

2020 Transportation Research Request for Proposals (RFP)

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and the Local Road Research Board (LRRB) are jointly releasing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for transportation research to inform decision-making and improve products and services. [Proposals are due](#) from qualified universities no later than **4:30 PM** (Central Daylight Time) on **Tuesday, September 15, 2020**.

The [2020 Transportation Research Request for Proposals](#) (RFP) includes [22 Need Statements](#) in the following areas: materials and construction, maintenance and operations, policy and planning, traffic and safety, bridges and structures, environmental, and multi-modal. Of the 22 Need Statements included in the RFP, sixteen (16) were generated by the MnDOT Research Steering Committee and six (6) were generated by the Local Road Research Board (LRRB).

MnDOT's Office of Research and Innovation administers the RFP process and staff are available to guide proposers through the process. Please contact us at research.dot@state.mn.us and we will be happy to help.

I also wanted to highlight a few items to assist you in preparing your proposals.

- Section 3.1 –Proposals responding to a MnDOT and/or a Joint MnDOT/LRRB Need Statement must discuss how the project addresses MnDOT's Strategic Research Priorities of Advancing Equity, Asset Management, Climate Change & the Environment, Innovation & Future Needs, and Safety. Proposals responding to a LRRB Need Statement do NOT need to complete section 3.1.
- Section 4.2 – Proposers are directed to provide a brief explanation of how restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic could impact the project.
- Section 5 – Proposers are asked to include tasks (scope and budget) as appropriate to support implementation or knowledge transfer of the results of the research.
- Section 5 – Proposers are asked to number their tasks sequentially. Please note tasks X, Y, and Z are placeholders for the last three tasks.
- Section 5, Task Z – The description clarifies that all final deliverable tasks need final editorial review.
- Section 7 – The table clarifies that Line C is a sum of Lines D, E, F, G, & H.
- Valuing Local Knowledge – For proposals responding to a MnDOT and/or a Joint MnDOT/LRRB Need Statement that include a Minnesota-based school as either the lead investigator or partner, five (5) points will be added to the proposal evaluation score. The five (5) points for local participation will be awarded outside of the maximum of 100 points for technical merit.

Again, thank you for your interest in the 2020 Transportation Research Request for Proposals. We look forward to working with you as this process progresses. Again, if you have questions, please contact us at research.dot@state.mn.us

Sincerely,

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