

**Value of Research  
Minutes—September 13, 2017  
Conference Call**

**Attendees--Members:**

Bill Stone – Missouri DOT (Chair)  
Anne Freeman – Tennessee DOT (Secretary)  
Chris Glancy – Texas DOT  
David Sherman – Florida DOT  
Kimbrali Davis – New Jersey DOT  
Enid White – Wyoming DOT – Co-Chairperson Performance Measures Working Group  
Flavia Pereira – Connecticut DOT  
Lynn Hanus – Wisconsin DOT  
LaKeda Huckaby – California DOT  
Ken Chambers – Nevada DOT  
Linda Taylor – Minnesota DOT  
Lisa Tarson – Pennsylvania DOT  
Maina Tran  
Dale Peabody – Maine DOT  
Ann Scholz – New Hampshire DOT – Co-chairman Performance Measures Working Group  
Terry Swygert – South Carolina DOT  
Timothy McDowell – Wyoming DOT  
Rocio Perez – Texas DOT

**Attendees--Associate Members:**

Keith Platte—AASHTO

**Attendees – Friends:**

Pat Casey – CTC & Associates

**Welcome/Introductions:**

Bill Stone opened the meeting. The July 26, 2017 and September 13, 2017 meeting minutes will be submitted for review and approval to Committee members on November 8, 2017.

**Update on TRB Synthesis Panel 49-07, “Managing Transportation Research Programs”**

Bill gave an update on the Synthesis 49-07, whose objective was to update Synthesis 300 (*Performance Measures for Research, Development, and Technology Programs*, published in 2001). As discussed in Louisville, this was combined with another problem statement regarding the skill set for management of transportation research programs. The objective was to research how a program is doing versus individual projects. The study also looked at staff, positions, skills, and benefit to Ahead of the Curve training. The first panel meeting will be October 5, 2017. Please give Bill, Enid, or Ann any

suggestions for the panel.

### **Task Force Strategic Planning**

There was a formal meeting regarding the changes to the SCOR chair which has been filled. Bill Stone will follow up on any new changes.

Keith Platte – AASHTO, while in attendance gave an update on the recent SCOR retreat. While SCOR has not finalized the strategic plan, the newly created Research & Innovation Committee has been formed. The committee will be comprised of several Task Force committees, i.e. Innovation, Return on Investment, Funding, and the task force delving into the NCHRP process to expedite and streamline processes. Keith discussed further the importance of the interaction of these task force committees.

Bill reached out to the meeting attendees for any volunteers to create a short term Ad Hoc committee. The Ad Hoc committee would assist on development of a strategic action plan document which would then be sent out to the membership for review. The hope is to have a working document by the January 2018 TRB Meeting in Washington, DC.

### **Miscellaneous**

There were two presentations given during this September meeting by Linda Taylor – Minnesota DOT and Chris Glancy – Texas DOT. Linda's presentation was "Development of a Process for Quantifying the Benefits of Research" and Chris presented on "Estimating the Value of Research".

Both presentations were informative and provided unique and individual tools to quantitate benefit value on individual research projects.

### **Next Conference Calls/Adjourn**

Conference calls are bi-monthly on the second Wednesday at 11:00 am to noon Central time. The next conference calls will be November 8, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned on time.