

## How do I Use TRT Terms?

You can explore related records linked to your term in the TRIS databases through the TRT website.

Here are the main resources available:

- **TRID:** The TRIS and ITRD Database ([trid.trb.org](http://trid.trb.org))
- **Research in Progress:** ([rip.trb.org](http://rip.trb.org))
- **TRB Publications Index:** ([pubsindex.trb.org](http://pubsindex.trb.org))

Additionally, you can search for records containing specific TRT terms directly on the database websites. To do this:

1. Navigate to **Additional Filters** (in TRID or RIP) or **Advanced Search** (in the TRB Publications Index).
2. Select the "Index Term" field.
3. Start typing an index term, and matching TRT terms will appear in a dropdown list for you to select from.

This streamlined approach makes it easy to find the records you need.

## Questions? Suggestions?

Terms are added to the TRT regularly to meet the current needs of transportation researchers.

If you have a suggestion for a new TRT term, submit it for consideration at <http://trt.trb.org/suggest-terms>

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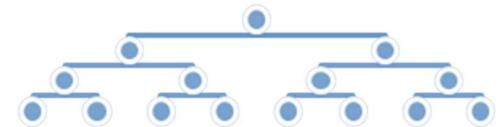
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# Transportation Research Thesaurus

*A Powerful Tool for Finding  
Transportation Research  
Information*



<https://trt.trb.org>

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## What is the TRT?

The TRT:

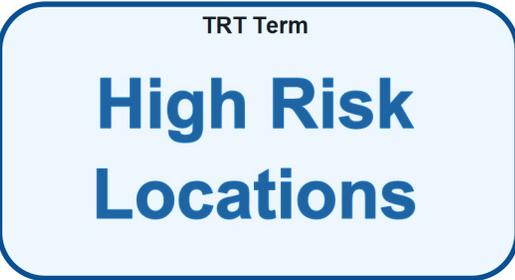
- Is a tool to improve the indexing and retrieval of transportation information.
- Contains 10,000+ terms
- Covers all modes and aspects of transportation
- Provides references to related words and concepts.
- Groups terms in hierarchies under 21 “top terms”
- Is used to tag records in the Transportation Research Information Services (TRIS) databases so that they may be more easily found in a search.

## Why Use the TRT?

The same concept often can be expressed in many different ways:



Using a TRT term allows all these ways of expressing the same concept to be retrieved in the same database search:



## How Do I Find TRT Terms?

Search and browse the TRT at the TRT website: <http://trt.trb.org>.

If your term is not in the TRT, the search engine will refer you to a related term in many cases.

Once you’ve located a term, you can view its:

- Broader terms
- Narrower terms
- Related terms
- Definition
- Scope Notes

You also can export the term record. Custom or entire TRT downloads also are available at <https://trt.trb.org/download>

*Example of TRT term record:*

|  |                               |                            |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Traffic crashes</b>   |                               |                            |
| Top Terms > Safety and security > Crashes > Crash types > Ground transportation crashes > Traffic crashes  |                               |                            |
| Collisions between a road vehicle and another vehicle, pedestrian, animal or structure; may result in property damage, injury or death. (Source: Team) |                               |                            |
| <b>Use For</b>   | <b>Broader Term</b>           | <b>Narrower Terms</b>      |
| Highway accidents  | Ground transportation crashes | Frontal crashes            |
| Highway crashes  |                               | Multiple vehicle crashes   |
| Traffic accidents  |                               | Rear end crashes           |
|  |                               | Secondary crashes          |
|  |                               | Side crashes               |
|  |                               | Single vehicle crashes     |
|  |                               | Underride/override crashes |
| <b>Related Terms</b>   | <b>Find Related Records</b>   |                            |
| Incident management  | RIP                           |                            |
| Traffic  | TRID                          |                            |
| Traffic crash victims  | PubsIndex                     |                            |