



The RAC Region I teleconference was held on Thursday 3/1/18.

The following individuals participated.

Stephanie Dock (Chair)	District of Columbia
Dale Peabody	Maine DOT
Hua Xiang	Maryland DOT
Ann Scholz	NH DOT
Amanda Gendek	NJ DOT
Kimbrali Davis	NJ DOT
Lisa Tarson	Penn DOT
Don Streeter	NYSDOT
Colin Franco	RI DOT
Mike Sock	RI DOT
Emily Parkany (Vice Chair)	VTrans
Ian Anderson	VTrans
Bill Stone	MO DOT
Renee McHenry	MO DOT
Natassja Linzau	TRB
Chris Jolly (Secretary)	FHWA- Vermont

Minutes from 2/1/18 call were approved.

### Old Business:

- a. Leadership Update- Minutes from the February Leadership call were not available. Stephanie provided highlights which included: AASHTO gave update to the Leadership group; NCHRP ballots were due 2/23; there will be a procedural change for TRB web site updates expect an e-mail to come out on 3/2 for explanation; From USDOT- 3 UTC grants are in Secretary's office for approval; FHWA will be starting a State visit program intended to get FHWA Divisions more engaged in research; structure of the summer RAC meeting was discussed; TKN group will be drafting a letter regarding AASHTO e-publications which will be discussed at their March meeting to review and submit to AASHTO.
- b. Had a brief general discussion on UTC proposals/projects. Who submitted proposals ?

### RAC Task Forces/Announcements:

**Administration-** "Fact Sheets" were discussed on the last leadership call so please pay attention to these. Look for e-mail to come out shortly on updating the "Fact Sheets". Even if "Fact Sheet" does not need to be updated would like acknowledgement that it has been reviewed. The web site working group is scheduled to meet soon.



**Coordination and Collaboration-** Some confusion if there was a call yesterday (2/28) or not. Apparently was on the RPPM site but no call-in information available. Will bring up on next leadership call.

**Program Management and Quality-** No updates. Last call was on 12/14.

**Value of Research-** Will have call in March. There is a Synthesis panel project underway on Managing States Research Programs working with consultants. Expect a survey to come out soon as part of this project. Looking at how to measure the effectiveness of a States Research program. Next panel meeting is in June. Also looking at states workforce needs.

**Topic Presentation:** Bill Stone, Renee McHenry and Natassia Linzau gave presentation on the new High Value Research Website and how to make submittals. Went through how to access the site, Dashboard, how to search for past projects and general discussion on HVR projects. Noted there is a HRV Users Guide available on the website along with FAQ's.

Noted that HRV submittals are due 3/31. Hoping to get at least one submittal from each state.

**New Business:**

- a. Discussion on possible ideas for the next Topic Presentation. Agreed that a presentation on how to quantify the benefits of a research project would be a good candidate. It was mentioned that Minnesota and Texas have done work in this area and may be possibilities for a presentation.

**Next Call: April 5, 2018.**