

RD&T Leadership Council Action Item: F.B.2 (Process Management)

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- (1) TITLE: FHWA Participation in NCHRP Process
- (2) DESCRIPTION OF INITIATIVE: This effort will consider an appropriate approach to FHWA’s participation in the NCHRP project solicitation process. The effort will examine the solicitation approach, the relationship of FHWA proposed projects to the overall RD&T program, establishing priorities among proposed FHWA projects, and the mechanics of balloting and scoring.
- (3) IMPORTANCE/SIGNIFICANCE OF INITIATIVE: Although funding changes from TEA-21 initially increased interest in NCHRP funding for FHWA research ideas, we don’t have an existing process to ensure FHWA responds to NCHRP solicitations with a well thought out series of proposals aligned with strategic goals and the plan for the RD&T program.
- (4) PRODUCT/OUTPUT: An updated process for use within FHWA leading to an agency endorsed NCHRP project proposal response.
- (5) CUSTOMER: FHWA R&T program will benefit from more strategic, effective, and efficient approach to NCHRP solicitations.
- (6) PARTNERS: CBUs, FHWA Resource Centers, FHWA Division Offices, and TRB/NCHRP.
- (7) COSTS: No direct expenses anticipated beyond professional and administrative support staff time.
- (8) SCHEDULE: Ultimate goal will be to have a process that will be implemented for the solicitation of the 2001 NCHRP program around May 2000.

Tasks	Month/Year:	12/99	1/00	2/00	3/00	4/00	5/00
1. Consult with RD&T Leadership Team and team leaders on initiative concepts.		██████████					
2. Consult with CBU/SBU R&T contacts on initiative concepts.			██████████				
3. Consult with NCHRP on initiative concepts.			██████████				
4. Develop processes for FHWA project solicitation			██████████	██████████	██████████	██████████	
5. Implement process for solicitation of FHWA proposed NCHRP projects.							██████████

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