TRB Webinar:
Find Transportation Research That is Happening Today

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2:00 – 3:00 PM (eastern)

Purpose Statement

This webinar will guide participants on how to search RIP and TRID to find ongoing and recently completed research.

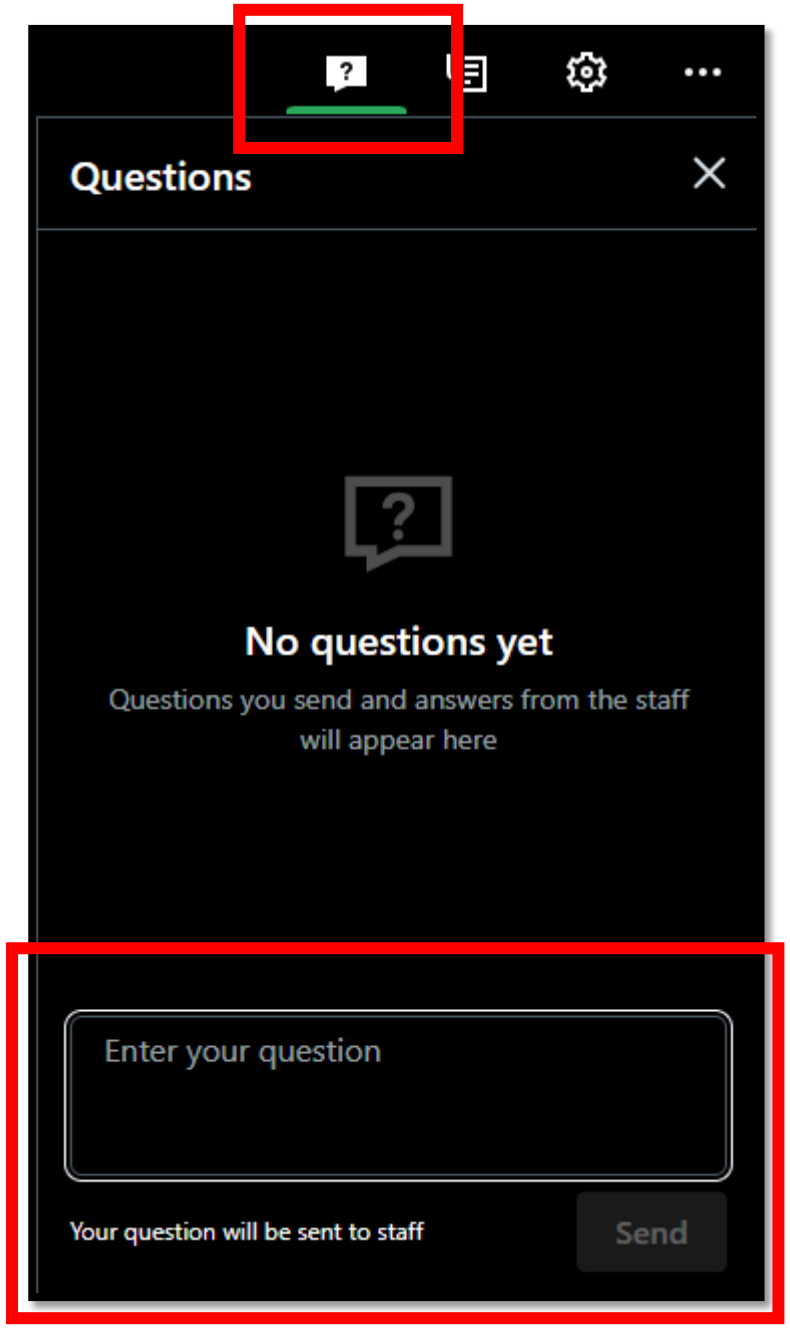
Learning Objectives

At the end of this webinar, participants will be able to:

- Find research in both the RIP and TRID databases
- Acquire, access, and enter records into the RIP data entry system
- Modify or delete existing records as projects end

Questions and Answers

- Please type your questions into your webinar control panel
- We will read your questions out loud, and answer as many as time allows



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Finding Transportation Research that Is Happening Today

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TRB's Transportation Research Information Services

Includes:

- TRIS Databases:
  - TRID https://trid.trb.org
  - Research in Progress (RIP) https://rip.trb.org
  - PubsIndex http://pubsindex.trb.org
  - Transportation Research Thesaurus https://trt.trb.org
- TRB Library:
  - https://www.trb.org/InformationServices/TRBLibrary1.aspx

  All resources are available with no ID/password or other authentication necessary.

Research in Progress

Today you will learn about:

- Finding research projects in both the RIP and TRID Databases.
- Gaining access to RIP Data Entry to enter/update records.
- Modifying or deleting existing records as your projects progress.

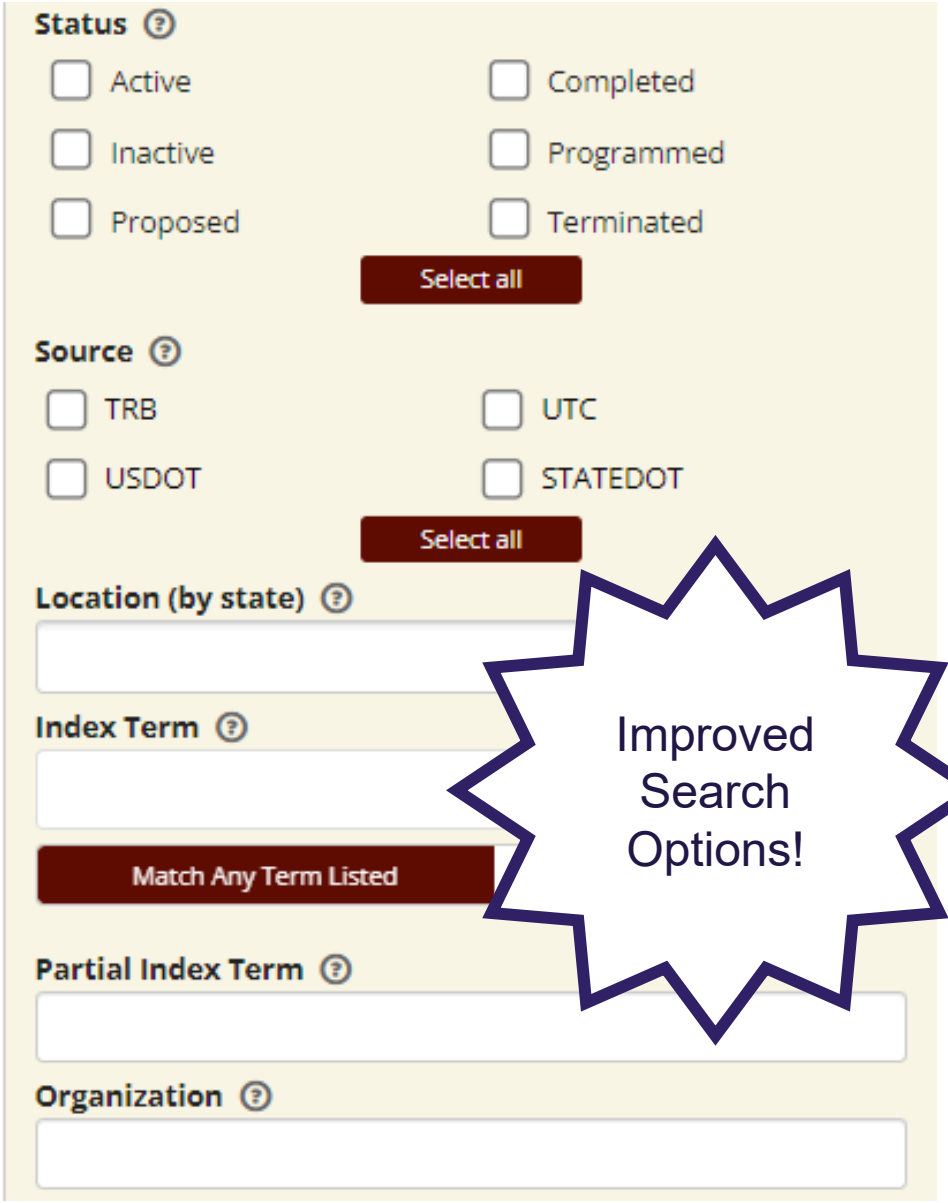
What is the Research in Progress (RIP) Database?

- ✓ About 10,000 current or recently completed projects
- ✓ Promote research efforts
- ✓ Prevent duplication of effort
- ✓ Connect researchers
- ✓ Identify experts for panels or committees
- ✓ Fulfill requirements for federally funded research

Many Ways to Find Records!

- ✓Simple keyword
- ✓Agency or location maps
- ✓Mode or topic options
- ✓Advanced search options for complex or targeted searches
- ✓Projects also searchable in TRID

Demo: https://rip.trb.org



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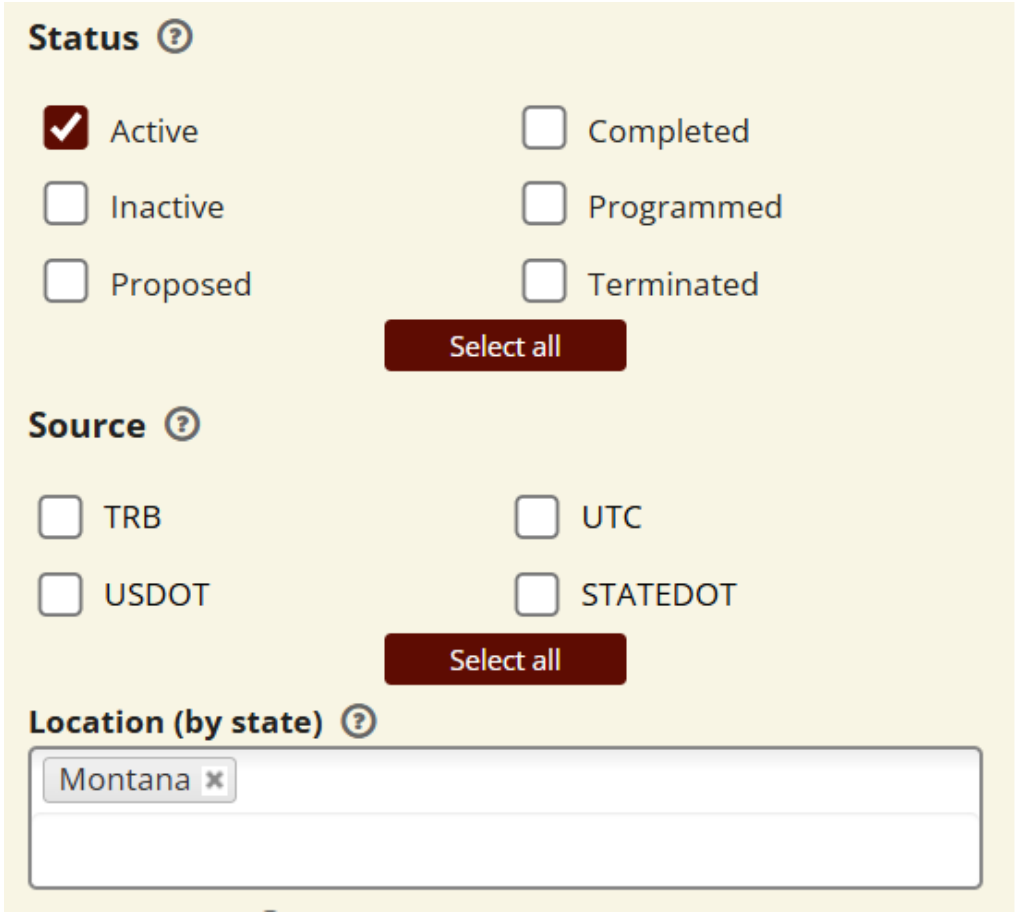
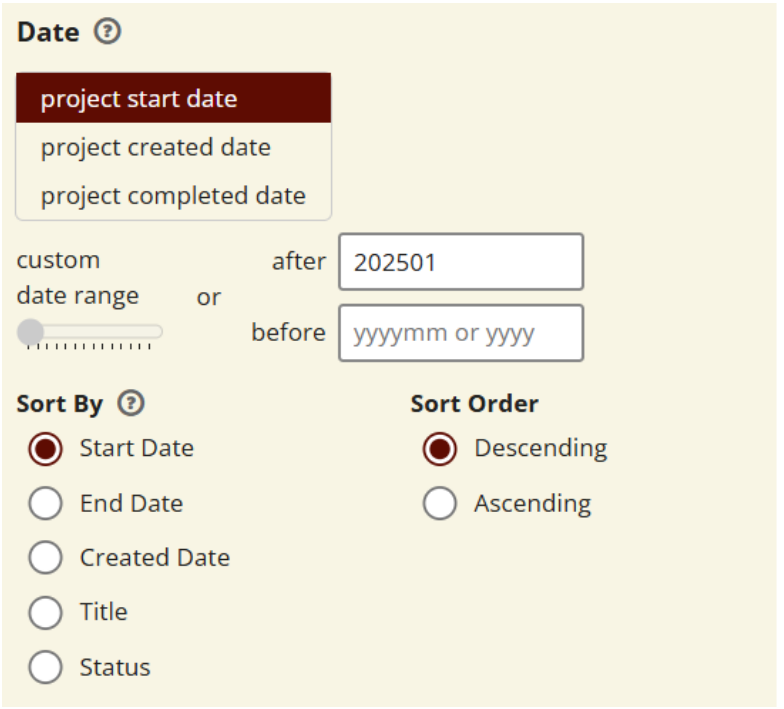
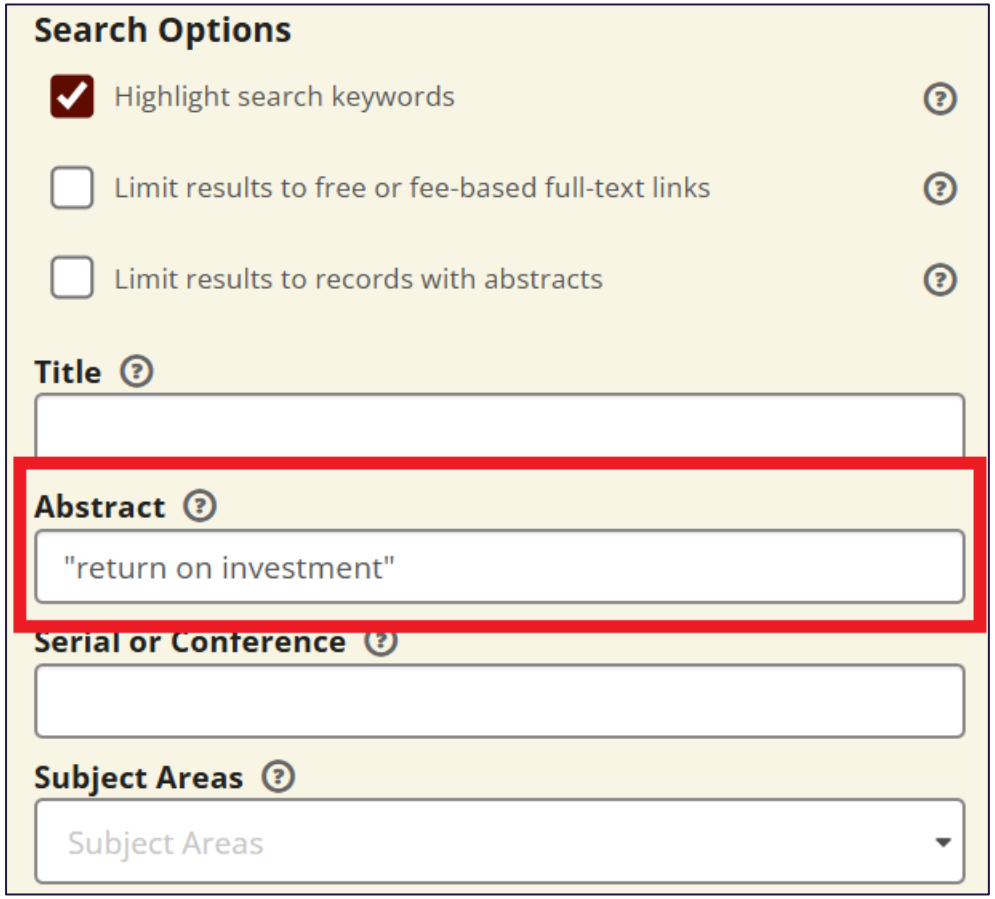
RIP Advanced Search Features for Projects



- A state Location field is available.
- Projects can be limited by Status.
- There are also project-specific date limits available.



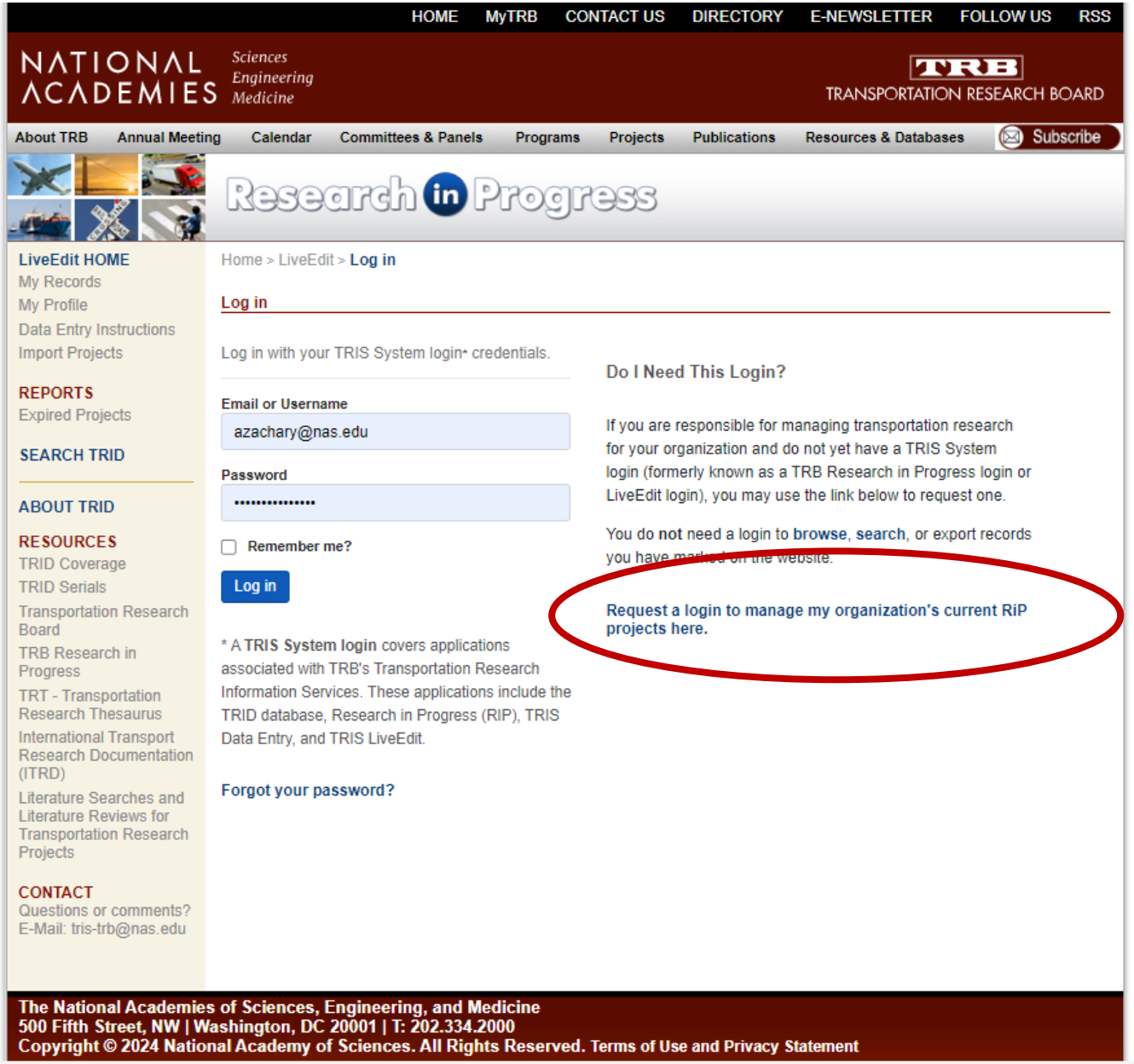
New and Enhanced Fields in RIP and TRID



- ***Abstract*** search.
- Searches only the abstract or description field of publications or projects.

How do I get an account?

Request a new account through https://rip.trb.org/loginrequest or by emailing tris-trb@nas.edu.



Login Requirements to Enter Projects

Request new accounts through https://rip.trb.org/loginrequest or by emailing tris-trb@nas.edu.

Each user receives individual account

- Email address is UserID
- Each account must have a unique email address

Source Agency:

- “Owner” of the record
- Automatically entered based on login
- Users from the same center can update/delete each other’s projects
- UTC and StateDOT working together? The StateDOT is the source agency if they both enter the same project

Adding Project Records to RIP

- Federally-funded projects--including USDOT UTC grant recipients--MUST be added to RIP
- All transportation research projects MAY be added to RIP, regardless of source
- Entering or updating projects in RIP requires an account

No Account Needed for Searching & Viewing Records!

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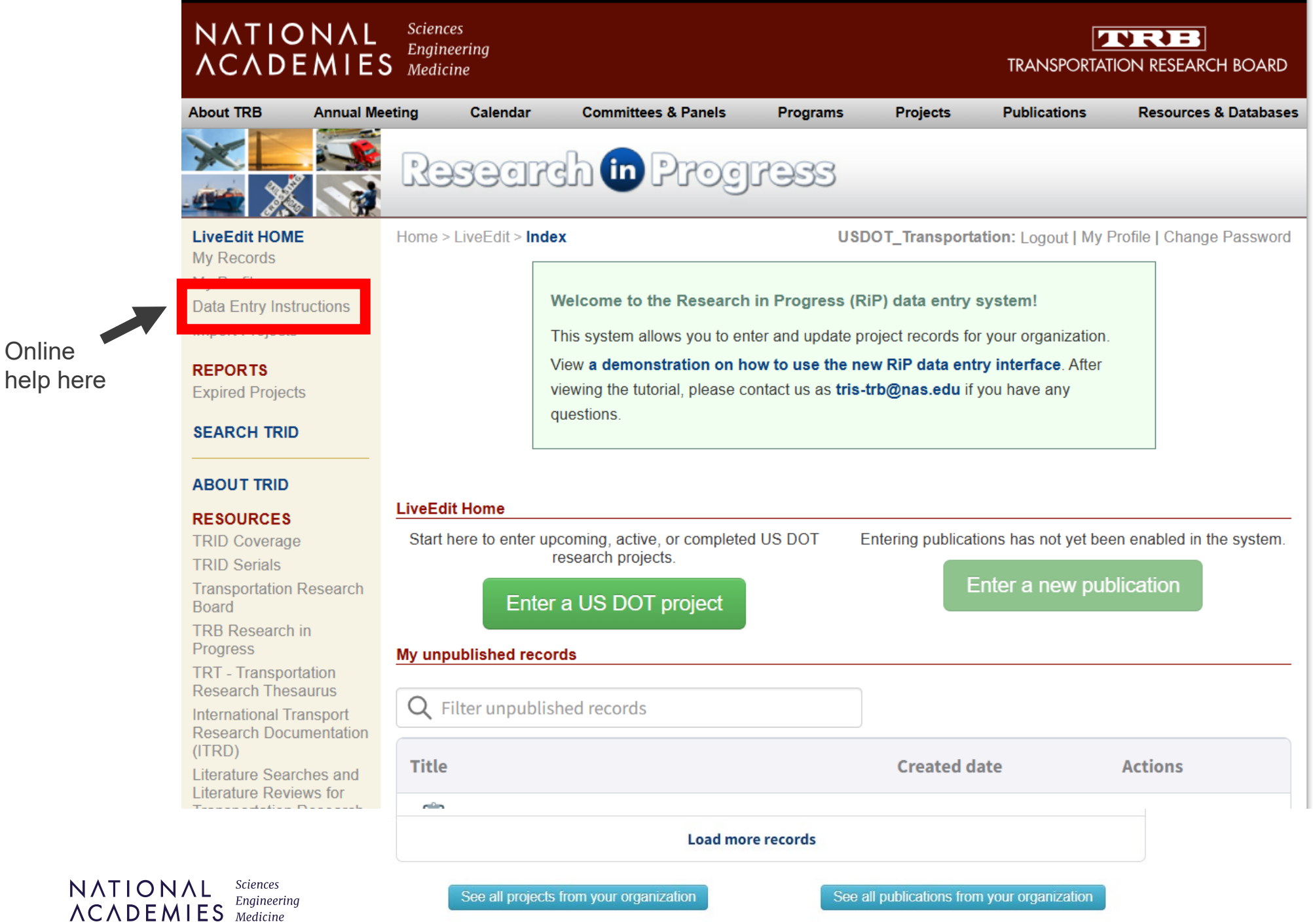


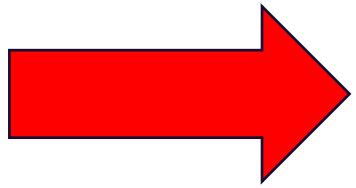
Online help here

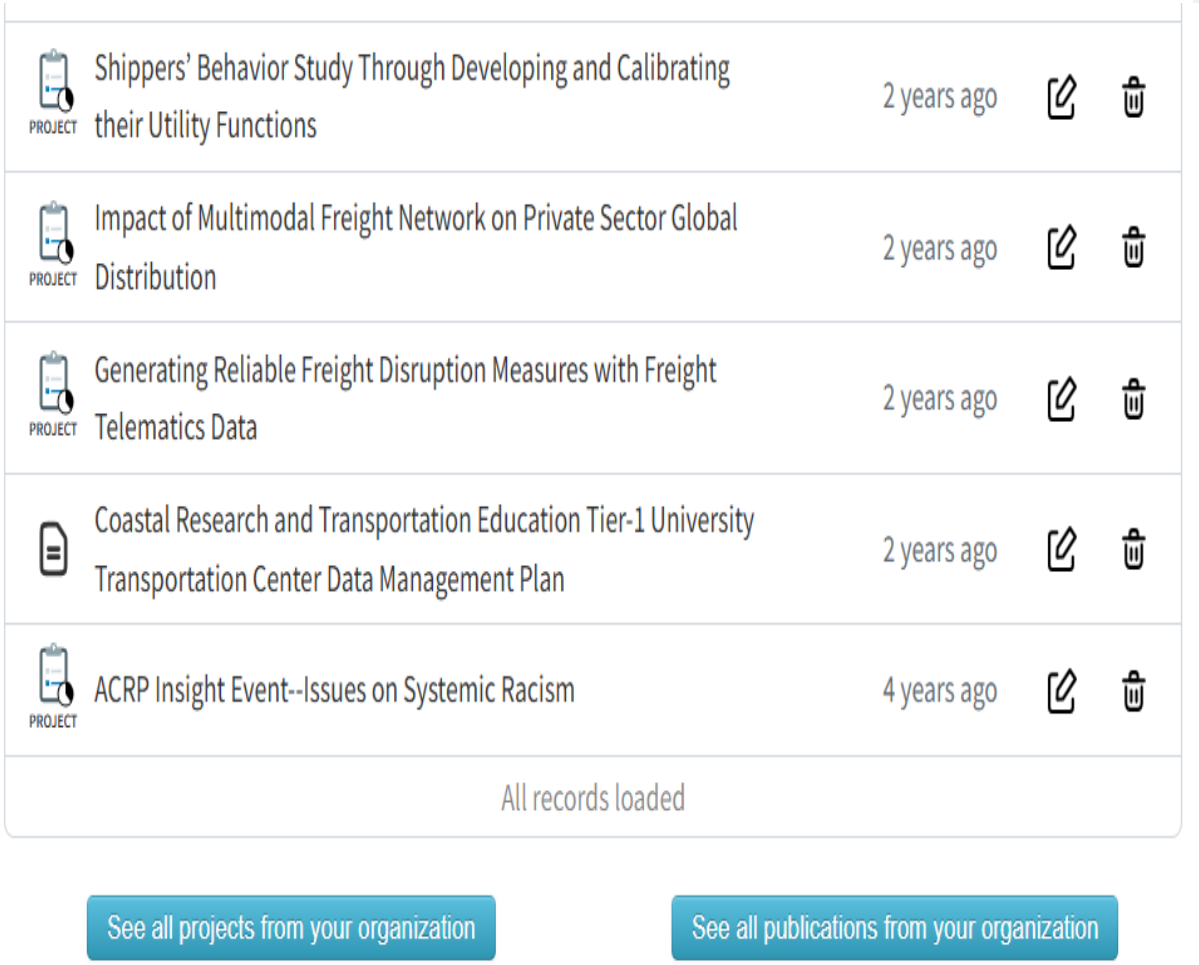
Deleting or Editing Older Projects

Only 20 most recent published projects are on the “My Records” page

To find and edit older records:

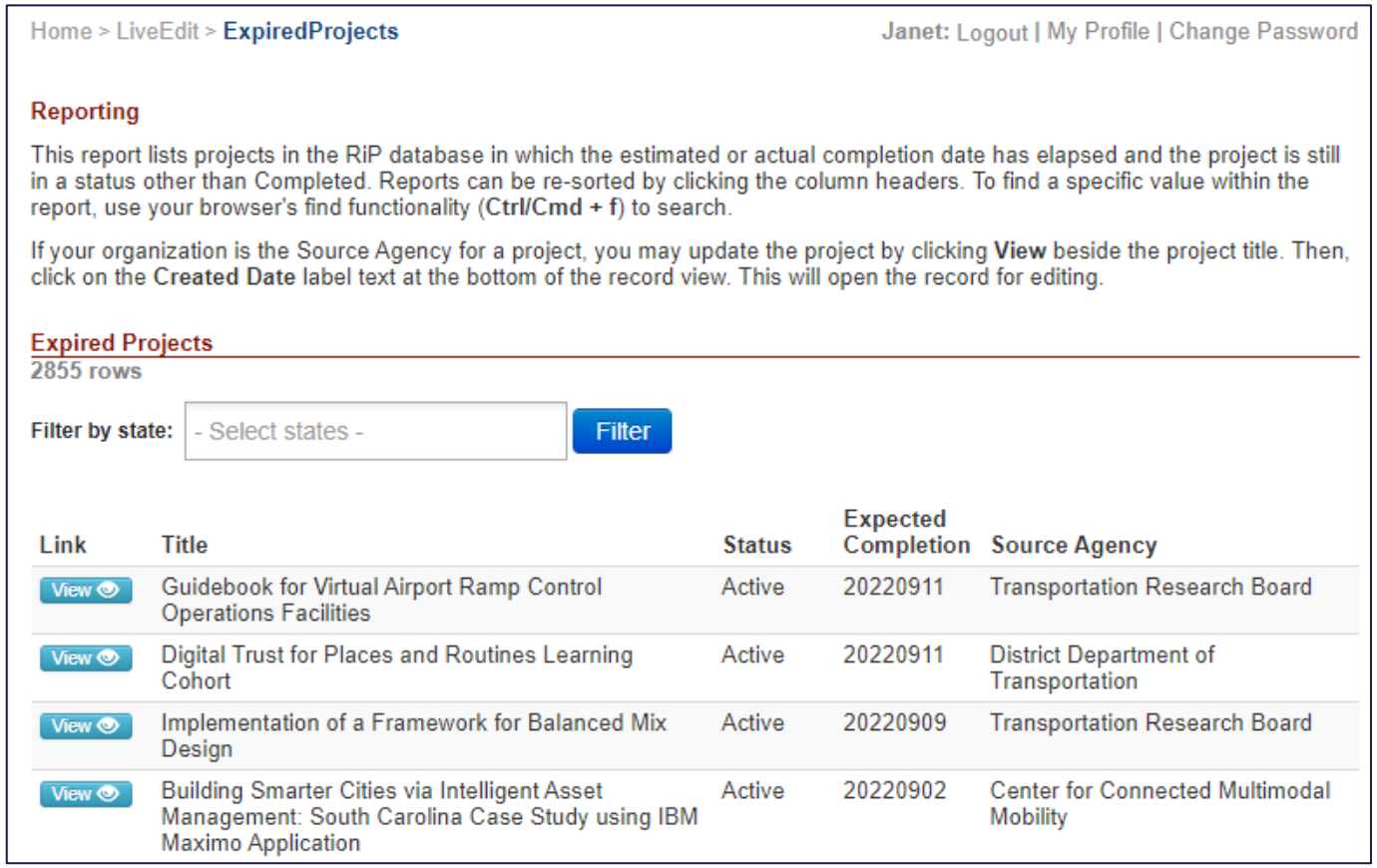
1. Click “See All Projects…” button
2. Click title of record
3. Click Edit button to open record for changes
4. Mouse over field and click to open for changes
5. Save field after making changes





Expired Projects Tool

- Located on sidebar after login
- Find projects that have passed their estimated completion date and are still in Active status
- Use to ensure your projects are up-to-date
- Can search by state
- Can sort by source agency



Home > LiveEdit > **ExpiredProjects** — **Janet:** Logout | My Profile | Change Password

Reporting

This report lists projects in the RiP database in which the estimated or actual completion date has elapsed and the project is still in a status other than Completed. Reports can be re-sorted by clicking the column headers. To find a specific value within the report, use your browser's find functionality (**Ctrl/Cmd + f**) to search.

If your organization is the Source Agency for a project, you may update the project by clicking **View** beside the project title. Then, click on the **Created Date** label text at the bottom of the record view. This will open the record for editing.

Expired Projects

2855 rows

Filter by state: - Select states - Filter

Link	Title	Status	Expected Completion	Source Agency
View	Guidebook for Virtual Airport Ramp Control Operations Facilities	Active	20220911	Transportation Research Board
View	Digital Trust for Places and Routines Learning Cohort	Active	20220911	District Department of Transportation
View	Implementation of a Framework for Balanced Mix Design	Active	20220909	Transportation Research Board
View	Building Smarter Cities via Intelligent Asset Management: South Carolina Case Study using IBM Maximo Application	Active	20220902	Center for Connected Multimodal Mobility

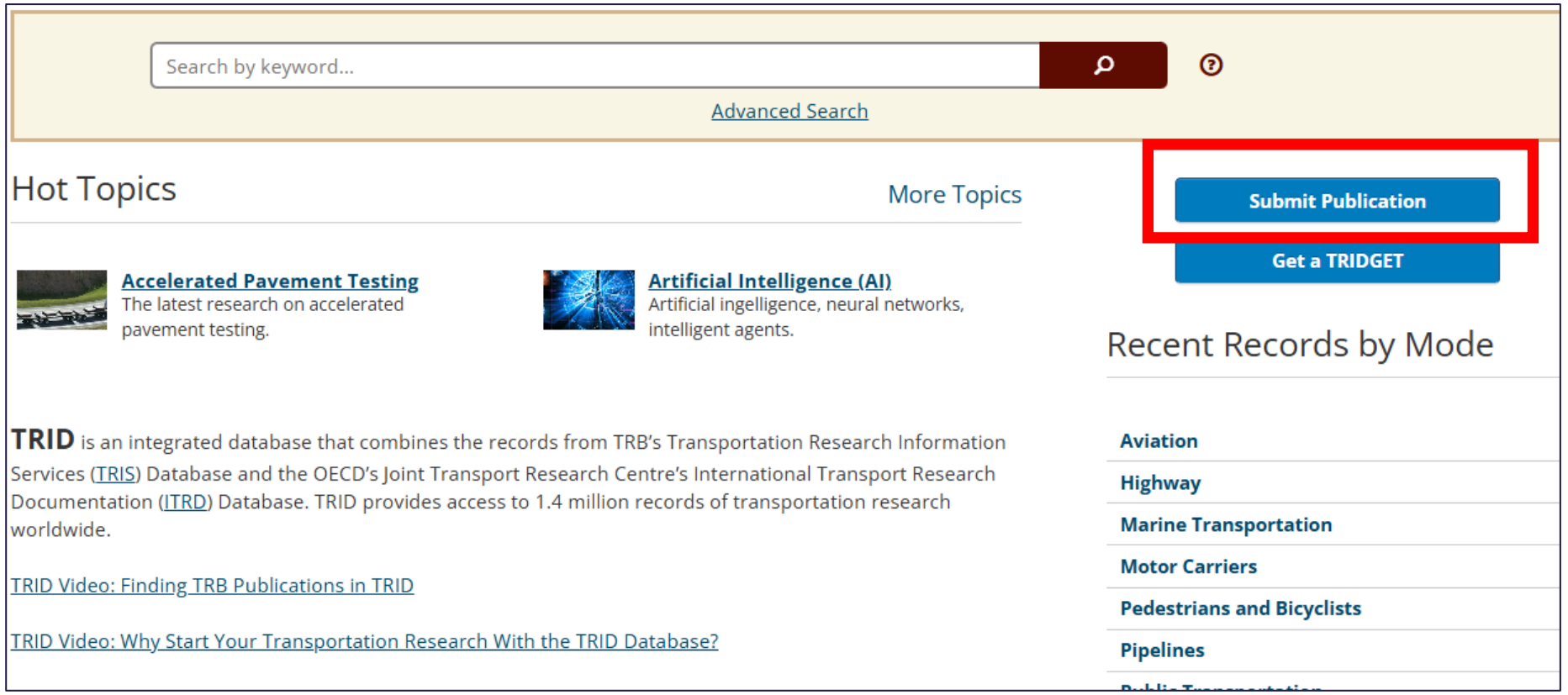
Closing out your projects in RIP

Mark	Submit	Verify	Wait	Delete
Change status of RIP record to completed.	Submit final report & datasets to TRID at https://trid.trb.org OR use the appropriate email distro	Verify report and/or other products have been entered in TRID.	UTCs wait 6 months after research is complete.	Delete record from RIP.

Submitting Publications for Indexing in TRID

Use our ‘Submit a Publication’ form:

https://trid.trb.org/submit, or include tris-trb@nas.edu on your distro.



Questions?
Suggestions?

Thank you for your time!

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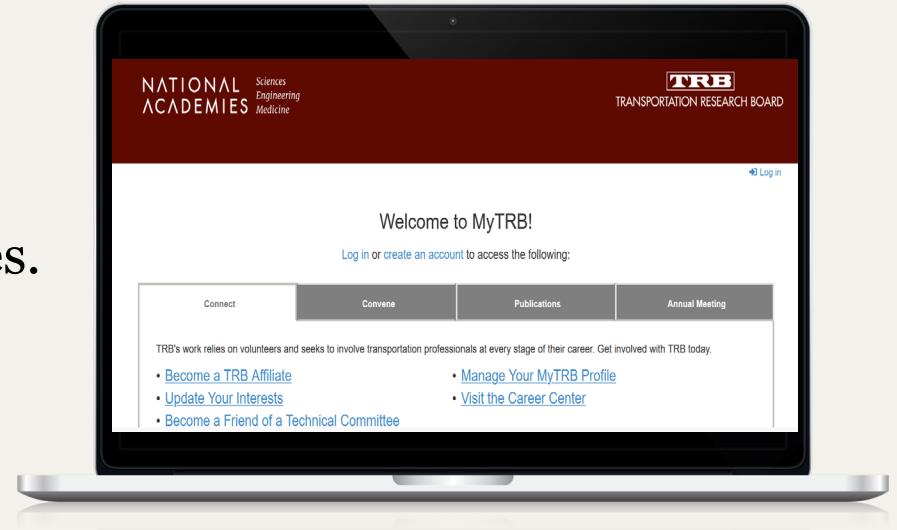

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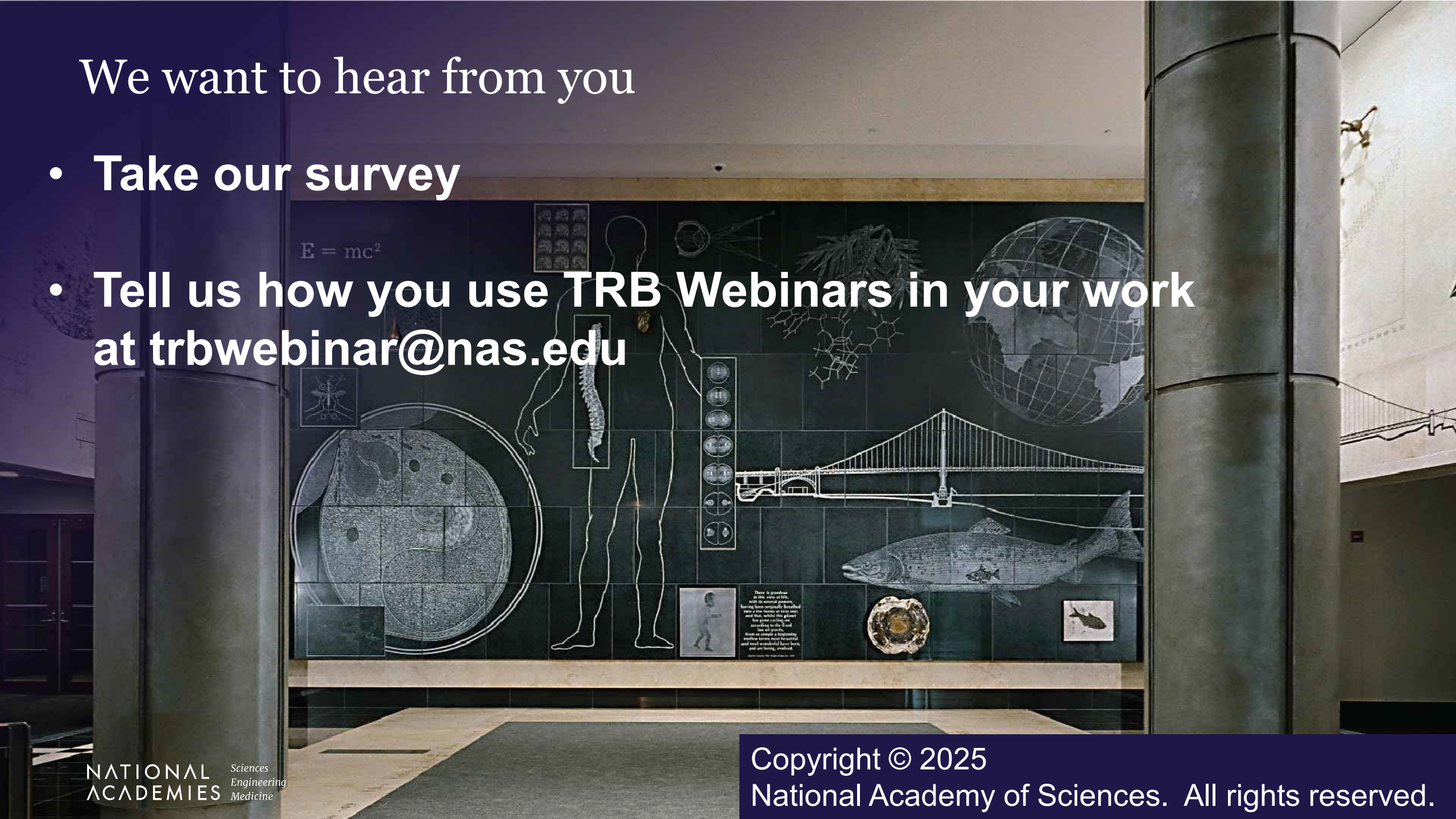

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