

Research that makes a  
difference!

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# We're all in this together!

- Who is here today? Industry/university/DOT/FHWA/consultants
- My background...
- Who attends TRB Annual Meeting and AASHTO meetings?
  - TRB - understand what it is and what it does (Blue Book), NCHRP 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary video:  
<http://www.trb.org/NCHRP/NCHRP50thAnniversary.aspx>
  - AASHTO committees: Technical areas (Materials and Pavements Committee under Program Delivery and Operations) and Research and Innovation (R&I) Special Committee
- Understanding how to identify research that will make a positive difference that is important/innovative/implementable. Top 10 ideas.

# Top 10 Ideas for Research that is: Important/Innovative/Implementable

- Champions work together continuously, build on existing partnerships
- Problem identification - is it important
- Stakeholder ID and involvement
- Understand breadth of problem
- Appropriate funding mechanism/source
- Problem statement clarity and brevity, including focus on Problem ID
- Village approach for problem review/support, especially AASHTO Committee members
- Technical Advisory Committee involvement to find innovative solutions
- Focus on how to implement throughout
- Champions/Champions/Champions - that's why you are here today!