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Subject: Program Announcement and Call for Panel Nominations for FY 2021 Projects in the Behavioral Traffic Safety Cooperative Research Program (BTSCRCP)

Immediate Action Requested by August 10, 2020

On June 9, 2020, the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) Executive Board approved the BTSCRCP 2021 research program. We are forwarding the four research problem statements online and asking for your help in identifying individuals with relevant expertise and experience to volunteer to serve on each project technical oversight panel.

Project Number	Project Title
BTSCRCP BTS-16	Developing On-road Driver Skills Test and Scoring Guidance for Measuring and Predicting High Safety Risk Drivers
BTSCRCP BTS-17	Is Combined High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) Effective?
BTSCRCP BTS-18	Understanding the Effectiveness of Public Awareness Educational Campaigns (non-law enforcement) and the Necessary Components Critical for Success
BTSCRCP BTS-19	Moped and Motor Scooter (50 cc or less) Safety: Issues and Countermeasures

Nominations can be submitted on the TRB website through MyTRB at <https://volunteer.mytrb.org/Panel/AvailableProjects>. We encourage the nomination of members of historically underrepresented groups, including women, young professionals (age 35 and younger), and members of minority groups. Contacts to determine an individual’s interest in serving will be made by this office after we have matched available expertise with that required by the nature of the project.

Panels for the new projects are scheduled to meet beginning in September 2020. Panel members are prohibited from submitting or participating in the preparation of proposals on projects under their jurisdiction. They serve without compensation, but are paid travel and subsistence expenses. Travel insurance is provided at no cost to panel members. In most cases, three meetings are held in the life of a project, and these normally occur in Washington, DC, **but this year – given physical distancing recommendations and uncertainty about or inability to travel – some of the meetings may be held virtually.** At the first meeting the panel will develop a project statement that is used to solicit proposals; the second meeting is to select a research agency from among those submitting proposals. Typically, a third meeting will be held with the research team to review progress while the research is active. There are usually 6-7

panel members on each project, including a GHSA Monitor, and panels operate under the guidance of a permanent chair (see attached “The Roles of BTSCRCP Panel Members and Liaisons.” The BTSCRCP staff serves as the secretariat.

Please realize that if your nominee is not selected, there are several factors to be considered when forming well-balanced and objective panels. Although expertise is the primary factor, we also attempt a proper balance in terms of geographic areas, organization or agency types (e.g., public and private agencies, universities, associations, local and state government), and gender and ethnic diversity.

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