Research Office, Long Range Planning Division

Who We Are:
The Research Office is in the Long Range Planning Division of the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT).

What We Do:
The office is responsible for managing TDOT’s transportation research program and initiatives.
The three main tasks of the Research Office are:
• Coordinate research-related activities with FHWA, NCHRP, TRB, AASHTO, ATRI, and other transportation organizations
• Monitor and manage research projects and the research program
• Implement research findings and insights and blend into TDOT policy and practice

How We Are Funded:
The primary funding source for TDOT research is the federal State Planning and Research (SPR) program. FHWA provides SPR funds to TDOT on a Federal-State matching basis of 80% Federal and 20% State.

Research Projects
The Research Office of the Long Range Planning Division oversees research projects that cover a wide range of transportation topics. Most projects fall into one of the following major categories:

- Pavement & Maintenance
- Planning & Environment
- Traffic & Safety
- Structures & Construction
- Others

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