RAC Region 4 and UDOT would like to welcome you to the 2011 meeting of AASHTO’s Research Advisory Committee and TRB State Representatives.

We are excited to have you all here and believe you will find the next four days to be extremely rewarding. We have an exciting agenda planned for you with opportunities to hear from national leaders, to learn about best practices, and to share information about transportation research that’s made a difference.

We hope each of you will learn things you can take home and implement in your organization. We encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to network with your peers—we truly have an outstanding group of professionals in the transportation research area.

If you have questions or need anything during your stay, look for any of us from RAC 4 or from UDOT. We’re here to help ensure you have a great stay.

Enjoy the conference!
Monday, July 25, 2011

8:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m. Joint RAC/CUTC Meeting

Ballroom A
This session brings together State DOT and university research staff to discuss issues of common interest and opportunities to collaborate. Topics to be addressed include:
- Discussion of RITA’s plans for the next UTC competition
- RAC-CUTC role in developing a national research agenda
- Examples of successful partnerships between RAC and CUTC members
- Guidelines on facilitating successful agreements between RAC and CUTC members
- Sharing and disseminating information about the mission, goals, objectives, and activities of RAC and CUTC
- Reauthorization

Moderators: Sandra Larson, Iowa DOT and RAC Chair
Steve Albett, Past CUTC Chair

Panelists: John Moulden, FHWA
Dave Hutt, South Dakota DOT
Sue Sillick, Montana DOT
Jason Bittner, Nat’l Center for Freight & Infrastructure Research & Education
Leni Oman, Washington DOT
Shashi Nambisan, Center for Transportation Research, ISU
Skip Paul, Louisiana DOTD

10:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m.–Noon Joint RAC/CUTC Meeting

Ballroom A
This time slot is set aside for continued discussion of RAC/CUTC items (if needed)

RAC 101

Flagstaff Room
This session is designed for relatively new RAC members, although all conference participants are welcome to attend. The purpose of the session is to provide an overview of DOT Research Program responsibilities and national transportation research programs. There will be opportunities for participants to ask questions of the panelists.

Moderator: Skip Paul, Louisiana DOT

Panelists: Amy Schultzbach, Illinois DOT
Barnie Jones, Oregon DOT
Moy Biswas, North Carolina DOT
Chris Hedges, TRB
Jack Jernigan, FHWA

Noon–1:30 p.m. Lunch
On your own

1:30 p.m.–3:15 p.m. Administration and Education Task Force

Flagstaff Room
This task force is involved in a variety of issues such as updating RAC Bylaws, and managing and updating the content of the RAC web site. The group also is involved in providing resources to assist new staff in understanding program responsibilities. The meeting is open to all who have an interest in the topic.

Moderators: Skip Paul, Louisiana DOT
Steve Pepin, MA DOT

Coordination and Collaboration Task Force

Sun Valley Room
This task force works to encourage collaboration between various organizations involved in transportation research. The meeting is open to all who have an interest in the topic.

Moderator: Sue Sillick, Montana DOT

Value of Research Task Force

Tucson Room
This task force focuses on efforts to document and communicate the value of research to our organizations and the public. The meeting is open to all who have an interest in the topic.

Moderator: Mara Campbell, Missouri DOT

3:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Break
3:30 p.m.–5:15 p.m.  Program Management and Quality Task Force  
**Flagstaff Room**
The PM&Q task force seeks to encourage adoption of best practices by state DOT research programs. The meeting is open to all who have an interest in the topic.
Moderators: Michael Bonini, Pennsylvania DOT and David Jared, Georgia DOT

Transportation Knowledge Networks Task Force  
**Sun Valley Room**
This task force is working to develop and encourage adoption of best practices for preserving and sharing transportation knowledge. The meeting is open to all who have an interest in the topic.
Moderator: Leni Oman, Washington DOT

5:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m.  Welcome Reception  
**Ballroom A**
Network with other meeting participants and visit exhibits with information about transportation research.

**TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2011**

7:00 a.m.–8:15 a.m.  Regional Breakfasts–Region 1 and Region 2  
**Ballroom A**
RAC’s regional groups will meet to discuss regional issues and collaboration opportunities.

Regional Breakfasts–Region 3  
**Flagstaff Room**

Regional Breakfasts–Region 4  
**Sun Valley Room**

8:30 a.m.–9:15 a.m.  Opening Session  
**Ballroom A**
Welcoming remarks from the Chair of the AASHTO Research Advisory Committee and from our host state DOT.
Sandra Larson, Iowa DOT and RAC Chair
John Njord, Utah DOT Director
Cameron Kergaye, Utah DOT

9:15 a.m.–9:45 a.m.  Break and Exhibit Area Open  
**Ballroom A**

9:45 a.m.–11:45 a.m.  National Program Updates  
**Ballroom A**
Representatives of national organizations will provide updates on their activities related to transportation research. They will also answer questions from attendees.
Moderator: Sue Sillick, Montana DOT
Panelists: Bob Skinner, TRB
Chris Jenks, TRB
Mark Norman, TRB
John Halikowski, Arizona DOT
Michael Trentacoste, FHWA
Tim Klein, RITA
Steve Albert, CUTC
Ann Brach, SHRP 2

Noon–1:15 p.m.  Lunch  
**Ballroom A**
Speaker: John Horsley, AASHTO Executive Director
Mr. Horsley will provide an update regarding national issues of interest to state DOTs and answer your questions.

1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.  Engaging Your CEO/Agency Leadership in Research  
**Ballroom A**
For this session, we are fortunate to have three state DOT CEOs as panelists. We also have several research program managers with a reputation for involving their leadership in the research process. Panelists will discuss how Research Programs can engage their agency leadership in research, and suggest ways that programs can make a greater difference within their agencies. Attendees will also have the opportunity to share practices in their states and to ask questions of the panelists.
Moderator: Sandra Larson
Panelists: John Njord, Utah DOT
John Halikowski, Arizona DOT
Susan Martinovich, Nevada DOT
Mara Campbell, Missouri DOT
Dale Peabody, Maine DOT
3:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Break and Exhibit Area Open

3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Best Practices for Implementing Research Results

This session will discuss methods Research Programs can use to encourage implementation or agency-funded research.

Moderator: Dave Huft, South Dakota DOT
Panelists: Mike Bonini, Pennsylvania DOT
Skip Paul, Louisiana, DOTD

Performance Measures for Research Programs

This session will highlight the development of a web-based performance management toolkit to help research programs establish, manage, and share performance measures and the value of their research programs and projects—both internal to their agencies and nationally to the transportation community. Participants will explore the potential for incorporating the toolkit into their programs and share best practices for developing and managing research performance measures and how they identify high-value research projects.

Moderator: Clint Adler, Alaska DOT
Panelists: Stephen Ziegler, ICF International
Mara Campbell, MO DOT
Dale Peabody, ME DOT

5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Break

6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Dinner

Wednesday, July 27

7:00 a.m.–8:15 a.m. Regional Breakfasts–Region 1 and Region 2

RAC’s regional groups will meet to discuss regional issues and collaboration opportunities.

Regional Breakfasts–Region 3

Regional Breakfasts–Region 4

8:15 a.m.–8:30 a.m. Break and Exhibit Area Open

8:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m. TRB State Representatives Meeting

This session and the one that follows it constitute the Annual Meeting of TRB’s State Representatives. The meeting includes a welcome from TRB leadership and presentations and dialogue concerning:
- Keeping your CEOs and decision makers informed about TRB
- Getting the most out of TRB/State DOT partnership visits
- Getting TRB publications to the right people in State DOTs
- State DOTs and the Annual Meeting
- Facilitating involvement by State DOTs in TRB activities
- Fostering a Research Agenda for TRB Standing Committees

Moderators: Bob Skinner, TRB
Mark Norman, TRB

Panelists: Mark Norman, TRB
Michael Bonini, Pennsylvania DOT
Amy Schultzbach, Illinois DOT
Michael LaPlante, TRB
Rick Collins, Texas DOT
Leni Oman, Washington DOT
Skip Paul, Louisiana DOTD
Barbara Harder, B.T. Harder, Inc.

10:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m. Break and Exhibit Area Open.
10:45 a.m.–11:45 a.m.  **TRB State Representatives Meeting (continued)**  
- State DOT Implementation of TRB Cooperative Research Program Projects  
- Domestic Scan Program Update  
Moderator: Barbara Harder, B.T. Harder, Inc.  
Panelists: Mike Bonini, Pennsylvania DOT  
Camille Crichton-Samners, New Jersey DOT  
Darryl Dockstader, Florida DOT  
Tommy Nantung, Indiana DOT  
Speaker: Skip Paul, Louisiana DOTD

11:45 a.m.–Noon  **Break**

Noon–1:00 p.m. **Lunch**  
Speaker: Robert Kirby, Salt Lake Tribune humor columnist; “Confess Your Idiocy.”

1:15 p.m.–2:45 p.m. **High Value Research—The Sweet Sixteen and More!**  
Back by popular demand, be prepared for quick-hitting presentations on the top 16 picks and more from our annual High Value Research Project submissions.  
Moderators: Dale Peabody, Maine DOT  
Roberto DeDios, Colorado DOT  
Individual speakers will be announced at the session

2:45 p.m.–3:00 p.m. **Break and Exhibit Area Open**

3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. **National Research Initiatives**  
This session will focus on several national research initiatives including:  
- Development of a national research agenda for the FHWA  
- Discussion of SHRP 2 products  
- Discussion of AASHTO’s SHRP 2 Implementation Efforts  
- Discussion of the long-range research projects being funded through NCHRP 20-83 and an update on one of these project, which focuses on the economic changes driving future freight transportation.  
Moderator: Ned Parrish  
Panelists: John Moulden, FHWA  
Jerry DiMaggio, SHRP 2  
Chuck Taylor, SHRP 2  
Jeff Heilman, Parametrix  
Jim McMinimee, AASHTO  
Crawford Jencks, NCHRP  
Dr. Christopher Caplice, MIT Center for Transportation and Logistics

5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. **Break**

6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. **Regional Dinners**  
Join others from your region for dinner at one of several restaurants at Salt Lake City’s Gateway Center. Travel to the Gateway Center by light rail. Cost for this dinner is not included in your meeting registration.
Thursday, July 28

7:00 a.m.–7:45 a.m.  Breakfast  

7:45 a.m.–8:00 a.m.  Break  

8:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.  Best Practices for Identifying Transportation-Related Problems for Research  

It is no simple task to identify transportation-related problems that can be solved with research. One particular aspect of this is that not all problems are “researchable.” Further, translating those “researchable” problems into research problem statements that will produce high-quality, impactful results is equally daunting. This demands consideration of issues such as: involving top management to ensure that problem statements are aligned with strategic goals or having the research provide solutions that can be easily deployed. This session will explore the dimensions of this problem from several different perspectives employing the outcomes of a research program peer exchange and the viewpoints of two research stakeholders, one from a university and one from a state agency.

Moderator: Martin Pietrucha, Larson Transportation Institute, Penn State
Panelists:  
Jennifer Fitch, Vermont  
Glenn Roberts, New Hampshire DOT  
Sue Sillick, Montana DOT

Whaddaya Know? A Workshop on Managing Research Program Information  

As research managers, we sift through lots of information and facilitate the creation of new information. What information do we need to keep? How do manage versions of a document? What information about how you work will help your successor? Where are the risks in maintaining institutional knowledge related to research? This workshop will present information on common knowledge management practices that can help us strategically and intentionally manage documented and undocumented knowledge resources.

Moderator: Leni Oman, Washington DOT

9:30 a.m.–9:45 a.m.  Break

9:45 a.m.–11:45 a.m.  RAC Regional and Task Force Reports  

The leaders of RAC’s regional groups and task forces will provide updates on their activities and plans for the coming year.

Moderator:  
Rick Collins, Texas DOT and RAC Vice-Chair

11:45 a.m.–Noon  Break

Noon–1:30 p.m.  Closing Lunch  

This session provides an opportunity for RAC leadership to bring any final discussion or information items to the group before the meeting closes. Attendees will also have an opportunity to share their thoughts on this year’s meeting and make suggestions for next year’s meeting, which will be hosted by Region 1 in beautiful Vermont.

Moderators:  
Sandra Larson, Iowa DOT and RAC Chair  
Camille Crichton-Sumners, New Jersey DOT  
Jennifer Fitch, Vermont Transportation Agency  
Ned Parrish, Idaho TD

1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.  RAC Officers’ Meeting  

This is the business meeting for RAC leadership. The meeting is open to RAC leaders and other invitees.

Moderator:  
Sandra Larson, RAC Chair
SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Clint Adler  Since July, 2009, Clint Adler has been the Chairman for Region IV of the AASHTO Research Advisory Committee. He serves as the Chief of Research Development & Technology Transfer, Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (AKDOT&PF)—a position he has held since July, 2007. His team facilitates transportation research, implementation, technology transfer, and workforce development within the department. Clint has invested nine professionally rewarding years of his career in research & technology transfer in the AKDOT&PF. He holds a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering and an M.S. in Environmental Quality Engineering from the University of Alaska Fairbanks and is a registered professional Civil Engineer in the State of Alaska.

Steve Albert  Steve Albert is the director of the Western Transportation Institute (WTI) at Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana. With more than 25 years of experience, he has spearheaded innovative solutions from metropolitan centers to rural settings. With his management of the Houston transportation system and his pioneering rural research, Steve has a comprehensive perspective of America’s varied transportation needs. Steve also is a national leader on intelligent transportation systems (ITS). He has been involved in and guided ITS research and development projects in more than 35 states. He has delivered more than 100 professional presentations on relevant subjects, including twice addressing the U.S. Senate on the U.S. Department of Transportation’s ITS program. In 2007, U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary Peters selected him to serve on the ITS Advisory Committee. Steve has worked for PB Farradyne, in Washington D.C., Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) in Houston, and the Texas Transportation Institute of Texas A&M University System in Houston.

Moy Biswas  Mirmay (Moy) Biswas is the Manager of the Office of Research at the North Carolina DOT. He has a long and distinguished career that includes consulting on civil structures, nuclear power plants and nuclear fusion reactor projects and publication for a number of associations, including TRB and the American Society of Civil Engineers. He has held research and teaching affiliations with the University of Virginia, the Virginia Transportation Research Council, the National Radio Astronomy Observatory, the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, Texas A&M University/Texas Transportation Institute and the Duke University Transportation Research Center. He holds a bachelor’s degree from the Indian Institute of Technology and a doctorate from the University of Virginia.

Jason Bittner  Jason Bittner is the Deputy Director of the Wisconsin Transportation Center at the University of Wisconsin. He is also a Researcher at the National Center for Freight and Infrastructure Research and Education (CFIRE) and is co-chair of the TRB Committee on Conduct of Research. He recently completed tenure as Acting Director of the CFIRE program. Previous to his work in freight, Jason was a researcher and program manager for the USDOT Region 5 Midwest Regional University Transportation Center. His research there included analysis of state and local transportation asset management, including performance measurement and maintenance quality assurance. He holds degrees from the American University in Washington D.C. and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, La Follette School of Public Affairs in political science and public administration. Jason also holds a lecturer appointment in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Wisconsin and served as an adjunct professor in Political Science at Edgewood College.

Michael Bonini  Michael Bonini is the Research Program Manager and TRB State Representative for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT). In this role, Michael is responsible for the development, management and administration of a fiscally-constrained, prioritized Research Program. In addition, Michael is responsible for the implementation and deployment of research results and other identified innovations throughout PennDOT. Michael also serves on several national transportation committees, including an appointment to the TRB Conduct of Research Committee. He received his undergraduate degree in Political Science from the University of Pittsburgh and his Master’s degree in Public Administration from the University of Baltimore while serving as President for the Pi Alpha Alpha Honors Fraternity and the MPA Student Association. A graduate of the Pennsylvania Management Associate (PMA) program, Michael has been with PennDOT Research since his formal appointment.

Ann Brach  Ann M. Brach is the Deputy Director of the second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP 2) at the Transportation Research Board (TRB) of The National Academies. In this capacity, Dr. Brach is responsible for overseeing research on the role of driver behavior in highway safety and on methods for rapid renewal of highway infrastructure. In addition, Dr. Brach carries out legislative analysis related to federal highway and transportation-related research. Prior to her current position, Dr. Brach served as a Senior Program Officer in Policy Studies at TRB, where she directed the development of SHRP 2. In addition, she has completed studies of funding trends, congressional earmarking, and stakeholder involvement in federal transportation research programs. Before coming to TRB, Dr. Brach was Research and Technology Program Manager at the Federal Highway Administration and Chief of the Research and Technology Division of the Maryland State Highway Administration. Dr. Brach obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from Northeastern University in Boston. She received the Master of Science and Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where she focused on management of research and innovation in the construction industry. She recently completed a Master of Arts degree in philosophy at the Catholic University of America. She has served as chair of the Research Committee of the American Society of Civil Engineers Transportation and Development Institute and as a member of ASCE’s Transportation Policy Committee. She is a registered Professional Engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
Mara Campbell  Mara Campbell is the Organizational Results Director for the Missouri Department of Transportation, a position she assumed in June 2005. This unit is responsible for coordinating organizational performance efforts such as the development and monitoring of performance measures and essential process and quality efforts coupled with innovative and applicable transportation research. Mara has been employed by MoDOT for 14 years and has extensive experience in performance measurement and process engineering. Prior to joining MoDOT, she was the public relations and marketing director for the Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City. She is a certified Quality Manager. Mara received her bachelor's degree in public relations/communications in 1984 from Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg and has a master of business administration from William Woods University. www.modor.gov

Christopher Caplice  Dr. Caplice is the Executive Director of the Center for Transportation & Logistics (CTL) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In this role, he is responsible for the planning and management of the research, education, and corporate outreach programs for the center to include the Supply Chain Exchange and the Master of Engineering in Logistics (MLOG) graduate program. He is also the founder of the MIT FreightLab—a research initiative that focuses on improving the way freight transportation is designed, procured, and managed. Prior to joining MIT, Dr. Caplice held senior management positions in supply chain consulting, product development, and professional services at several companies to include Logistics.com, SABRE, and PTCG. He is also the Chief Scientist for Chainalytics, the leading analytical supply chain consulting firm. In this role, he pioneered and leads the Chainalytics Model Based Benchmarking Consortium (MBBC). Dr. Caplice also served five years in the Army Corps of Engineers, achieving the rank of Captain. His writing has appeared in the Journal of Business Logistics, the International Journal of Logistics Management, and Transportation Research. He received a Ph.D. from MIT in 1996 in Transportation and Logistics Systems, a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin, and a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the Virginia Military Institute (VMI).

Rick Collins  Rick Collins, P.E., has been Director of the Research and Technology Implementation Office of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) since January, 2004. In this role, he is responsible for the research program and implementation of research results and new technologies and processes. Prior to that, he served as director of the Traffic Engineering Section in the Traffic Operations Division. As section director, Rick was responsible for guidelines associated with the design, placement and use of traffic control devices. Rick began his TxDOT career as an engineering assistant in the Design Division in 1982. In addition, he served as safety and programs engineer and then as railroad liaison engineer. He has also worked for a private consulting engineering company. Rick earned his bachelor's in civil engineering from Texas A&M University and his master's in engineering from the University of Texas at Austin. www.txdot.gov

Camille Crichton-Sumners  Camille Crichton-Sumners graduated from Drexel University with dual Bachelor of Science degrees in Civil Engineering and Architectural Engineering. She received her Master’s in Engineering Management from the New Jersey Institute of Technology, College of Engineering and continues her studies as an Engineering Management Doctoral Candidate at the Stevens Institute of Technology, School of Systems and Enterprises. In November of 1991 she began working for NJDOT as a civil engineer in training. During her tenure at the department she has worked in the following Bureaus: Environmental Services, Project Management, Utilities, Project Scope Development, and the Bureau of Research where she currently oversees Research and Technology Transfer initiatives for customers primarily within NJDOT, New Jersey Transit and the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission. She participates on several American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials, Research Advisory Committee, (AASHTO, RAC), Task Force Groups; is the current Vice Chairperson and the incoming Chairperson for RAC Region One; and serves as the Transportation Research Board, (TRB), Representative for NJDOT.

Roberto De Dios  Roberto De Dios is the Pavements and Materials Research Engineer with the Colorado Department of Transportation. He has professional engineering experience in areas of roadway design/project management, traffic engineering, materials, hydrology and hydraulics, environmental, cost estimating, and research. Roberto is Chairman of CDOT’s Pavements and Materials Research Oversight Team, Past Chairman of CDOT’s Environmental Research Oversight Team, a member of the Innovative Pavement Research Foundation (IPRF) Task Force on Materials-Related Distress of Potassium Acetate Deicers on Concrete Airports in Colorado; and a member of the CDOT Materials Advisory Committee. He manages a variety of environmental, pavements and materials research projects and also serves on the Technical Advisory Committees for several pooled-fund studies. Roberto has a B.S. in Chemical Engineering and a master of Engineering (Environmental-Civil).

Jerry DiMaggio  Jerry DiMaggio, P.E., M.ASCE, is Implementation Coordinator of the second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP 2) at the Transportation Research Board (TRB) of the National Academies. Jerry has also served on a number of projects related to Load Resistance Factor Design (LRFD), risk management assessment/mitigation plans, innovative contracting and accelerated construction. He is the retired (2008) Principal Bridge Engineer—Geotechnical and National Program Manager with the U.S. DOT, Federal Highway Administration in Washington D.C. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in Civil Engineering from Clarkson University in New York State and is a registered professional engineer in several states. Jerry is also a certified Master Trainer and licensed Contract Arbitrator (AAA). He has provided consulting services related design, construction and contract matters on approximately 1000 civil construction projects in all 50 states, throughout Central and South America, several Middle
Darryll Dockstader  
Darryll Dockstader has served as the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Research Center Manager since June 2009. The Research Center facilitates FDOT’s research program, including related technology transfer and implementation activities. Before being appointed to this position, he spent nine years as the Technology Transfer Coordinator for the Research Center and three as a project manager in the FDOT Office of Information Systems. Darryll was a member of NCHRP Synthesis panel 20-05 (41-06), Transportation Technology Transfer: Successes, Challenges, and Needs, and currently is a member of NCHRP panel 20-63B, Performance Measurement Tool Box and Reporting System for Research Programs and Projects. Darryll is a graduate of Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida, and holds M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Florida State University.

Anne Ellis  
Anne Ellis has served as Director of the Arizona Transportation Research Center for the Arizona Department of Transportation since February 2009. Prior to joining ATRC, she served as a Program Manager at the Arizona State University Global Institute of Sustainability (GIOS), working in the arena of local, county and state government engagement. She also worked in environmental health and safety compliance and research support for the ASU Fulton School of Engineering. Previous to her work at the University, she spent ten years in the private sector with AlliedSignal’s Engineered Materials/Fluorine Products Division in research and new product development. She holds nine US and foreign patents. Anne holds a bachelor’s degree in organic chemistry and an MBA in strategic marketing and communications from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and a Ph.D. in Public Administration, specializing in Environmental Policy, from Arizona State University. Her dissertation research focused on context sensitive solutions for roadway corridors and the public involvement and interjurisdictional leadership aspects of CSS.

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Jennifer Fitch is Research Engineer for the Vermont Agency of Transportation where she has worked since 2004. She is responsible for compilation of the annual research work program and associated budget, revising program processes for greater efficiency, developing and implementing research proposals, and participation in national and regional research initiatives. Prior to joining VTrans, Jennifer worked as a Civil and Environmental Engineer with the Johnson Company; Jennifer received her B.S. in Civil and Environmental Engineering and M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Vermont.

John Halikowski  
John Halikowski is the Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation. He serves on a variety of national and regional transportation related boards, commissions, and committees. John is the Chair of the AASHTO Standing Committee on Research. He also co-chairs the National Safety Council’s Legal Factors Sub-Committee, the Arizona-Mexico Commission’s Transportation-Infrastructure and Ports Committee, and the Border Governor’s Conference’s Logistics and International Crossings Worktable. John served for twelve years at the Arizona House of Representatives as Director of Research where he was responsible for drafting, presenting, researching and working with affected constituencies on transportation related legislation. He was involved in major legislation that included the Maricopa County Transportation plan, State Highway Construction Acceleration, Privatization, DUI, Transportation Finance and Graduated Driver Licensing. Prior to that, he spent six years with Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) serving in various capacities including: Executive Assistant to the MVD Director, Deputy Director, Driver License Program, Legislative Liaison, MVD Customer Services and Central Processing Administrator and MVD Deputy Director and Operations Chief. John received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications from Arizona State University, and has participated in the Wharton Transportation Executive Program and AASHTO National Transportation Leadership Institute.

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Barbara Harder is Principal for B.T. Harder, Inc., a consulting firm focusing on transportation research management, technology implementation, transportation policy development and analysis, and program and performance assessment. She assisted FHWA in examining issues of quality, performance, and relevance of research activities. With FHWA she developed program policy and administrative procedures, including the Expert/Peer Review Handbook used in the process. In addition, she is part of a team creating an innovation infrastructure for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to enable products of research and other innovations to be systematically deployed and institutionalized as standard practice throughout the department. Harder was the lead author for the NCHRP Synthesis 355: Technology Transfer Successes, Challenges, and Needs. She also produced a TRB study to determine the tools of strategic value for technology transfer and implementation. In the past several years, Harder has prepared several studies, including a National Strategic Plan for Transportation Information Management for AASHTO (coauthor), NCHRP’s Synthesis 312: Facilitating Research Partnerships in Transportation Research, and NCHRP’s Synthesis 280: Seven Keys to Building a Robust Research Program (coauthor). Harder holds a master’s in business administration in technology management and a bachelor’s degree in mathematics with a concentration in physics. She is co-chair of the TRB Committee on the Conduct of Research, a member of the Women’s Transportation Seminar, an associate member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Chris Hedges  
Chris Hedges has worked in transportation research program management for more than 20 years. He has been with the U.S. Transportation Research Board since 1999 as a Senior Program Officer in the National Cooperative Highway Research Program. In his present position with TRB, Chris manages a diverse portfolio of research in the areas of policy, economics, planning, finance, traffic engineering, and geometric
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**Jeff Heilman**  Jeff Heilman has 22 years of experience managing environmental review and developing and implementing compliance strategies for transportation and other public works projects. He has been the NEPA and Environmental project manager on some of the largest transportation projects in the Northwest, including projects exceeding $10 billion in construction value. Jeff is recognized for developing interagency agreements, successful strategies to expedite delivery on complex projects, and innovative permitting strategies that achieve project goals as well as environmental protection and enhancement. He regularly provides NEPA strategy advice, teaches classes on NEPA, and leads or participates in various research projects. He is a Principal Consultant for Parametrix, Inc. His work has received national awards from FHWA for Environmental Excellence in Streamlining, from AASHTO for Best Practices in ContexSensitive Solutions, from the National Association of Environmental Professionals for NEPA Excellence, from the Project Management Institute and from the American Planning Association.

**John Horsley**  John Horsley is Executive Director of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). From 1993 to 1999 he served at the U.S. Department of Transportation. As Associate Deputy Secretary, he was an advocate for intermodal policies, quality of life initiatives, and liaison to State and Local Governments, U.S. Congress, and transportation constituencies. A native of the Northwest, Horsley was elected to five terms as County Commissioner in Kitsap County, a community just west of Seattle. He is a graduate of Harvard, an Army veteran, a former Peace Corps volunteer and Congressional aide, and did graduate study at Georgetown. He is Past President of the National Association of Counties, and was founding Chairman of the Rebuild America Coalition.

**Dave Huft**  Dave Huft is the Research Program Manager and Intelligent Transportation Systems Coordinator for the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT). SDDOT’s Office of Research addresses a broad range of research topics in transportation design, construction, operations, maintenance, planning, administration, and market research. Dave has been active in national research activities and is a past chair of the AASHTO Research Advisory Committee. He is currently a member of the AASHTO Standing Committee on Research and the AASHTO Technology Implementation Group, and was co-chair of the International Scan on Research Program Management. Dave is a recipient of AASHTO's President's Award for Research and Alfred E. Johnson Award for Outstanding Achievement as well as the Transportation Research Board's W.N. Carey, Jr. Distinguished Service Award. He was named to the South Dakota Transportation Hall of Honor in 2009.

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**Jim McMinimee**  In March 2011, Jim McMinimee began serving as AASHTO’s SRHP 2 Implementation Manager. McMinimee recently served as chief engineer and director of project development for the Utah Department of Transportation, where he worked for 25 years. Throughout his career with UDOT, he served in progressive leadership roles in maintenance, operations, and project development. McMinimee led the successful implementation of many initiatives for UDOT in such diverse subject areas as performance management, innovative contracting, partnering, maintenance management, traffic operations, design, software development, Olympic operations, and project management. He also helped UDOT pioneer the use of construction manager general contracting on highway projects, and oversaw the technical expertise and process for several methods of accelerating program delivery. After leaving UDOT, McMinimee worked for a year with Applied Research Associates, a national transportation research firm. He worked with ARA on FHWA’s Highways for Life Program, and most recently on the administration’s “Every Day Counts” initiative. McMinimee holds a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the University of Utah, conducted master’s work at Utah State University, and is a registered professional structural engineer in Utah.

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