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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.

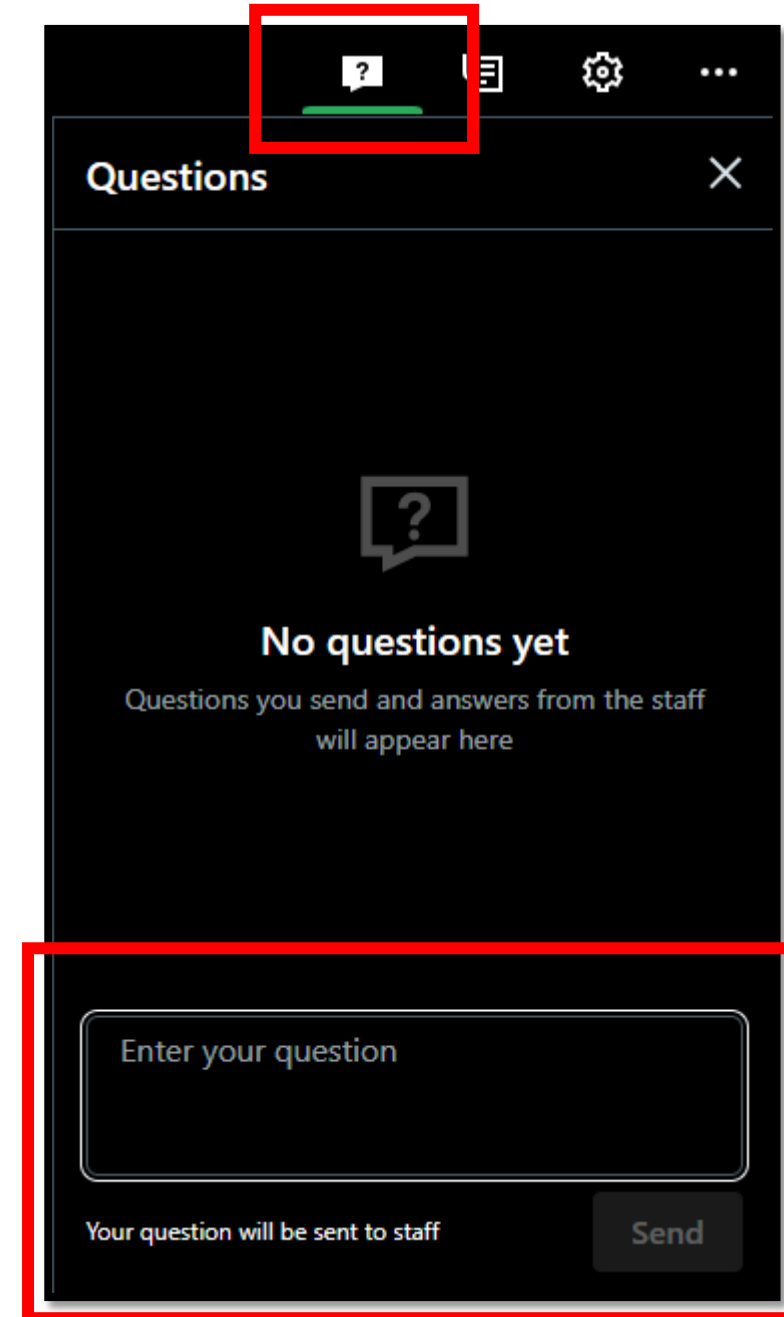
Learning Objectives

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



The screenshot shows a dark-themed mobile application interface for a webinar Q&A session. At the top, a navigation bar contains several icons: a question mark icon (highlighted with a red box), a list icon, a settings gear icon, and a three-dot menu icon. Below the navigation bar is a header titled "Questions" with a close button (X) on the right. The main content area displays a large question mark icon and the text "No questions yet" followed by "Questions you send and answers from the staff will appear here". At the bottom, there is a text input field with the placeholder "Enter your question" (highlighted with a red box). Below the input field, the text "Your question will be sent to staff" is displayed next to a "Send" button (also highlighted with a red box).

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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?



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Research in Progress (RIP) Database. At the top, there is a header with a globe icon and the text "Research in Progress". Below this is a search bar with the placeholder text "Search by keyword..." and a magnifying glass icon. To the right of the search bar is a question mark icon. Below the search bar is a link to "Advanced Search". On the left side, there is a paragraph describing the RIP database: "RIP The Transportation Research Board's Research in Progress (RIP) Database contains information on more than 9,700 current or recently completed transportation research projects. RIP records primarily are projects funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation and State Departments of Transportation. University transportation research also is included in the database." Below this paragraph are two maps of the United States. The left map is titled "Records by Location" and shows the distribution of projects by state DOT. The right map is titled "Find projects sponsored or performed by University Transportation Centers" and shows the distribution of projects by university. On the right side, there is a section titled "Recent Records by Mode" with a list of transportation modes: All Modes, Aviation, Highway, Marine Transportation, Motor Carriers, Pedestrians and Bicyclists, Pipelines, Public Transportation, and Railroads. A blue button labeled "Authorized Users Login" is circled in red.

Research in Progress

Search by keyword...

[Advanced Search](#)

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Records by Location

Find projects sponsored or performed by state DOTs

Find projects sponsored or performed by University Transportation Centers

Recent Records by Mode

- All Modes
- Aviation
- Highway
- Marine Transportation
- Motor Carriers
- Pedestrians and Bicyclists
- Pipelines
- Public Transportation
- Railroads

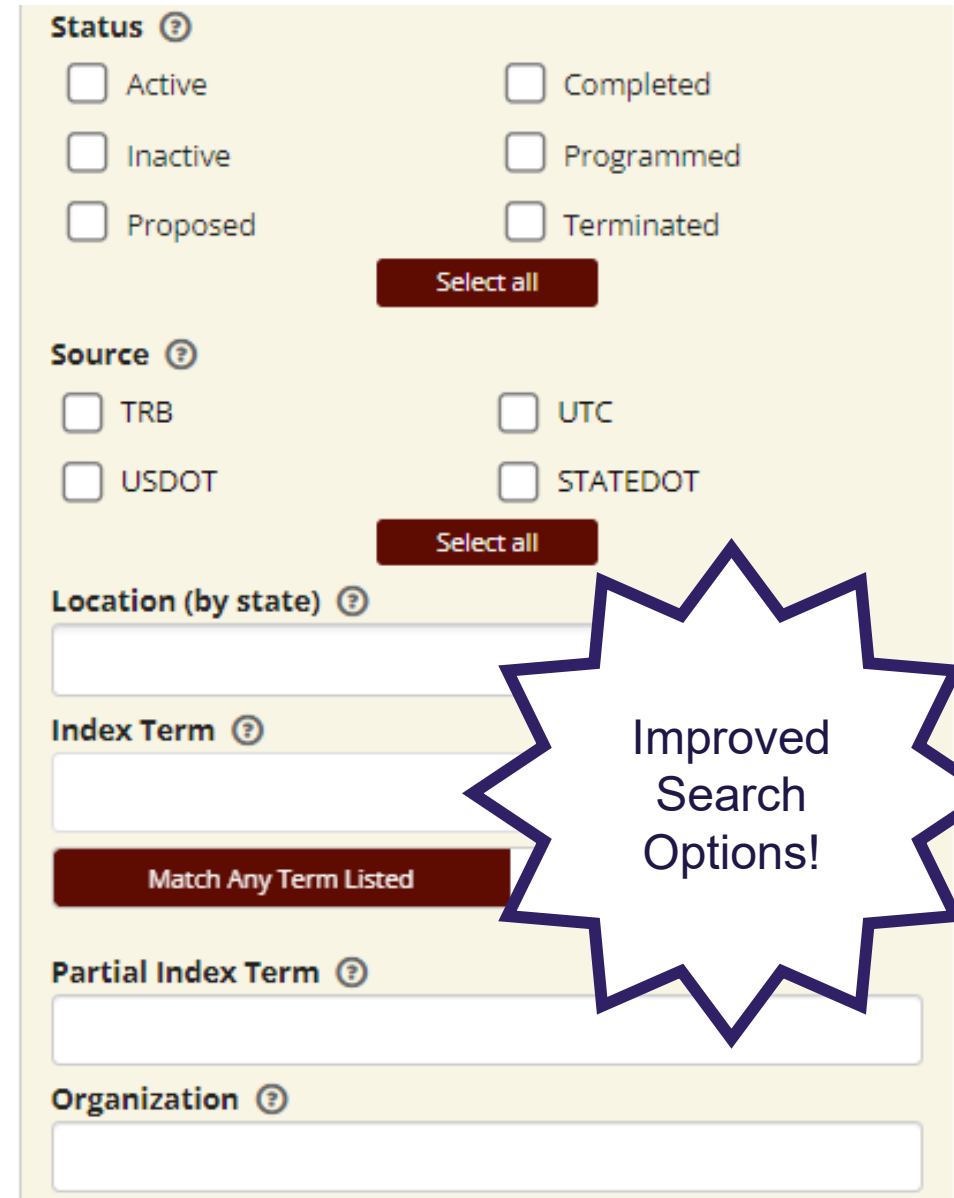
Authorized Users Login

- ✓ 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>



The screenshot displays the TRID search interface with the following sections:

- Status** (with a help icon):
 - ☐ Active
 - ☐ Inactive
 - ☐ Proposed
 - ☐ Completed
 - ☐ Programmed
 - ☐ Terminated
 - Select all** button
- Source** (with a help icon):
 - ☐ TRB
 - ☐ USDOT
 - ☐ UTC
 - ☐ STATEDOT
 - Select all** button
- Location (by state)** (with a help icon):
 - Text input field
- Index Term** (with a help icon):
 - Text input field
 - Match Any Term Listed** button
- Partial Index Term** (with a help icon):
 - Text input field
- Organization** (with a help icon):
 - Text input field

A starburst callout with the text "Improved Search Options!" is overlaid on the right side of the form.

RIP Advanced Search Features for Projects

Status ?

☒ Active ☐ Completed
☐ Inactive ☐ Programmed
☐ Proposed ☐ Terminated

Select all

Source ?

☐ TRB ☐ UTC
☐ USDOT ☐ STATEDOT

Select all

Location (by state) ?

Montana x

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

Date ?

project start date
project created date
project completed date

custom date range or after 202501
before yyyy-mm or yyyy

Sort By ? **Sort Order**

☒ Start Date ☒ Descending
☐ End Date ☐ Ascending
☐ Created Date
☐ Title
☐ Status

New and Enhanced Fields in RIP and TRID

Search Options

☒ Highlight search keywords

☐ Limit results to free or fee-based full-text links

☐ Limit results to records with abstracts

Title

Abstract

"return on investment"

Serial or Conference

Subject Areas

Subject Areas

- ***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.

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Research in Progress

Home > LiveEdit > Log in

Log in

Log in with your TRIS System login* credentials.

Email or Username
azachary@nas.edu

Password

☐ Remember me?

Log in

Do I Need This Login?

If you are responsible for managing transportation research for your organization and do not yet have a TRIS System login (formerly known as a TRB Research in Progress login or LiveEdit login), you may use the link below to request one.

You do **not** need a login to **browse, search,** or export records you have marked on the website.

Request a login to manage my organization's current RiP projects [here](#).

* A TRIS System login covers applications associated with TRB's Transportation Research Information Services. These applications include the TRID database, Research in Progress (RIP), TRIS Data Entry, and TRIS LiveEdit.

Forgot your password?

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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!**





Research in Progress

LiveEdit HOME

[My Records](#)[My Profile](#)[Data Entry Instructions](#)[Import Projects](#)

REPORTS

[Expired Projects](#)

SEARCH TRID

ABOUT TRID

RESOURCES

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Welcome to the Research in Progress (RiP) data entry system!

This system allows you to enter and update project records for your organization.

View [a demonstration on how to use the new RiP data entry interface](#). After viewing the tutorial, please contact us as tris-trb@nas.edu if you have any questions.

LiveEdit Home

Start here to enter upcoming, active, or completed US DOT research projects.

Entering publications has not yet been enabled in the system.

[Enter a US DOT project](#)[Enter a new publication](#)

My unpublished records

Title

Created date

Actions

[Load more records](#)[See all projects from your organization](#)[See all publications from your organization](#)

Online
help here

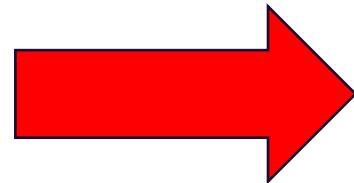



Deleting or Editing Older Projects

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



 PROJECT	Shippers' Behavior Study Through Developing and Calibrating their Utility Functions	2 years ago		
 PROJECT	Impact of Multimodal Freight Network on Private Sector Global Distribution	2 years ago		
 PROJECT	Generating Reliable Freight Disruption Measures with Freight Telematics Data	2 years ago		
	Coastal Research and Transportation Education Tier-1 University Transportation Center Data Management Plan	2 years ago		
 PROJECT	ACRP Insight Event--Issues on Systemic Racism	4 years ago		
All records loaded				

See all projects from your organization

See all publications from your organization

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.

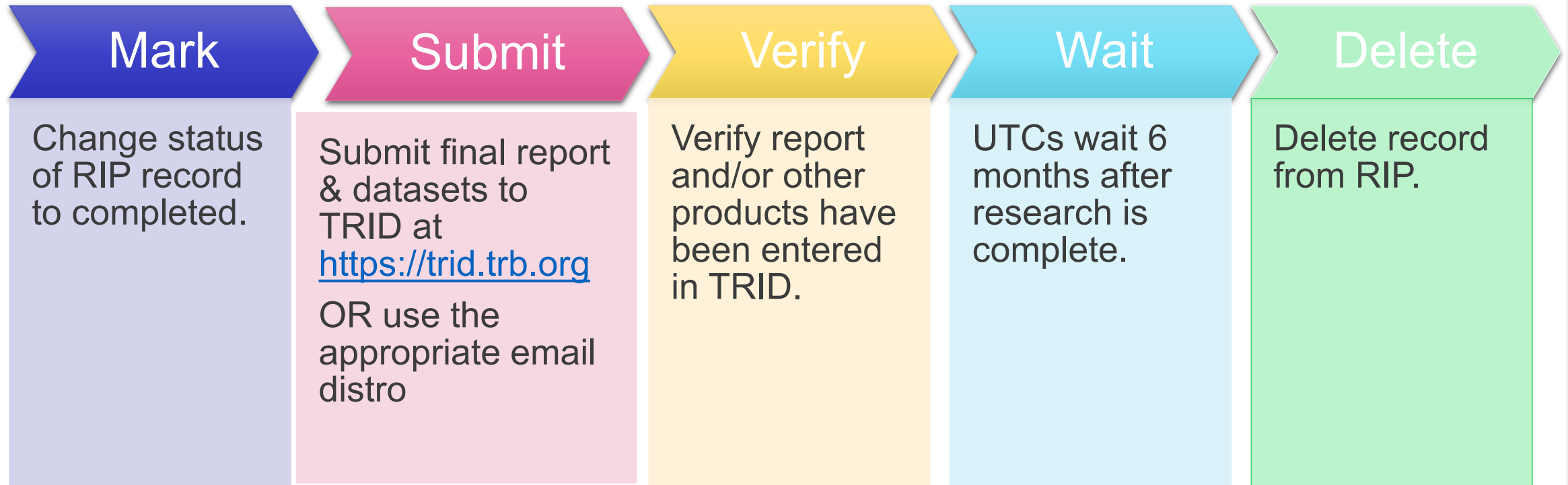
Expired Projects

2855 rows

Filter by state: [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

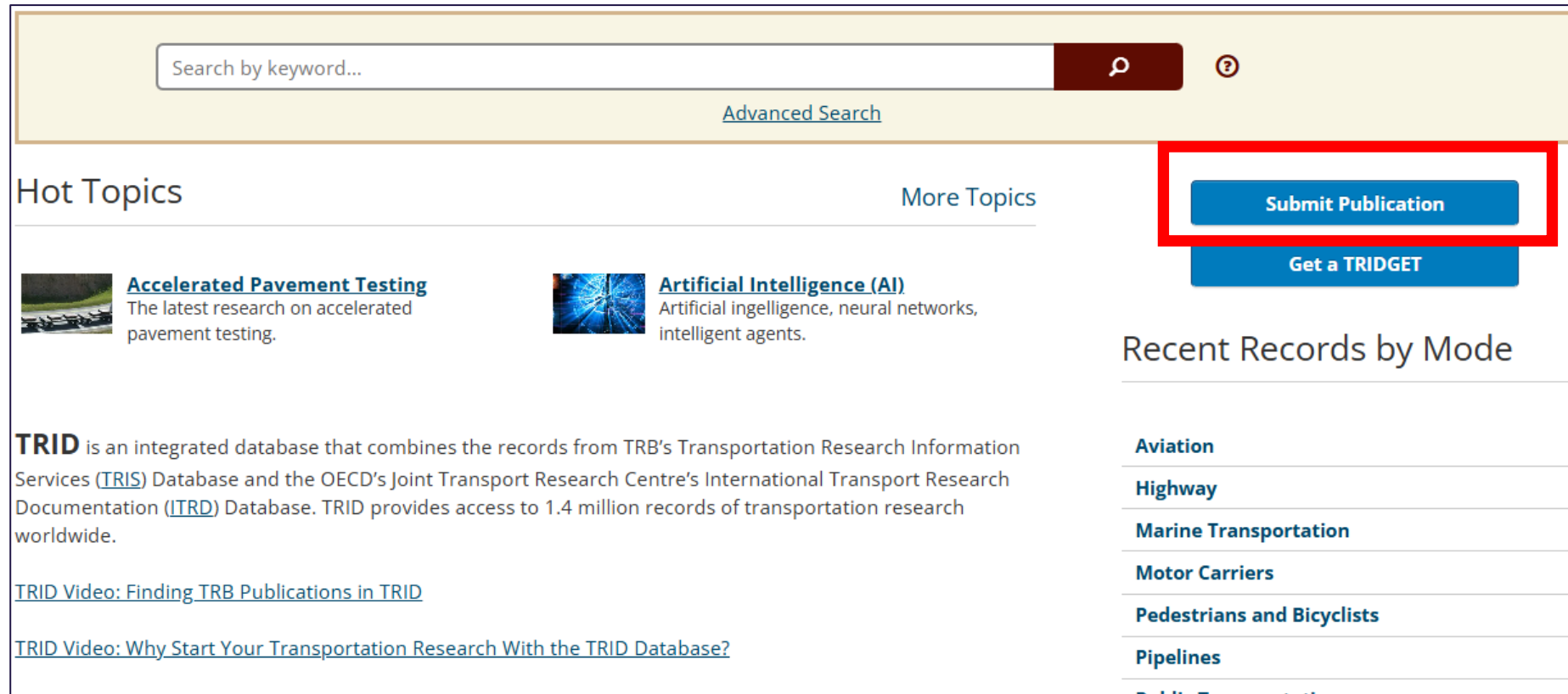
Closing out your projects in RIP



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.



The screenshot displays the TRID website's main interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the placeholder text "Search by keyword..." and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar is a link for "Advanced Search". The page is divided into several sections. On the left, under "Hot Topics", there are two featured topics: "Accelerated Pavement Testing" with a small image of a road and "Artificial Intelligence (AI)" with a small image of a network diagram. To the right of these topics, there are two blue buttons: "Submit Publication" and "Get a TRIDGET". The "Submit Publication" button is highlighted with a red rectangular box. Below the "Hot Topics" section, there is a paragraph describing TRID as an integrated database combining records from TRB's Transportation Research Information Services (TRIS) Database and the OECD's Joint Transport Research Centre's International Transport Research Documentation (ITRD) Database. At the bottom of the page, there are two links: "TRID Video: Finding TRB Publications in TRID" and "TRID Video: Why Start Your Transportation Research With the TRID Database?". On the right side of the page, under the heading "Recent Records by Mode", there is a list of transportation modes: Aviation, Highway, Marine Transportation, Motor Carriers, Pedestrians and Bicyclists, Pipelines, and Public Transportation.

Questions?
Suggestions?



Thank you for
your time!

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Upcoming events for you

January 11-15, 2026

2026 TRB Annual Meeting

<https://trb-annual-meeting.nationalacademies.org/>

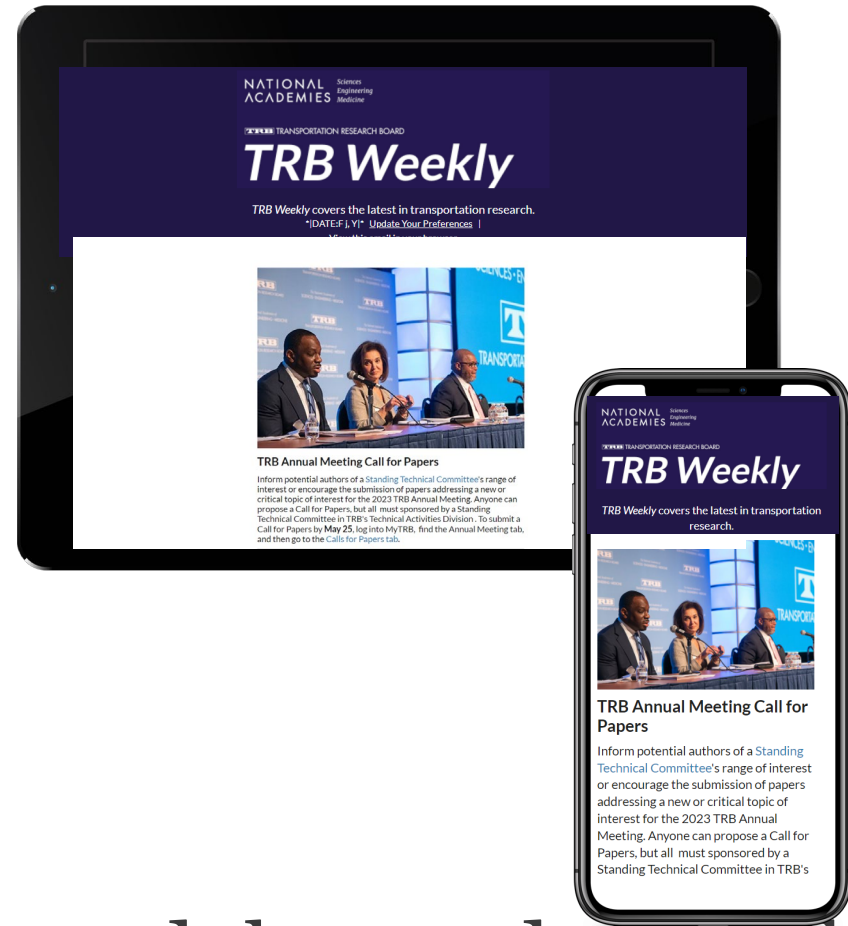


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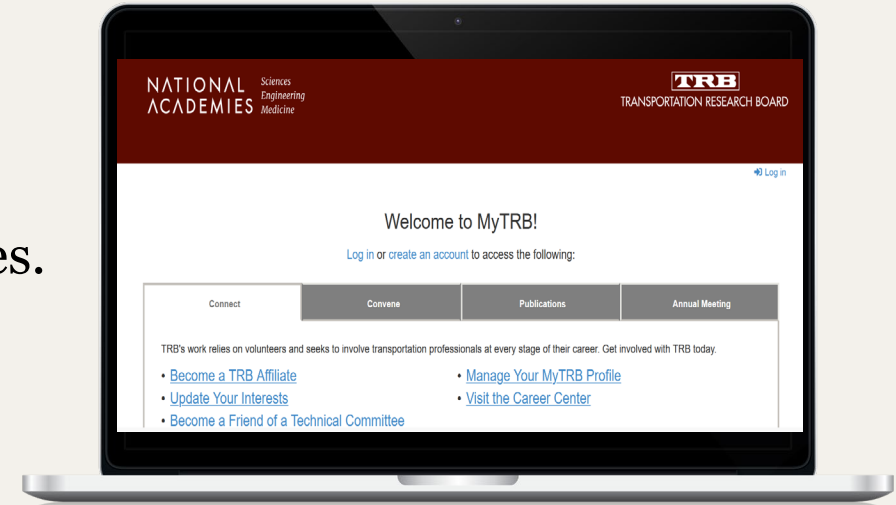


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