

## Schedule Adjustments in SHRP 2 Capacity and Reliability Research Plans

*New RFP release dates announced for 3 projects:*

*L08—Incorporating Nonrecurrent Congestion Factors into the Highway Capacity Manual Methods: Originally scheduled for July 2009, new date: July 2010*

*L09—Incorporating Nonrecurrent Congestion Factors into the AASHTO Policy on Geometric Design: Originally scheduled for July 2009, later date will be announced*

*L15—Reliability Innovations Deserving Exploratory Analysis (IDEA): Will be announced in the January 2010 IDEA program announcement*

The Oversight Committee for SHRP 2 met on June 15-16, 2009, and approved the following changes to the Reliability and Capacity research plans based on recommendations from the two focus area Technical Coordinating Committees:

- › The request for proposals (RFP) for Reliability Project L08: Incorporating Nonrecurrent Congestion Factors into the Highway Capacity Manual Methods has been rescheduled for release in July 2010 to allow for a number of other projects to be completed or closer to completion prior to the start of L08. Of particular interest are Reliability Project L03: Analytic Procedures for Determining the Impacts of Reliability Mitigation Strategies, Reliability Project L07: Evaluation of Costs and Effectiveness of Highway Design Features to Improve Travel Time Reliability, and Capacity Project C05: Understanding the contribution of Operations, Technology, and Design to Meet Highway Needs. The estimated budget for Project L08 remains \$500,000.
- › The RFP for Reliability Project L09: Incorporating Nonrecurrent Congestion Factors into the AASHTO Policy on Geometric Design will be released at a date later than July 2009 so that Reliability Project L07: Evaluation of Costs and Effectiveness of Highway Design Features to Improve Travel Time Reliability will be close to completion. Project L09 also has a budget of \$500,000.
- › The completion date for Reliability Project L13: Requirements and Feasibility of a System for Archiving and Disseminating Data from SHRP 2 Reliability and Related Studies was extended from fall 2009 up to one year to allow a prototype data archive to be developed. An additional \$75,000 was added to the project budget to facilitate prototype development. The data archive will use data from Reliability Project L03 when it is completed in the summer of 2009. Project L13A, which will build a full data archive, if feasible, had its budget reduced by \$75,000 to finance the prototype. The release of an RFP for Project L13A will be announced at a later date.

› Reliability Project L15: Reliability Innovations Deserving Exploratory Analysis (IDEA) will be released as a program announcement along with the other Transportation Research Board IDEA programs: Transportation Safety IDEA, NCHRP Highway IDEA, and Transit IDEA. The program announcement will be available in January 2010 and the initial proposal review date will be March 1, 2010. A total of \$500,000 will be available to fund the development of five or more promising innovations that could improve travel time reliability.