**FY 2024 TCRP SYNTHESIS TOPIC STATEMENT OUTLINE**

***FY 2024 TCRP Synthesis Topic Statements are due by Midnight on Friday, March 29, 2024***

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| The following factors are considered in the selection process for synthesis topics:* The objective of the scope of work is to document current practices in public transportation and/or public transit agencies;
* The synthesis documents current practice, not *best* practice; it is not a research project or a guidebook;
* The topic addresses an area of practice that is widespread and of general interest to public transit;
* The topic should be timely and critical for expediting delivery, improving the quality, or lowering the cost of agency programs; and
* The scope of work aligns with a $55,000 budget and a 10-month turnaround.
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**Please use the outline below for creating your synthesis topic statement. Topic statements should be approximately 1.5 – 2 pages long. Upload your topic statement in a Word document to the** [**Submission Portal**](https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7601361/TCRP-Synthesis-Topic-Submission-FY-2024)**.**

1. **Topic Title**
* Communicate what the synthesis is about in as few words as possible (i.e., the practices the synthesis will document).
1. **Background**
* One or two paragraphs providing description of the topic to be studied. This section gives context for the proposed topic.
* A synthesis is appropriate when most agencies engage in a practice but they do it differently (i.e., there are no standard guidelines or regulations).
1. **Synthesis Objective**
* One paragraph is sufficient.
* Statement of specific practices the synthesis will document.
1. **Information To Be Gathered**
* A bulleted list is recommended.
* Examples of important aspects of the practices to be documented.
* The information to be gathered should be factual and not require the opinion of a survey recipient.
1. **How the Information Will Be Gathered**

The following activities are typically performed for a synthesis:

* Literature review
* A survey of agencies
* Follow-up interviews with selected agencies for the development of case examples
* Identification of knowledge gaps and suggestions for research to address those gaps
1. **Information Sources**
* Relevant organizations, individuals, or literature references
* Literature searches can be conducted on TRID (<http://trid.trb.org>), which includes the Research in Progress database (<http://rip.trb.org/>)

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