



The RAC Region I teleconference was held on Thursday 10/4/18.

The following individuals participated.

Flavia Pereira	Conn. DOT
Dale Peabody	Maine DOT
Allison Hardt	Maryland DOT
Hua Xiang	Maryland DOT
Lily Oliver	Mass DOT
Ann Scholz	NHDOT
Deirdre Nash	NH DOT
Ryan Lund	NYSDOT
Emily Parkany (Vice Chair)	VTrans
Ian Anderson	VTrans
Chris Jolly (Secretary)	FHWA- Vermont

Minutes from 9/6/18 call were approved.

### Old Business/Announcements

- a. Leadership Update- Last call was on 9/13/18. A lot of discussion on the next major Highway Bill which will follow the FAST Act starting FFY 2021. A white paper was drafted by Ann Bosnia and various AASHTO committees are receiving and weighing in on the white paper to formalize AASHTO's position. During the winter RAC meeting FHWA will again be hosting a tour of its Turner Fairbank facilities. A recent e-mail went out advising of the need to sign up for the tour if interested.

### RAC Task Forces/Announcements:

#### General note- Looking to get new RAC members to participate in Task Forces

**Administration-** "on boarding" webinars will be available soon. A survey went out recently so please respond if interested. These should be helpful for new members and cover various topics. Region 1 will be assisting with establishing the agenda for the winter meeting. Looking to get a survey out asking for input on the agenda and hoping to get the agenda set by early November. Will also look at the survey sent out after last year's meeting for possible topics. Dale offered a couple of possible topics- Update on NCHRP Implementation Programs and Innovation- How do we define it? Allison noted that the latest version of the Meeting Planning Guidelines has been sent to MA to help with the summer meeting.

**Coordination and Collaboration-** No update available

**Program Management and Quality-** No call. Next call scheduled for 9/20. Task force is reviewing its Action Plan. The last Plan was dated 2010. A draft document is under review with comments due by 10/19. From the Implementation Group. Implementation



documents are on the RPPM site. Looking to locate all implementation documents in one spot. Past minutes are posted on the RAC webpage.

**Value of Research-** NCDOT recently made a presentation on work they did trying to quantify the value of its research and implementation. Included the calculation of benefits derived from the implementation of research. This is a complicated process with multiple inputs. Other states would need to take a close look to see if they could adopt the NC process. The HVR Action Plan has been drafted and sent out for review. Looking at 3 specific areas- HRV- sweet 16; marketing; and research project performance measures.

**New Business:**

- a. Winter meeting agenda- refer to notes under “Administration” Task Forces/Announcements”
- b. RAC Summer 2020 meeting- Mass.to host. Waiting to hear from AASHTO meeting planner before proceeding.
- c. Round Robin Discussion- had a general discussion on the make-up of TAC’s in each state. Since we have a number of new RAC members in Region 1 we had round robin of short self-introductions including the revelation of some amazing “fun facts” of our RAC 1 members.

Possible Topic presentation of future call is NCHRP 20-24 project lead by Mass.

**Next Call: November 1, 2018.**