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Research Roadmap *for the* AASHTO Council on Active Transportation

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Roadmap for my presentation

- **Process for developing the Roadmap**
- What's in the Roadmap?
- How can you use the Roadmap and get involved in research?

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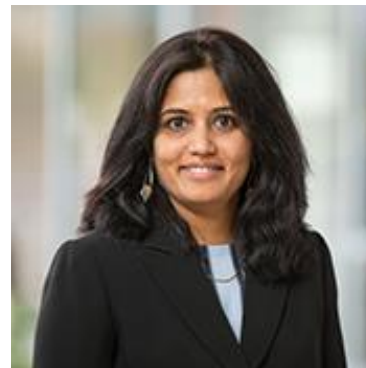
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Project Tasks

Task 1



Inventory of Existing Research and Research Needs

- Inventoried existing and on-going research and identified research needs

Task 2



Initial Research Needs and Gaps Assessment

- Surveyed professionals for initial prioritization of research needs and assessment of gaps

Task 3



Focused Review of Existing Research

- Summarized existing research using previous research reviews and new research
- Identified relevant on-going research and assessed research gaps

Task 4



Outreach for the Roadmap

- Conducted workshops to refine and prioritize research needs

Task 5



Roadmap and Related Deliverables

- Identified research priorities and implementation pathways
- Developed 6 research problem statements

Task 6

Continuity/
Implementation
Plan

- Developed plan for Council to track Roadmap progress and keep up on new research



Research Roadmap and Continuity Plan

Prioritizing Research Needs

110 needs placed into 3 priority levels using survey & workshop input and team's knowledge

Top 15 needs reviewed by Panel and CAT Steering Committee. Their input + survey of CAT members used to select top 6.

6 Highest priority
(Research Problem Statements)
9 High priority (Research Need Briefs)
31 Medium priority (Research Need Briefs)
64 Lower priority

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Where to find the final documents

- <https://apps.trb.org/cmsfeed/TRBNetProjectDisplay.asp?ProjectID=4808>
 - Or search *research roadmap AASHTO council active transportation*

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Research Roadmap for the AASHTO Council on Active Transportation [[NCHRP 20-123 \(Support for AASHTO Committees and Councils\)](#)]

Project Data	
Funds:	\$250,000
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STATUS: Research is complete.

The Research Roadmap, with prioritized research needs, is available here: <http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/nchrp/docs/NCHRP20-123-02AASHTOCATResearchRoadmap.pdf>

The Research Review summarizes existing and ongoing research in 22 topic areas: <http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/nchrp/docs/NCHRP20-123-02AASHTOCATResearchReview.pdf>

The Continuity and Implementation Plan provides the Council on Active Transportation (CAT) with tools and steps to implement the Roadmap: <http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/nchrp/docs/NCHRP20-123-02AASHTOCATResearchRoadmapContinuity-Implementation.pdf>

A spreadsheet for tracking research is available for download here (xlsx format): <http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/nchrp/docs/NCHRP20-123-02AASHTOCATResearchRoadmapTrackingSpreadsheet.xlsx>

OBJECTIVE

In November 2016, the AASHTO Board of Directors adopted a new committee structure for the organization that included creating the CAT as part of the Transportation Policy Forum. The Council addresses issues related to bicycle, pedestrian, and other active transportation modes, including non-motorized access to the multi-modal network.

The objective of this project was to develop a research roadmap that can be used by the Council to focus its efforts to foster, support, monitor, disseminate, and implement research on active transportation. The roadmap will build upon existing research and is informed by outreach to the active transportation practitioner community. In addition to identifying research gaps and prioritizing research needs, the roadmap aligns with the Council's strategic plan for future Council activities, including collaboration with other AASHTO committees and councils.

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Research Review

Bikeways: Ridership and demand

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the two measure different things. In 16% of the studies, the perception measure was correlated with activity, in 13% the objective measures were, and in 3% both were (Orstad et al., 2017).

- A study from Portland, OR, found that perceptions and objective measures of the cycling environment had different effects on cycling behavior. After controlling for attitudes, objective measures had a stronger effect on the frequency of

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- There is no strong evidence that shared lane markings (aka sharrows) alone, particularly on busy streets, increase comfort levels or cycling volumes (Boellier & Dill, 2016; Ferenchak & Marshall, 2016; Schutheiss et al., 2018; Winters & Teschke, 2010).

group, often because of physical limitations (Dill & McNeil, 2016). Other studies have aimed to improve and refine that typology. One resulted in three types: Uncomfortable or Uninterested, Cautious Majority, and Very Comfortable Cyclists (Cabral & Kim, 2020).

- Comfort levels are often correlated with demographics. Several studies have found that women feel less

Research reviews

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Most common TRID index terms
Bicycle lanes
Bicycle facilities
Cyclists
Bicycling
Highway design
Highway safety
Bicycle travel
Attitudes
Traffic safety
Surveys
Built environment
Comfort

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Research Needs Matrix

Research Need	COLLABORATORS						OTHER COLLABORATORS
	AASHTO		TRB				
	J/NHTC & Design	Safety	Planning	Envt & Sust.	TRB Bicycle (ACH20)	TRB Ped (ACH16)	
NEED	DESCRIPTION						
DATA							
A1	■	■	■	■	■	■	AASHTO Data Management and Analytics
B6	■	■	■	■	■	■	AASHTO Data Management and Analytics
C2	■	■	■	■	■	■	AASHTO Data Management and Analytics
C16	■	■	■	■	■	■	AASHTO Data Management and Analytics
C17	■	■	■	■	■	■	AASHTO Data Management and Analytics
C20	■	■	■	■	■	■	AASHTO Data Management and Analytics
C22	■	■	■	■	■	■	AASHTO Data Management and Analytics
C26	■	■	■	■	■	■	AASHTO Data Management and Analytics
D11	■	■	■	■	■	■	AASHTO Data Management and Analytics
D31	■	■	■	■	■	■	AASHTO Data Management and Analytics
D42	■	■	■	■	■	■	AASHTO Data Management and Analytics
DESIGN							
A2	■	■	■	■	■	■	AASHTO Traffic Engineering
A3	■	■	■	■	■	■	AASHTO Traffic Engineering
B4	■	■	■	■	■	■	AASHTO Traffic Engineering
C12	■	■	■	■	■	■	AASHTO Traffic Engineering
C15	■	■	■	■	■	■	AASHTO Traffic Engineering
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D2	■	■	■	■	■	■	AASHTO Traffic Engineering
D3	■	■	■	■	■	■	AASHTO Traffic Engineering
D8	■	■	■	■	■	■	TRB Geometric Design (AAS19)

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The Research Roadmap: Highest Priority Needs (6) *Research Problem Statements*

RPSs for the six highest-priority needs (not ranked):



- A1. Applying and integrating active transportation data into planning and operations.
- A2. Using minimum accommodations vs. alternative approaches to increase active transportation.
- A3. Determining context-driven optimal spacing between marked crosswalks.
- A4. Addressing barriers to integrating active transportation throughout planning and engineering practice.
- A5. Racial and economic disparities in pedestrian and bicyclist safety.
- A6. Speed management solutions and strategies to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety on arterial roadways.

Follow the 2020 NCHRP problem statement format

The Research Roadmap:

High (9) & Medium (31) Priority Needs

Research Need Briefs

Research Topic	B4: Designs to improve safety at shared-use path intersections
Overview	<p>Shared or multiuse paths invite a wide range of users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and other wheeled users, with a range of transportation purposes such as commuting, exercise, and recreation. For rail-adjacent paths, the crossings may also include traversing railroad tracks. Absent adequate accommodations, shared-use path crossings can present users with complex tasks including gap selection, scanning for turning vehicles, and interacting with other path users.</p> <p>Ensuring safe crossings for all users at these locations is essential. There is a large body of research on the effectiveness of enhanced crossing features for pedestrian-only crossings. Pedestrian-activated yellow flashing beacons, usually in combination with high-visibility crossings or advance yield markings, refuge median islands, rapid rectangular flashing beacons (RRFBs), and pedestrian hybrid beacons (PHBs) have all been shown to increase driver yielding rates and pedestrian safety. Additional enhancements and design elements such as signing, markings, and geometry can also be used at these crossings. While some or all of these tools translate to shared-use path crossings, it is not clear how to integrate treatments for different types of path users, road classifications, land-use contexts, and crossing geometries. Overall, there is limited guidance for treatment selection, particularly for paths next to railroads.</p> <p>Research is needed to identify contextually appropriate designs, and which design elements and tools practitioners should use in the shared-use path environment.</p>
Research Objectives	<p>Research in this area would likely include best practice scans, particularly to better document and understand how to safely implement shared-use path crossings in a wide variety of different state, land use, and roadway and path contexts. New empirical research may also be needed to confirm or validate typical designs and treatments. The research should seek to address the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a design toolbox, including retrofit improvements, that is context sensitive and distinguishes how to assess and apply treatments at intersections of paths on all roads, including midblock crossings, and for different path user types. This toolbox would benefit from detailed case studies, including urban, suburban and rural, and guidance on appropriate performance measures for evaluating improvements (e.g., driver yielding, conflicts, crashes). • How best to design and accommodate people of all ages and abilities - ages, socioeconomic groups, mobility devices, types of bikes, visual acuity, and preferred speeds. • How to design intersections now to plan for changes in technology that can help mitigate conflicts with trail users.
Research Type	  <p>Empirical Data Best Practices</p>

Research Review	Bicycles at intersections: Design and safety		
Potential Funding Pathways	TRB Cooperative Programs: NCHRP regular process Other: FHWA		
Research Timeline	2021 – 2022	2023 – 2026	2027 and later
	Scope and initiate research Monitor and coordinate with NCHRP 03-141	Complete and implement research	Monitor application of research
Research Partners	AASHTO Committees: Design/JTCNMT; Safety TRB Committees: Pedestrians; Bicycle Transportation US DOT: FHWA Other organizations: Rails-to-Trails Conservancy		
Related Projects	<i>Description/Connection</i>		<i>Status</i>
	NCHRP 03-141: Midblock Pedestrian Signal Warrants and Operation		
	This research will focus on when signals are suitable for midblock crossings.		Start 2021
	NCHRP 17-97: Strategies to Improve Pedestrian Safety at Night		
	This research may touch on lighting for shared-use path intersections.		Anticipated 2021
	FHWA, Outreach and Awareness Program on Strategies to Enhance Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety at Intersections		
	Research on this topic should coordinate with this project described in FHWA's Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program Strategic Plan.		Anticipated, 2021-2022
Related RNSa	Traffic Control at Shared-Use Path Road Crossings (ACH20, Bicycle Transportation) https://ms.trb.org/dproject.aspx?n=38925 Intersection Sight Distance for Bicyclists (ACH20, Bicycle Transportation) https://ms.trb.org/details/dproject.aspx?n=43238 Evaluation of Pedestrian Crossing Design Practices Based on User Behavior and Psychology (ACH10, Pedestrians).		

The Research Roadmap: High Priority Needs (9)

Nine high-priority needs (no ranking within):

B6 Improving data on pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities and injuries

B4 Designs to improve safety at shared-use path intersections.

B5 Equitable representation in active transportation

B2 Bicycle networks: measures and effects

B3 Changes in bicycle ridership with innovative infrastructure

B7 Incorporating active transportation into travel demand modeling

B8 Safety and operations of separated bike lanes at intersections

B9 Using crash records and surrogate measures to identify safety hotspots and plan bicycle/pedestrian improvements

B1 Connected and autonomous vehicles and active transportation users

The Research Roadmap: Lower Priority Needs (64)

Other design needs

Need	Relevant Research Reviews	Related Research Statements	Related Current Research
D2: Bicycle signals: face design, bicyclist and driver comprehension and compliance	Bicycles at intersections: Design and safety	Optimal Methods to Communicate Allowable Protected, or Permissive Movements to Bicyclists at Signalized Intersections (ACH20, Bicycle Transportation) https://ms.trb.org/dproject.asp?n=4325& Intuitively Understood Pedestrian Signal Indications (AND40, Visibility) https://ms.trb.org/details/dproject.asp?n=38905	FHWA: Mainstreaming Best Practices for Nonmotorized Signal Timing Practice to Enhance Multimodal Safety (Anticipated, PBSP Strategic Plan)
D3: Bicycle signals: user comprehension and safety of permissive phasing	Bicycles at intersections: Design and safety	Optimal Methods to Communicate Allowable Protected, or Permissive Movements to Bicyclists at Signalized Intersections (ACH20, Bicycle Transportation) https://ms.trb.org/dproject.asp?n=4325& Intuitively Understood Pedestrian Signal Indications (AND40, Visibility) https://ms.trb.org/details/dproject.asp?n=38905	FHWA: Mainstreaming Best Practices for Nonmotorized Signal Timing Practice to Enhance Multimodal Safety (Anticipated, PBSP Strategic Plan)
D8: Deployment and effectiveness of emerging urban street and intersection design guides	Bicycles at intersections: Design and safety Bikeways: Safety and design Bikeways: Ridership and demand Pedestrian crossings: Design and safety	Comprehensive Review and Synthesis of Emerging Urban Street and Intersection Design Guides (AFB10, Geometric Design) https://ms.trb.org/dproject.asp?n=41201	None identified
D9: Design and operations strategies to promote social/physical distancing of pedestrians during pandemics	None	None identified	None identified

Need	Relevant Research Reviews	Related Research Statements	Related Current Research
D10: Design of bicycle facilities to accommodate different bicycle types (e.g., cargo bikes, adult tricycles, etc.)	Accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists with disabilities Bikeways: Safety and design Equity and bicycling	None identified	None identified
D20: Guidance on adequate physical distancing for active transportation modes to reduce exposure to viruses	None	None identified	None identified
D36: Optimal bicycle wayfinding signs and pavement markings	Bicycles at intersections: Design and safety Bikeways: Safety and design Bikeways: Ridership and demand	None identified	MNDOT: Pavement Marking Patterns and Widths – Human Factors Study (Start 2019, End 2021)
D37: Optimal methods to communicate allowable, protected, or permissive movements to bicyclists at signalized intersections	Bicycles at intersections: Design and safety	Optimal Methods to Communicate Allowable Protected, or Permissive Movements to Bicyclists at Signalized Intersections (ACH20, Bicycle Transportation) https://ms.trb.org/dproject.asp?n=4325& Intuitively Understood Pedestrian Signal Indications (AND40, Visibility) https://ms.trb.org/details/dproject.asp?n=38905	FHWA: Mainstreaming Best Practices for Nonmotorized Signal Timing Practice to Enhance Multimodal Safety (Anticipated, PBSP Strategic Plan)

The Research Roadmap: Some themes

- Equity
- Research on practice and policy
- Some older, inadequate research and assumptions are barriers
- Need more crash modification factors
- Walking and bicycling should often be considered separately

Keep in mind...

- The Research Roadmap...
 - should be considered a starting point.
 - is not comprehensive.

Roadmap for my presentation

- Process for developing the Roadmap
- What's in the Roadmap?
- **How can you use the Roadmap and get involved in research?**

Use the Research Review as a reference

Is there any evidence that shared lane markings (sharrows) have a safety benefit?

- Studies of shared lane markings, or sharrows, indicate that they may influence cyclists' position on the road, but there is no evidence of a reduction in crashes or injuries (DiGioia et al., 2017). A more recent study found an increase in injury and crash rates in places with *only* sharrows as bicycle infrastructure (Ferenchak & Marshall, 2019). A review of research on the effect of sharrows on lateral passing distance found mixed results (Rubie et al., 2020).

What about economic impacts of active transportation infrastructure?

Economic benefits of walking and bicycling

Walking and bicycling offer economic benefits to individuals in the form of the value of their trips as transportation and recreation endeavors. Walking and bicycling infrastructure may promote activity and, in turn, help businesses. Downstream benefits of walking and bicycling include improved health and decreased morbidity and mortality due to increased physical activity, which can bring economic benefits in terms of decreased health care costs and increased productivity and longevity. Other benefits include reducing fossil fuel consumption and vehicle use. Efforts to understand the economic impact of these various benefits are discussed in this brief.

What do we know?

Studies looking at business impacts of walking and bicycling find generally positive impact.

A number of studies document the economic impact of the bicycling industry, including bicycle production, sales, maintenance, employment and tourism.

- Studies in several states have found that bicycle-related purchases and services added considerable amounts to their economies annually, including from \$556 million to \$924 million in Wisconsin; more than \$400 million in Iowa; around \$261 million in Minnesota, \$1 billion in Colorado, and over \$500 million in Vermont (Fushehe et al., 2012). A study in Nebraska finds that recreational bicycling was likely responsible for over \$228 million in output, \$21 million in tax revenue, and over 2,000 jobs (Arroyo et al., 2020).

People arriving at businesses by walking or bicycling spend as much or more than those arriving by car.

- Although people who arrive at a business by driving may spend more per visit, evidence suggests that people who arrive by walking, bicycle or transit visit stores more frequently, and may spend more over time at local businesses. For example, a study of visitors to downtown San Francisco found that travelers arriving on foot or by transit, on average, spend more per month at area businesses than those arriving by car, due to more frequent visits (Bent & Singa, 2009).
- A study in Portland found similar results, with pedestrians, cyclists and transit users visiting businesses, including restaurants, drinking glaciers and convenience stores, more frequently than car drivers and spend more, on average, over a month at those businesses (Clifton et al., 2013).
- One review found that in six of eight North American studies there was evidence that people arriving on bicycles or walking spent more per month than people driving, though the differences were not always statistically significant. Findings on spending per trip were mixed (Volker and Handy, 2021).
- A study in Montana found that, from 2011 to 2013, touring bicyclists spent between \$75 and \$102 per bicyclist per day (Nickerson et al., 2013). A



An on-street bike parking area outside of a restaurant (photo, Jennifer Oei)

Washington study estimated that recreational trail users spent \$8.4 billion annually in the state on items such as food, lodging, entrance fees, travel, and equipment (ECONorthwest, 2019).

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Okay, but what about new research?

- Check the status of on-going research listed in the Review



data) may provide opportunities, but questions remain about mode imputation and representation of those samples. Some studies use cycling volumes before and after the installation of specific facilities, providing simple time-series evidence. However, these studies do not always control for other factors affecting cycling levels, and without controls it is difficult to know if increases in volumes are due to new cyclists or route changes of existing cyclists. With the increase in count data collected in some cities, a few studies are able to look at changes longitudinally over larger geographies and controlling for more factors.

The existing research uses a variety of bicycling outcomes, which can explain inconsistent findings. At an individual level, this can include whether a person bicycles at all, how often or far they bicycle, and/or the purposes for which they bicycle (e.g., utility vs recreation). At the aggregate level, the analyses can be done at the city-level or smaller geographies (e.g., Census tract), which can also affect findings. Studies also define or characterize bikeways in different ways. Some lump all types of bikeways into a single category, which does not provide the evidence needed for most practitioners trying to recommend specific types of infrastructure (with varying costs) for investments.

Current research

Sponsor	Project Information	Status
Center for Advance Multimodal Mobility Solutions and Education (UTC) https://ip.tnh.org/View/1669762	Bicycle Network Connectivity and Accessibility: A Study on the Effects of Bike Infrastructures on Bicycle Sharing System Demand The proposed project is a longitudinal analysis to study the effects of bike infrastructures, particularly bike lanes and bike paths, on bicycle sharing system demand.	Expected completion date: 9/30/21
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) https://ip.tnh.org/View/1656362	Understanding and Using New Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities The objective of this project is to identify discrepancies between how pedestrian and bicycle facilities were designed to be used versus actual behaviors and knowledge of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists; examine knowledge of proper facility use and enforcement by law enforcement; and document available educational resources and initiatives. Facilities such as sharrows, bike lanes, green lanes, HAWKS, shared right turns, leading pedestrian intervals (LPIs), and pedestrian hybrid beacons will be investigated.	Expected completion date: 9/30/22
North Carolina DOT https://ip.tnh.org/View/1672142	Assessment of Separated Bike Lane (SBL) Applications in North Carolina The objective is to assess the state of the practice with respect to SBL planning and design, and conduct research on the performance of SBL applications in North Carolina. The team will be able to document their impacts on safety, bicyclist volumes, motor vehicle volumes, speed, and other outcomes.	Expected completion date: 7/31/21
National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) 08-149 https://ip.tnh.org/View/1842753	Impacts of Active Transportation Network Gaps The objective of this research is to understand the causes and impacts of gaps in the urban and rural active transportation network that exist, efforts and barriers in reducing gaps, and designs and/or policies that have been used to address the difference between various active transportation users.	Anticipated start: 2021

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Okay, but
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new research?

- Use TRID to search!
<https://trid.trb.org/>
- The Research Review includes the most common Index Terms for each research topic



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Most common TRID index terms

- Pedestrian safety
- Crosswalks
- Pedestrian movement
- Pedestrian-vehicle crashes
- Pedestrian-vehicle interface
- Pedestrians
- Traffic safety
- Best practices
- Highway safety
- Countermeasures
- Before-and-after studies
- Pedestrian areas
- Visibility

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New to using TRID?

The *Continuity & Implementation Plan* provides advice on searching TRID to keep up on new research & projects.

There is also a spreadsheet with some pre-populated searches for new Research in Progress

Figure 5: TRID Filters (Source: TRB and The National Academies)

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Keywords: This field searches many TRID data fields, including the abstract. It is useful to put phrases in quotes, such as "bicycle lane" rather than bicycle lane. The former yields about 300 results, while leaving the quotation marks out yields over 3,000 because it includes items with both words, but not as a phrase.

Try using one or more of the most common index terms listed in the Most Common Index Terms by Topic section that follows. Using the boolean "AND" between terms can narrow the search.

After entering search terms and selecting filters and clicking "Apply", the results will display. At this point, the user can add additional filters. For example, Figure 6 shows the results of a search using "crowdsourcing" as a key word and within the Pedestrians and Bicyclists subject area. This term was the most common TRT index term used in the review of emerging user-based data. This search was also limited to records created in the past year. There are 25 results. At this point, the user can apply additional filters (e.g. limiting it to projects or publications) or start using the records.



Title: Searching for words in the title usually yields

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3	Research Projects entered into TRID from March 2021 to December 2021	Notes		
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- TCRP panel nominations – 2/4
- BTSCRP problem statements – 2/12
- NCHRP Synthesis topics – 2/18
- NCHRP IDEA proposals – 3/1
- TCRP Synthesis topics – 3/18

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- ACRP Problem Statements – April
- ACRP University Design Competition applications – 4/29
- ACRP Graduate Research Program applications – 5/15
- TCRP IDEA proposals – 5/2
- TCRP problem statements – 6/17
- TCRP Synthesis panel nominations – 6/30
- NCHRP Regular and Synthesis panel nominations – 6/30

July–September 2022

- BTSCRP panel nominations – 7/17
- NCHRP Synthesis letters of interest (LOI) – 8/29

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Or go to trb.org and click on Programs.

How can I influence the research?

- TRB Committees (ACH10: Pedestrians and ACH20: Bicycle)
- State DOTs
 - Each has a research office and different processes for soliciting and selecting research projects.
 - Many state DOTs participate in “pooled fund” projects
- University Transportation Centers
 - All UTCs require non-federal matching funds
 - Will be new competition for UTCs this year under the IIJA/BI
- Provide input to US DOT on their *Transportation Research and Development Strategic Plan*



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RPSs for the six highest-priority needs (not ranked):

- A1. Applying and integrating active transportation data into planning and operations.
- A2. Using minimum accommodations vs. alternative approaches to increase active transportation.
- A3. Determining context-driven optimal spacing between marked crosswalks.
- A4. Addressing barriers to integrating active transportation throughout planning and engineering practice.
- A5. Racial and economic disparities in pedestrian and bicyclist safety.
- A6. Speed management solutions and strategies to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety on arterial roadways.

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