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TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD

**TRB State Partnership Visits**  
**TRB State Reps Meeting**  
July 2019

# Outline

- **What is the TRB State Partnership Visit Program**
- **History of the TRB State Partnership Program**
- **Program Feedback - Scheduling Survey Results**
- **Ideas for continued connection - What would happen if?**

# TRB State Partnership Visits

## State Agency

- Request the visit
- Develop Agenda for Visit
- Current issues facing the State DOT
- Highlight ongoing projects of interest



## TRB

- Provide updates on TRB Activities, Programs, and Priorities.
- Identify TRB products that may support the State DOTs current objectives.

# History of State Visits – 1940s

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The staff of the Board was increased from 5 to 15 persons, and at the end of the year consisted of the Director, Associate Director, engineer of design, engineer of materials and construction, engineer of maintenance and equipment, engineer of soils and foundations, a research engineer, an administrative assistant, two secretaries, two stenographers, and three clerks.

During the year staff engineers of the Board made one or more visits to each of the 48 States for conferences with officials of State highway departments, engineering colleges, and other agencies interested in highway research. Written reports were made on research problems, facilities, and personnel in each State.

# History of State Visits – 1950s

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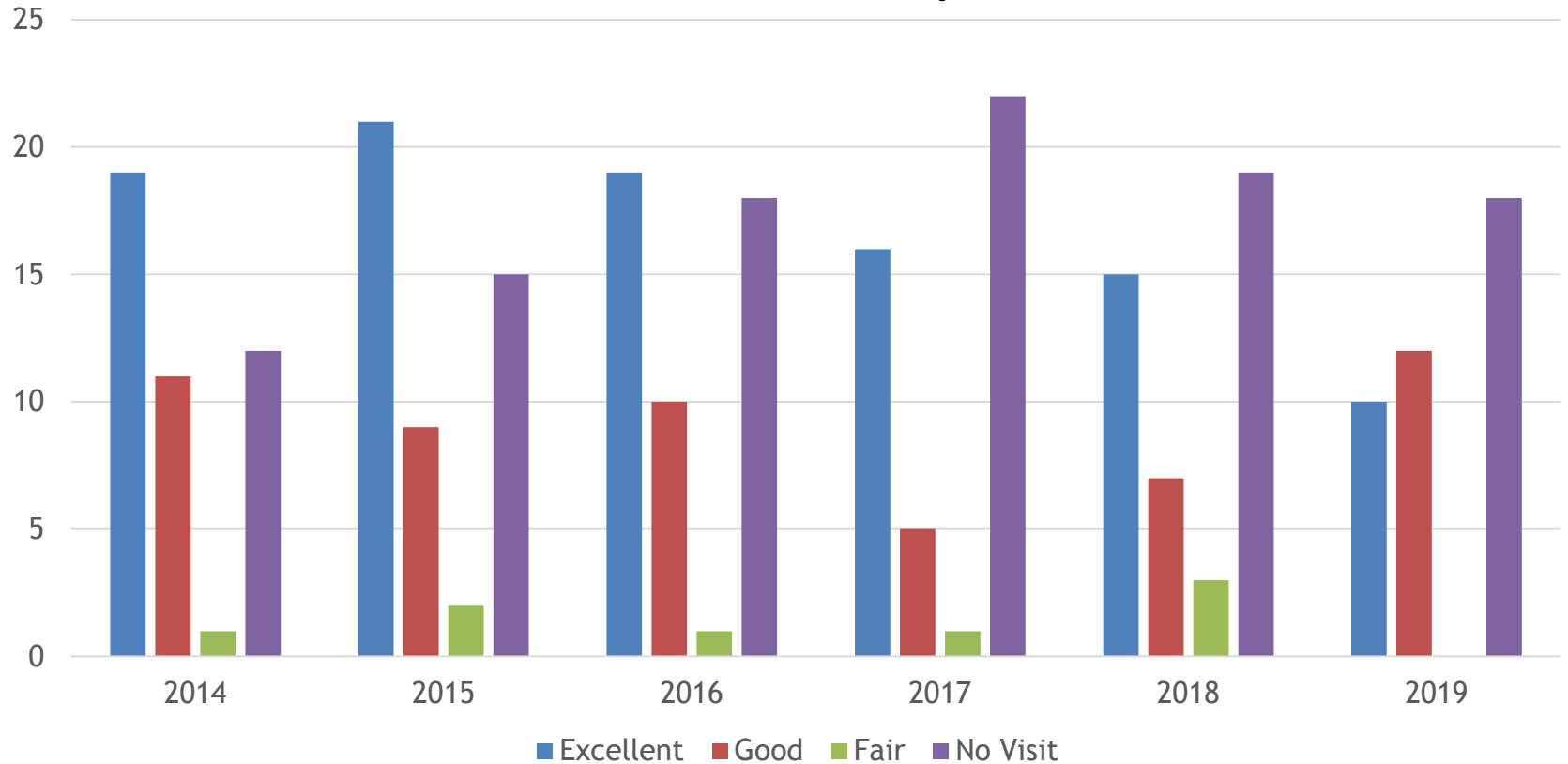
Many highway problems susceptible to a solution through research are brought to the attention of the Board by means of its **Highway Research Correlation Service**. During the past year this service was provided by five professional engineers representing the six Departments of the Board; in the course of their work, they made 64 visits to state highway departments and 65 visits to colleges and universities.

# History of State Visits – 1960s

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The **Highway Research Correlation Service**, from whom the Board learns of many highway problems that can be solved through research, continued to operate with its five professional engineers representing the Board's six departments. During the past year, visits were made to 71 State highway departments and 59 colleges and universities.

# State Visits Survey



# Questions for Today

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- How would you rate the current TRB State Partnership Visits?
- When you think about TRB State Visits what is the first word that comes to mind?
- What is the suggested frequency of Visits?
- The one thing you would do to improve the program.



# Poll Everywhere

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## Website

Audience can respond at [PollEv.com/jamesbryant869](https://PollEv.com/jamesbryant869), as long as the poll is active. (?)



## Text messaging

Presenter session: Audience texts [JAMESBRYANT869](https://www.textpoll.com/jamesbryant869) to [22333](https://www.textpoll.com/22333) to join the session, then they text a response.

# What would happen if?

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What types of actions or activities would you like to see TRB do to connect with you state?

- Targeted Webinars
- Regional Conference Calls
- Regional Gathering
- Other thoughts and ideas

# How about?

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- A single staff member is assigned to your state, with regular check-ins, communications, etc.

# Questions

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