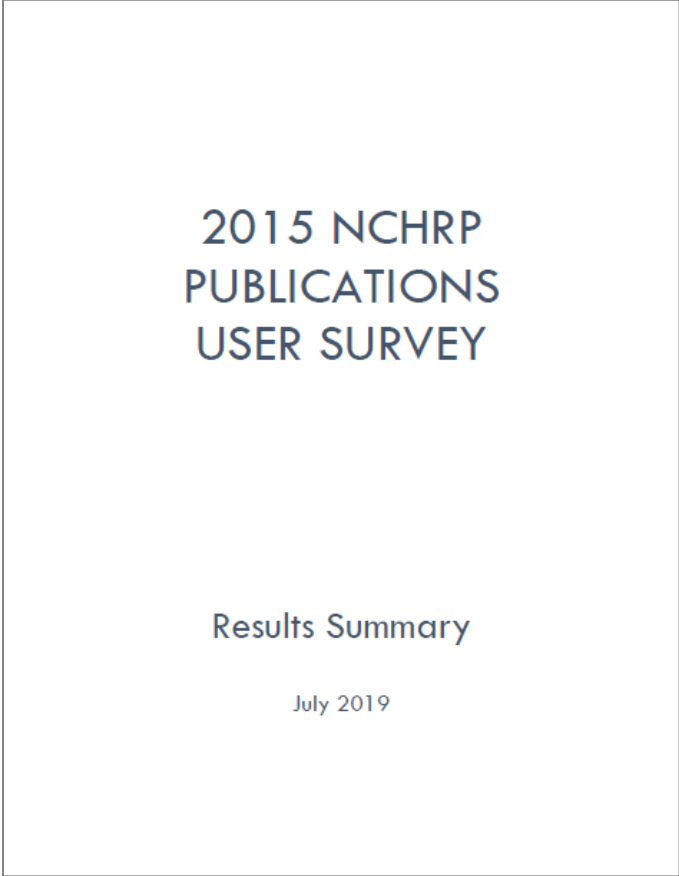


**State Rep Meeting – July 24, 2019**  
**NCHRP Report**  
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- The NCHRP website has been rebuilt: <http://www.trb.org/NCHRP/NCHRP.aspx>
  - We want this to be useful and have organized and populated the site with the hope that people will use it to 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 (BTSCR)
    - 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
  - will have access to see their state's nominations
  - will be able to nominate a group of people
  - 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
    - No more emailing of attachments
    - Principal Investigators will upload deliverables to the new system and that will be time stamped
    - Panel members can access their project on the system at any time to view and/or download documents
    - 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
  - Problem statement template has been revised (most years there are changes)
  - 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](http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/nchrp/docs/2015_NCHRPPublicationsSurveyResults.pdf)
- FYI...The 8 state DOT CEOs on the TRB Executive Committee:
  - Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, Pennsylvania & Utah

# 2015 NCHRP Publications User Survey



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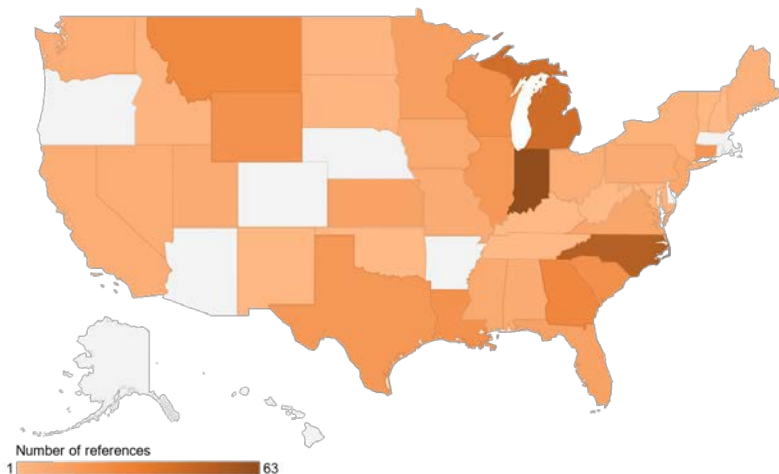
Results Summary

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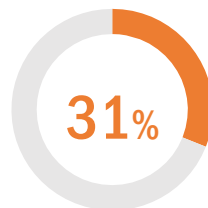
- Held in late 2018 – early 2019
- Covered 66 publications from the year 2015
- 358 respondents took 631 surveys
- Summary available on NCHRP Implementation Program webpage

[bit.ly/NCHRP-ISP](https://bit.ly/NCHRP-ISP)

# NCHRP Research Products in High Value Research



From **2014 through 2018**, High Value Research projects from **42** states referenced at least 1 NCHRP research product.



**31%** of HVR projects 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).