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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 2009 and regular NCHRP projects for fiscal year 2010.

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 and typically cost less than \$100,000. For fiscal year 2009, we have \$600,000 to program. The tasks that we recommend will be presented to the full SCOP for approval at the AASHTO Annual Meeting in Hartford, Connecticut in October. To provide for a timely evaluation of your proposal, we need your draft problem statements by July 11, 2008. The 8-36 problem statements do not have to be as detailed as the regular NCHRP proposals.

The format for the one-page problem statements for 8-36 research projects is as follows:

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

In addition, we would also like your problem statements for regular NCHRP projects. The problem statement outline is available at: <http://statewideplanning.org/resource.php?id=65>. With your input, the projects recommended by SCOP at the 2008 Annual Meeting will go forward to the AASHTO Standing Committee on Research and considered for funding in fiscal year 2010.

Please submit your problem statements for both 8-36 and regular NCHRP projects to Lori Sundstrom (TRB) at [LSundstrom@nas.edu](mailto:LSundstrom@nas.edu) If you have any questions, you can phone Lori at (202) 334-3034 or me at (850) 414-4802.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. David Lee".

W. David Lee, Chair  
SCOP Subcommittee on Research