research” The site will be re-hosted by AASHTO. Transportation Pooled Fund (TPF) is also being re-hosted to AASHTO. Both the new RPM and TPF re-hosting will be completed later this year.
6.	AASHTO SCOR Nomination	Iowa DOT will be nominating Peggy Knight to the SCOR. Existing Region 3 SCOR members are Mark Gottlieb, Secretary, Wisconsin DOT, Randy Vanportfliet, Deputy Chief Engineer, Michigan DOT, Tommy Nantung, Pavement Research Manager, Indiana DOT. Amy Schutzbach, Illinois DOT recently retired opening up a RAC 3 spot on SCOR.
7.	Region 2 “SE Consortium Pooled Fund” – Linda Taylor	Linda distributed information on the referenced pooled fund study. Region 1 also has a similar pooled fund. The question is whether Region 3 would be interested in initiating a similar effort? Further discussion at the September 13 meeting.
8.	AASHTO RAC Liaison	Keith Platte is the new AASHTO SCOR/RAC Liaison.
9.	AASHTO RAC 3 Mentoring for Ryan Culton, Illinois DOT	Rick Kreider volunteered to mentor Ryan. Thank you Rick!
10.	Next conference call	September 13, 2016, 2:30 PM Eastern

Action Items			
No.	Action Item	Owner	Target Date
1	All states are asked to think further about possible agenda items for the January 2017 Sunday night TRB national RAC meeting.	All RAC 3 states	Sept 13, 2016
2	All states are asked to consider the pros and cons of establishing a RAC3 consortium pooled fund study.	All RAC 3 states	Sept 13, 2016
3	All states are asked to think about hosting the 2018 AASHTO National RAC meeting.	All RAC 3 states	Sept 13, 2016