

## Important New Changes to this Edition

Statewide Planning and Research, Part II, Program funding is managed by MDOT's Office of Research and Best Practices.

Research is administered by three tiers of committees: Oversight (REC), Advisory (RAC) and Management (RAP).

Some work not performed in-house at MDOT may be outsourced using a qualification-based selection process.

Some administrative responsibilities of the Project Manager have been assigned to the Research Manager in ORBP.

Prior FY invoices will only be paid if submitted within two months of the new FY (before December 1).

Consultant performance evaluations will be used to help select consultants for future projects.

Payment of final consultant invoices will depend on satisfactory completion of final reports.

Program development, project selection and implementation processes have been changed to reflect efforts of ORBP staff to improve research management.

MDOT processes (such as accounting and invoicing) have been brought up-to-date.