West Virginia Department of Transportation Research Program

Who we are:
System Performance and Research Section under the Planning Division of the WVDOT

How we are funded:
Funded primarily by SPR II. Additional funds include SPR I, State funds, federal allocations, and other federal funds. Occasionally receive funding from outside WVDOT State agencies.

What we do:
We are responsible for WVODT’s research program. Primary responsibility is to the development and management the annual research program for the WVDOT. Most of the research is applied in nature (transportation) and is developed by reviewing submitted problem statements. On occasion, we do special studies responding to an emerging need as per the request of the Commissioner or upper management. Most of the research is with two State universities, West Virginia University and Marshall University. Some independent research is conducted with the Mid Atlantic University Transportation Center and the Rahall Transportation Center. We also join Pooled Fund Studies.

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