

## TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH NEEDS METASEARCH TALKING POINTS

<http://www.google.com/cse/home?cx=006511338351663161139%3Avblegi9v2au&hl=en>

or

<http://www.tinyurl.com/transportationresearchneeds>

- This is a Google Custom Search that uses metadata to "crawl" the web, pulling information on research needs from databases and websites.
- The [AASHTO Research Advisory Coordination and Collaboration Task Force](#) created this tool and is seeking other research needs to which this tool can be linked.
- There are guidelines available at the URL for posting research needs such that they can be linked to and searched by this Custom Search.
- Currently searched:
  - TRB Research Needs Statements database
  - Transportation and Environment Research Ideas (TERI) database
  - Unfunded NCHRP problem statements from FY 2010-2013:
  - Unfunded TPF (Transportation Pooled Fund) ideas
  - Unfunded Mn/DOT research ideas
  - Other sources will be added as they are available.
- The goal is to be able to search all transportation research needs from this site to help researchers, and research sponsors and managers know what needs exist and avoid duplication of efforts.
- This can also help researchers to make connections and find mutual interests, thus sparking potential collaborations. Examples would include TPF projects or Domestic Scan ideas.
- Once a need is funded, the "owner" can pull it from his or her database or website. This will automatically remove it from this search.
- The Task Force is seeking success stories, quick successes and collaborations, that have resulted from the use of this tool. We would like to post these to our webpage to encourage its continued use.

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