

**RD&T Leadership Council Action Item: A2 (Strategic Planning)**

Council Champion/Project Lead: Judycki/Kenney

1. TITLE: R&T Decision-Making Process Working Group
2. DESCRIPTION OF INITIATIVE: This effort will establish a comprehensive decision-making process for the FY 2002 (and beyond) R&T program. This process will include milestones for prioritization process, budget cycle requirements, and important links to performance planning.
3. IMPORTANCE / SIGNIFICANCE OF INITIATIVE: The restructuring of FHWA and the impact of TEA-21 have created a new environment which requires current process to be updated. This peer level decision making process will provide the Management Council with a valuable tool to more effectively work its way through difficult program and budget decisions.
4. PRODUCT / OUTPUT: An updated process to use in establishing priorities and making decisions for preparing, presenting, implementing and evaluating FHWA's R&T budget; a revised FHWA Order on the R&T program reflecting the new management structure and the decision making process.
5. CUSTOMER: Management Council
6. PARTNERS: CBU's, SBU's, Resource Centers
7. COSTS: No direct expenses anticipated beyond professional and administrative support staff time.
8. SCHEDULE:

Tasks	Month / Year:	9/99	10/99	11/99	12/99	1/00	2/00	3/00	4/00
1. Formulate work plan		-----							
2. Draft process/internal review /draft order			-----						
3. Present process to Management Council				--					
4. Revise based on MC input				-----	---				
5. Finalize/present to Working Group					-----				
6. Implement process/finalize order						-----	-----	-----	-----