

University partners,

We are pleased to announce the 2021 Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and Minnesota Local Road Research Board (LRRB) transportation research programs. Funded projects are anticipated to begin approximately July 1, 2022.

Visit the [MnDOT Research & Innovation website](#) and see information below for RFP details.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email so we can be assured it has been received by all our partner universities.

2021 MnDOT-LRRB Transportation Research RFP

The 2021 RFP includes 28 need statements in the following categories: bridges and structures, environmental, maintenance and operations, materials and construction, policy and planning, and traffic and safety. Of the 28 Need Statements included in the RFP, 21 were generated by MnDOT's Research Steering Committee and 7 were generated by the LRRB, which represents Minnesota cities and counties.

Please note this specific information on the MnDOT R&I website:

- [Summary table of the 2021 Need Statements](#)
- [Recap of the 2020 process](#)
- [Timeline for the 2021 process to date](#)

As your university's research master agreement contact, please submit any proposals for your institution, along with the attached summary spreadsheet of proposals with all proposal submittals identified, to research.dot@state.mn.us. **Proposals are due no later than 4:30 p.m. Central Daylight Time Tuesday, September 14, 2021.**

Incomplete proposals will not be evaluated and proposal content beyond the 14-page limit will not be reviewed (see instructions). Also, please inform the PIs not to submit proposals directly to MnDOT. All proposals need to be submitted through the university master agreement contact.

For your convenience, links to the project proposal form and instructions are included below.

- [Proposal form](#) (docx)
- [Proposal instructions](#) (pdf)

MnDOT's Office of Research and Innovation administers the RFP and staff can help guide you through the process. Proposers may also contact the Project Champion or Project Advisor for need statement clarification. Additional information regarding need statements shall be provided at the discretion of the Project Champion.

Thank you for your interest in our 2021 Transportation Research Request for Proposals. We look forward to working with you as this process progresses. If you have any questions, please contact our staff at research.dot@state.mn.us.

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