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To Members of the AASHTO Standing
Committee on Planning (SCOP)

Re: National Cooperative Highway Research Program Draft Problem Statements

We are beginning the process of selecting topics for the next round of NCHRP 8-36 research projects for fiscal year 2006 and regular NCHRP projects for fiscal year 2007.

NCHRP 8-36 is intended for quick response research designed to develop improvements in analytical methods and tools used in statewide and metropolitan planning or to support the activities of SCOP. These projects are designed to be completed in 6 to 12 months. The tasks that we recommend will be presented to the full SCOP for approval at the AASHTO Annual Meeting in September. To provide for a timely evaluation of your proposal, we need your draft problem statements by July 22, 2005. The 8-36 problem statements do not have to be as detailed as the regular NCHRP proposals.

In addition, we would also like your problem statements for regular NCHRP projects by July 22, 2005. This year we had five planning projects that had been supported by SCOP approved for NCHRP research. With your input, the projects recommended by SCOP at the 2005 Annual Meeting will go forward to the AASHTO Standing Committee on Research and will be considered for funding in fiscal year 2007.

The format for the one-page problem statement is as follows:

- Title
- Problem Statement
- Research Objective
- Cost
- Time Required

Please submit your problem statements to Ron McCready (TRB) at rmccready@nas.edu. If you have any questions, you can phone Ron at (202) 334-3034 or me at (850) 414-5235.

Sincerely,

Ysela Llort, Chair
SCOP Subcommittee on Research