The NCHRP website has been rebuilt: [http://www.trb.org/NCHRP/NCHRP.aspx](http://www.trb.org/NCHRP/NCHRP.aspx)
- We want this to be useful and have organized and populated the site with the hope that people will use it to find things they need.
- In this process we’ve rediscovered and are reconsidering old content. We are still adding and revising contents.
- Please let Sid Mohan or me know if you have suggestions or comments.

The FY2020 NCHRP was approved by the AASHTO Board of Directors.
- Each project must receive a minimum of 35 YES votes.
- At least 36 states voted YES on each project.
- Not voting is considered a NO vote for all projects.
- Some states submit an incomplete ballot—not casting a vote for a particular project is considered a NO vote.
- As normal, we did not have the required 35 states voting “Yes” and I emailed the missing states for help.
- We proceed with assembling project panels while we wait for the CEOs to finish voting.
- If a project does not get 35 YES votes, we simply stop working on that panel.
- This is an electronic ballot sent from AASHTO Exec Dir Jim Tymon to the CEOs.
- Patricia Ng’ethe from AASHTO emailed that information to the AASHTO RAC membership list.
- I emailed the RAC listserv the same information.

FY2020 Panel formation:
- The list of nominees emailed on July 19 to the voting RAC member:
  - Just state DOTs – 574 for regular projects and 154 for Synthesis; approx. 1500 total.
  - “Member” mostly means tentatively selected, and some may have received an invitation letter. A few panels have been officially appointed.
  - Multi-step process culminating in formal approval of each panel member by the National Academies – not TRB or NCHRP.

Process Improvements: “CRP 2.0”
- The TRB Cooperative Research Programs Division houses NCHRP and the other cooperative research programs:
  - Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP)
  - Behavioral Traffic Safety Cooperative Research Program (BTSCRP)
  - Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP)
- CRP is in the middle of a massive process improvement effort to improve our customers’ experience, streamline internal processes, and modernize our IT systems.
  - We purchased project management software called Work Front and this summer we are migrating more than 600 active research projects.
    - All publication-related tasks are also in the new system, and we will be adding our contracting actions as well.
    - We are building a new panel nomination process that will use MyTRB and is on schedule to be used for next year’s NCHRP panel nomination process.
• A nominee or nominator has to have to have a MyTRB account.
• Nomination info will be entered and resumes will be uploaded
• Will be used for Synthesis, too.
• The regular project and Synthesis nomination periods will be concurrent
• For the State Rep/RAC voting member
  o will have access to see their state’s nominations
  o will be able to nominate a group of people
  o will be able to identify their state’s “preferred”, “supported”, etc. nominees
• Will involve the RAC Officers in the development process
  ▪ What difference will this make?
  • Will improve the experience for panel members and principal investigators
    o No more emailing of attachments
    o Principal Investigators will upload deliverables to the new system and that will be time stamped
    o Panel members can access their project on the system at any time to view and/or download documents
    o Panel member comments will be gathered via a survey using Survey Gizmo
• It’s all cloud-based and no application needs to be downloaded. So far states have not had any access issues (Approx 1/3 of active projects are already using the system)
• Gives NCHRP staff modern tools to manage our individual projects and our entire portfolio.

• Call for problem statements for the FY2021 NCHRP is out
  o Problem statement template has been revised (most years there are changes)
  o Is on the website for the very first time.

• Results of this year’s survey of how NCHRP publications from 2015 are available on the NCHRP Implementation webpage: http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/nchrp/docs/2015_NCHRPPublicationsSurveyResults.pdf

• FYI...The 8 state DOT CEOs on the TRB Executive Committee:
  o Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, Pennsylvania & Utah
2015 NCHRP Publications User Survey

• Held in late 2018 – early 2019
• Covered 66 publications from the year 2015
• 358 respondents took 631 surveys
• Summary available on NCHRP Implementation Program webpage

bit.ly/NCHRP-ISP
From 2014 through 2018, High Value Research projects from 42 states referenced at least 1 NCHRP research product.

24 HVR projects referenced 5 or more NCHRP research products.

227 HVR projects referenced NCHRP research products 530 times.

425 individual NCHRP research products were referenced.

NCHRP research products on Pavements and Safety were the most frequently referenced products (30% of all references).