



# National RTAP Webinar: What is TCRP?

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# Agenda

- Introductions
  - Gwen Chisholm-Smith, Mariela Garcia-Colberg & Stephan A. Parker
- First Question
  - What is TCRP? What is new this year, what is a project?
    - Research Reports
    - Legal Research Digests
    - Synthesis Reports: state of the practice
  - Year of research: Now, you can submit problem statements
    - Synthesis Report: problem statements due March 15
    - Research Report: problem statements due June 17
    - Legal Research Digest: problem statements due August 2019
    - October decisions
    - November to January to develop panels
  - What can TCRP do for Rural Programs and State Program Managers?
  - How do you get what you need from a TCRP Report?

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## TRANSIT COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM



Sponsored by the Federal Transit Administration, the Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP) serves as one of the principal means by which the public transportation industry can develop innovative near-term solutions to meet demands placed on it. The TCRP has an established reputation for providing useful reports and other tools to help public transportation practitioners solve problems and inform decision makers.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### TCRP Announces New Projects for 2019

You may nominate yourself or someone else for any of the FY 2019 research projects.

#### Propose New Topics for the 2019 TCRP Syntheses

You are invited to submit new TCRP Synthesis topics. [Submissions are due by March 15, 2019](#). For more information click [here](#).

#### Requests For Proposals (RFPs)

RFPs for new research projects are [here!](#)

#### TCRP Solicits New Problem Statements

The purpose of this announcement is to solicit problem statements identifying research needs for the Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP), Fiscal Year 2020 Program. Click [here](#) for more information.

#### Now Accepting Letters of Interest for TCRP Synthesis

Letters of Interest are requested for TCRP Synthesis SD-05: Third Rail Insulator Failures- Current State of the Practice. All submittals should be submitted through this link and must be received by [March 22, 2019 by 6:00pm EST](#).

#### TCRP Annual Report of Progress 2018

TCRP has released its annual report, which provides background and an overview of the program, status of each of TCRP's projects, and a summary of some of the program's accomplishments for the year.

# Second Question: What reports and projects are out there that respond to rural and tribal transit issues?

- Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP) Synthesis 129: Managing Extreme Weather at Bus Stops
- TCRP Synthesis 94: Innovative Rural Transit Services
- TCRP Research Report 202: Handbook for Examining the Effects of Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Brokerages on Transportation Coordination
- TCRP R199: Transit Technical Training, Volume 1: Guide to Applying Best Practices and Sharing Resources
- TCRP R180: Policing and Security Practices for Small- and Medium-Sized Public Transit Systems
- TCRP R154: Developing, Enhancing, and Sustaining Tribal Transit Services: A Guidebook
- TCRP R136: Guidebook for Rural Demand-Response Transportation: Measuring, Assessing, and Improving Performance
- [TRB Snap Search: Rural Transportation](http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/snap/ruraltransportation.pdf) <http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/snap/ruraltransportation.pdf>
- National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Report 861 - Best Practices in Rural Regional Mobility

## Current Projects

- o NCHRP 20-65/Task 73 - Best Practices and Marketing to Increase Rural Transit Ridership and Investment
- o NCHRP 20-65/Task 76 - Opportunities for State DOTs (and Others) to Encourage Shared Use Mobility Practices in Rural Areas
- o NCHRP 25-25/Task 114 - Integrating Tribal Knowledge into Processes to Identify, Evaluate, and Record Cultural Resources
- o NCHRP 20-122 - Rural Transportation Issues: Research Roadmap

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# Third Question: Are any of you interested in working on sending research problems to TCRP?

- Brainstorm: Let's see what people are thinking...

Rural public & school  
transportation

Tribal Councils

Law enforcement, crime, and  
drugs

Aviation

Connected and automated  
vehicles and emerging  
technologies

Tourism and the natural  
environment

Roadway infrastructure and  
balancing capacity with demand

Rural transportation safety

Active transportation

Workforce development

Transportation access and mobility

Intersection of health and  
transportation

Generational expectations, work &  
lifestyle

Transporting rural products to  
market

Weather, climate and resilience

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