

Transforming the MTS

A Vision for Research & Development

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TRB Cooperative Research Programs

National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) - 1962

• FHWA - AASHTO - TRB

Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP) - 1992

• FTA - APTA - TRB

Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP) - 2005

• FAA – ACI - AAAE – NASAO- ATA - TRB



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National Cooperative Freight Research Program (NCFRP) - 2006

• RITA - TRB

Hazardous Materials Cooperative Research Program (HMCRP) - 2006

• PHMSA - TRB



Coming soon ...

National Cooperative Rail Research Program (NCRRP)

• FRA – AASHTO – AAR – APTA - TRB



Approximate Annual Funding levels:

Highways (NCHRP)	\$ 37.5 M
Transit (TCRP)	\$ 10.0 M
Airports (ACRP)	\$ 15.0 M
Freight (NCFRP)	\$ 3.4 M
HazMat (HMCRP)	\$ 1.1 M
Rail (NCRRP) – Coming Soon	\$ 5.0 M



CRP Common Characteristics

- Industry Driven
 - -- Governing Board & Project Panels
- Applied, Problem Solving Research



Why Cooperative Research?

- Leverage funding, reduce duplication
- Stakeholder involvement ensures relevance and accountability
- Partnerships foster trust and research on common interests
- National Academies brings credibility, continuity, objectivity



CRP Success Factors

- Effective governance
- Stakeholder ownership
- Partnerships
- Credible management
- Reliable funding





Applied Research:

- Guides and Specifications
- Software products
- Product enhancements
- New or improved models/tools
- Improved operations and services
- Testing/evaluation techniques





CRP Publications

- Reports
- Syntheses
- Research Results Digests
- Legal Research Digests
- Software
- Web-Only Documents
- PDFs of all publications



Involvement in CRPs

- Submit a Potential Research Topic
- Serve on a CRP Project Panel
- Use the Research Results





TRB website www.trb.org



- Information on NCHRP, TCRP, ACRP, NCFRP, HMCRP
- Search engine
- Project Info since 1988:
 Anticipated / Active /
 Completed
- CRP publication lists / ordering info
- Requests for proposals
- Registration form for notification of RFPs

