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