Why Research Matters

**Identifies Improvement Opportunities**
Research encourages examination and evaluation of current practices.

**Supports Economic Growth**
Improvements result in more efficient movement of people and goods.

**Enhances Quality of Life**
Transportation facilitates connections between us and what matters most.

**Builds a Knowledge Base**
Transportation research aids decision makers in prioritizing programs and policies.

Focus Areas

**SAFETY**
Reducing transportation fatalities and serious injuries through system-wide, multimodal, data-driven, and proactive strategies.

**MOBILITY**
Improving the accessibility, reliability, time, and costs associated with the movement of people and goods.

**SUSTAINABILITY**
Considering how transportation supports economic, social, and environmental progress with a long-term perspective.

**TECHNOLOGY**
Evaluating both current and potential technologies and incorporating them effectively into existing agency functions.

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