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Value of Research (VoR) Task Force Report



2019 HVR “Sweet Sixteen” & Supplemental Topic Awardees

Membership

- New Members

- Carol Aldrich, Michigan DOT
- Tyson Rupnow, Louisiana DOTD

- Goodbye to:

- Bill Stone – Retired to Arizona (DOT)

- New Officers/Leadership

- Co-Chair – Cindy Smith, Mississippi DOT
- Secretary – Megan Swanson, Illinois DOT

2018-2019 Accomplishments

- 2019 Solicitation for the Annual High Value Research Projects
 - High Value of Research “Sweet Sixteen” awards:
 - Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, Vermont, South Carolina, Texas, Utah
 - Supplemental Topic Award – Safety
 - Iowa, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Michigan, Nevada, NETC Quick Response
 - Supplemental Topic Award – Bridges/Structures & Hydraulics
 - Iowa, Michigan, Montana, New Hampshire, North Carolina, NETC Quick Response

2018-2019 Accomplishments

■ 2019 Meeting Presentations

- Neil Mastin and Curtis Bradley, North Carolina DOT presented on research implementation. The presentation related to a research project that attempted to quantify implementation and benefits to NCDOT via a Benefit/Cost/Analysis and their internal efforts to investigate and survey research project implementation.
- Binh Bui, Georgia DOT presented “Research Implementation Report”. The presentation discussed the development of an agency-appropriate (Evidence-Based Database & Tool) for research implementation management. The was developed to evaluate the return on research investment and thereby, report on research program impacts.
- Cameron Kergaye, UTAH DOT presented during the 2019 National RAC/TRB State Representatives Meeting “The Value of Research: Implementing, Measuring and Sharing”. The presentation outlined different types of benefits of which UTAH DOT captures. This assists in prioritizing research topics/projects, review program balance and identify top performing principal investigators and research champions.

2019-2020 Goals & Activities

- Goal #1 VoR Task Force Committee
 - Refocus Task Force Mission
 - HVR Website Update
 - Increase VoR membership
- Goal #2 Reevaluate the “Sweet Sixteen” process
 - Guideline Update/Revision
 - Policy discussion to “allow states to submit their submissions earlier” (potentially starting in September 2019 instead of January 2020)
 - Renaming of Award given to the AASHTO Board of Director members
- Goal #3 – R&I Strategic Plan with VoR Alignment 2015-2020
 - Formation of New Work Groups
 - Focus on VoR Task Force Action Plan