

## **Behavioral Traffic Safety Cooperative Research Program**

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### MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: **Potential Research Topics for the Fiscal Year 2020**

**Behavior Traffic Safety Cooperative Research Program Due by**

**February 15, 2019**

The purpose of this announcement is to solicit problem statements identifying research needs for the Behavioral Traffic Safety Cooperative Research Program (BTSCRCP) Fiscal Year 2020 Program. These are not proposals to conduct the research but are used to identify potential research needs and form the basis for selection of the annual BTSCRCP research program. The format for problem statements is short and concise. Most are 1-3 pages in length using the enclosed research problem statement outline.

The BTSCRCP is a forum for coordinated and collaborative research to address issues integral to the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA), the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and traffic safety professionals at all levels of government and the private sector. BTSCRCP provides practical, ready-to-implement solutions to save lives, prevent injuries, and reduce costs of road traffic crashes associated with unsafe behaviors. BTSCRCP is a partnership between GHSA, NHTSA, and the Transportation Research Board (TRB).

The BTSCRCP undertakes research for any issue faced by traffic safety stakeholders. Particular emphasis areas are alcohol-impaired driving, autonomous vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians, child passenger safety, distracted driving, drowsy driving, drug-impaired driving, law enforcement, mature drivers, motorcyclist safety, seat belts, speed and red light cameras, speeding and aggressive driving, teen driver safety, and traffic records. Anyone can write or contribute to preparing a problem statement.

A research problem statement outline is enclosed, along with guidance for writing successful problem statements. The deadline for submitting problems for consideration in the

FY 2020 research program is **February 15, 2019**. Problem statements may be submitted by email to [BTSCR@NAS.EDU](mailto:BTSCR@NAS.EDU) and it is preferred that the problem statement be sent as an attachment to the e-mail message in Microsoft Word format.

The GHSA Executive Board will select the research problem statements for the FY 2020 program in June 2019. For problems they select, requests for proposals will be issued, and contractors will be selected through a competitive process.

Thank you very much for your consideration. Your willingness to participate in the identification of relevant behavioral traffic safety topics is a key element of a successful stakeholder-driven BTSCR. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact William C. Rogers, Senior Program Officer, BTSCR, at 202-334-1621 or [wrogers@nas.edu](mailto:wrogers@nas.edu).

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