

Quarterly Update

October 2006

Program Schedule

October
Proposals Due

November
2007 work plan developed

January 2007
Contract awards announced
1st research contracts begin
2nd -year program announced

February
RFPs developed

March
RFPs announced

SHRP II Safety Symposium Details “An Exciting Experiment”



Dr. Forrest Council, Chairman of the SHRP II Safety Technical Coordinating Committee, describes the research approach for the Safety focus area as “an exciting experiment.”

The SHRP II Safety Symposium, held August 16-17 at the National Academies’ Keck Center in Washington, DC, drew about 50 members of the safety data community who came to learn about and discuss the new type of research planned for the Safety focus area of SHRP II. Research projects will study driving behavior and crash risks from inside vehicles and from roadways and intersections. Presentations from the [symposium](#) are available on the SHRP II Web site.

First SHRP II Requests for Proposals Issued

Although charges that the expert task groups were “worked like rented mules” are regrettably hard to refute, we can report that the first 12 RFPs of the SHRP II program were issued in the second week of September, as scheduled.



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Many of these are Phase 1 projects that will develop the design and analysis methods for larger projects to follow. The [RFPs](#) describe the project goals in detail, and in some cases, their relationship to future projects. Contract awards will be announced in January. The second round of RFPs for SHRP II research will be advertised in March 2007.

TRB Annual Meeting Plans Under Way

The research plans and program goals for each SHRP II focus area: Safety, Renewal, Reliability, and Capacity, will be presented in four separate sessions at the TRB Annual Meeting in Washington, DC the week of January 20-25, 2007. Details of where and when the sessions will be held will be announced on the SHRP II Web site and in the Annual Meeting Program.

Information about SHRP II will also be available at the TRB Exhibit in the Marriott Exhibition Hall.

Tapping the Talents of a Policy Fellow

Charles Fay, who was awarded a fellowship in the National Academies' Christine Mirzayan Science and Technology Policy Graduate Fellowship Program, is working with the SHRP II Safety focus area during the 10-week program. Charles received his M.S. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Lighting Research Center, where his focus was photobiology. He has managed research on next-generation lighting technologies and conducted research on human factors related to lighting research.

During his Fellowship at TRB, Charles is primarily involved with investigating legal and privacy issues of human subject testing, international safety research programs, and other safety related topics.