

TRB PROJECT APPROVAL PROCESSES

Policy Studies and Program Reviews

Description

Projects conducted by NRC-appointed committees that provide consensus findings, recommendations, advice

Approval Steps

Approval by TRB Executive Committee or Subcommittee on Planning and Policy Review; approval by Executive Committee of NRC Governing Board

Product

Full-length study reports, interim reports, letter reports

Conferences and Workshops

I. Organized by TRB Standing Technical Committees

Description

Outgrowth of standing committee activity; no significant outside funding; often self-supporting; no consensus findings, recommendations, or advice

Approval Steps

Approval by TRB Executive Committee or Subcommittee on Planning and Policy Review

Product

Transportation Research Circular

II. Organized by Other Organizations and Cosponsored by TRB

Description

Conference formats vary, but TRB must have a role in conference planning

Approval Steps

Approval by TRB Executive Committee or Subcommittee on Planning and Policy Review

Product

No TRB publication

III. Organized by Specially Appointed (“Ad Hoc”) TRB/NRC Committee

Description

Supported by outside funding; may or may not lead to consensus findings, recommendations, or advice (most are not authorized to do so)

Approval Steps

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Product

Conference or workshop report, summary, or proceedings (in the TRB Conference Proceedings series)

Cooperative Research Program Projects

Description

Supported by NCHRP, TCRP, ACRP, NCFRP, or HMCRCF funding; projects selected by NRC/TRB-appointed oversight committees or by non-NRC/TRB entities representing the user communities; research conducted by contractors selected by individual project panels, which oversee the work and review final report

Approval Steps

Approval by the TRB Division Committee Chair of research problems selected by the non-NRC/TRB entities (SCOR, TOPS, and AOC Committees)

Product

CRP Reports, Research Results Digests

Synthesis Projects

Description

Supported by NCHRP, TCRP, ACRP, or FMCSA funding; projects selected by oversight panels representing the user communities; research conducted by contractors under the guidance of individual topic panels. Umbrella panels review final documents.

Approval Steps

Approval by the TRB Executive Director of research topics selected by oversight panels.

Product

Synthesis report
