Charge to MTRB Over Next Year

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Immediate Needs

- Elevate the value of research in the eyes of transportation agency leaders, government leaders, and the general public for addressing Michigan’s transportation needs.

- Facilitate the conduct, dissemination, and evaluation of research that is effective in addressing Michigan’s transportation needs.
Main Task Over the Next Year

Develop a report to the transportation agencies in Michigan outlining:

- Major transportation research needs
- Research problems that must be addressed to meet the needs
- Suggested improvements to make research more effective
1. Executive Summary
2. Introduction
   Background on MTRB and its role
   Rationale for transportation research
   Constituencies
   Research areas
3. Major transportation needs in Michigan that research should address (categorize by research areas)
4. Research problems that must be undertaken to address major needs (list and describe by research areas, identify constituencies that should be involved in research process and funding agencies)
5. Suggested improvements
   Research process (identify roadblocks and suggest remedies)
   Funding
   Dissemination of research results
   Implementation of research results
   Public relations related to research

6. Conclusions
Report Development Timeline

1. June 8: MTRB committees established, subcommittees/research areas identified, subcommittee chairs appointed.
2. June 30: MTRB subcommittee chairs call subcommittee meetings for the end of August or early September.
4. Second MTRB meeting first week of December 2005: All subcommittees present results of their work and interact.

5. Subcommittees submit final list and assessments to MTRBEC by January 31, 2006.

Breakout Sessions

Three breakout sessions:

- Research sponsors
- Scientific and technical experts
- Transportation users and affected parties

Five set questions for breakout sessions. Moderators report back after breakouts.
Envisioned Standing Committees

- Research Needs Identification
- Research Implementation and Dissemination
- Research Management and Evaluation
**Written Questions**

1. What research areas/subcommittees of MTRB should be established?
2. How should Michigan’s transportation research be funded?
3. Name agencies that are likely to fund transportation research in Michigan.
4. Are you willing to serve on an MTRB subcommittee? As an officer?
Please complete feedback form related to this meeting and leave it on your table before the end of the meeting.

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