



**THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ODOT RESEARCH
PROBLEM STATEMENTS FOR THE FY 2012-13 IS
NOVEMBER 18, 2011**

It is time to identify potential transportation research projects for the FY'13 research program.

The deadline for submission of research problem statements is November 18, 2011

Funds and other resources are available for research (study of a transportation problem), development (design and/or testing of a new transportation tool or procedure), and technology transfer (demonstration of or education about new transportation technology) activities. If you are aware of a transportation problem that needs researching, please read on.

Project screening and selection will focus on projects related to priority research needs. A summary of the priorities identified for this year is available on the Research Project Selection Web Page. We also look for projects that, if successful, will produce results that ODOT will use.

The research project selection process involves two steps. One or more of the following Expert Task Groups (ETGs), each consisting of 6 to 10 knowledgeable individuals in the topic area, will review your problem statement in December. Those groups, along with the name and phone number of the research unit contact, are listed below.

- * ***Construction and Maintenance*** (Jon Lazarus, 503.986.2852)
- * ***Structures*** (Steve Soltész, 503.986.2851)
- * ***Pavements and Materials*** (Norris Shippen, 503.986.3538)
- * ***Traffic, Roadway Safety and ITS*** (June Ross, 503.986.2846)
- * ***Hydraulics, Geotechnical, and Environmental*** (Matthew Mabey, 503.986.2847)
- * ***Roadway Design and Driver Safety*** (Mark Joerger, 503.986.3464)
- * ***Planning and Economic Analysis*** (Myra Sperley, 503.986.3419)
- * ***Multimodal and Sustainable Transportation*** (Lyn Cornell, 503.986.2853)

Note that the organization of the expert task groups is subject to change this year. Subject area coverage is not going to change, but groups may be renamed, and specific topics may shift from one committee to another.

If your problem statement is identified as a top candidate by one of these groups, the member of the Research Unit staff will work with you in developing a more detailed "second stage" project proposal. Near the end of February, the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) will decide which of the second stage project problem statements will go forward.

All of the information and materials you need to submit a problem statement can be accessed from the Research Program Home Page (link below).

http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TP_RES/Guidelines_ProblemStatement.shtml

On the web page you will find a problem statement form that you can complete and submit on-line. For those of you who have prepared problem statements in the past, take note that we have made significant changes to the Stage 1 problem statement form and requirements. The problem statement form now includes some embedded instructions as well as new sections. We are asking for more information, and

among other things we are suggesting that problem statement submitters complete a brief literature search.

The web page also includes other tips on preparing problem statements, resources for searching the research literature, and a research project selection timetable. If you scroll to the bottom of the page you will also find the following information:

- * Summary of Research Priorities for Fiscal year 2012
- * Information about the expert task groups and the selection process.
- * Information for consultants and other non-ODOT individuals and organizations.
- * Problem statements submitted from the previous year.
- Regularly updated postings of new problem statements received.

Note once again that the **deadline for submission of a problem statement is November 18** . If you are unable to get what you need from our web page, please reply to this message to request assistance.