

## Research Program Committee Structure

### Research Executive Committee (REC)

REC Co-Chairs: Mark VanPortfleet, COO & Laura Mester, CAO  
 Engineer of Research: Steve Bower  
 Region Bureau Management Team (RBMT) Liaison to Research: Matt Chynoweth  
 Research Advisory Committee (RAC) Chairs and Co-Chairs: see below

#### Research Advisory Committee (RAC) Hwys Program & Project Development

RAC Chair: Brad Wieferich  
 Addl Member: Kristin Schuster  
 RBMT Liaison: Vacant  
 Focus Area Managers (FAM): see below  
 Research Manager: Michael Townley

**Bridges & Structures**  
 FAM: Dave Juntunen, Corey Rogers  
 Region Rep: Steve Katenhus

**Environment & Water Resources**  
 FAM: Hal Zweng  
 Region Rep: Bob Batt

**Innovative Contracting**  
 FAM: Charlie Stein  
 Region Rep: Lori Swanson

**Real Estate & Permits**  
 FAM: Matt DeLong  
 Region Rep: Jared Boll (Permits)  
 Tom Jay (Real Estate)

**Transportation Safety**  
 FAM: Mark Bott  
 Region Rep: Kim Zimmer

**Rest Areas, Utilities & Landscaping**  
 FAM: Kelby Wallace  
 Region Rep: Will Thompson

**Surveys & Automated Design**  
 FAM: Dan Belcher  
 Region Rep: Dave Tallon

**Workforce Development**  
 FAM: Amber Thelen, Todd White

#### Research Advisory Committee (RAC) Hwys Delivery & Operations

RAC Chair: Kim Avery  
 Addl Members: Jason Gutting, Mark Geib  
 RBMT Liaison: Scott Thayer  
 Focus Area Managers (FAM): see below  
 Research Manager: Andre Clover

**Construction**  
 FAM: Matt Bellgowan  
 Region Rep: Tom Tellier

**Geotechnical & Foundation Design**  
 FAM: Dick Endres  
 Region Rep: Jim Siler

**Intelligent Transportation Systems**  
 FAM: Matt Smith  
 Region Rep: Suzette Peplinski

**Fleet/Facility Management & Operations**  
 FAM: Sonja Scheurer  
 Region Rep: Janine Cooper

**Maintenance**  
 FAM: Gary Mayes  
 Region Rep: Steve Palmer

**Mobility, Systems & Signal Operations**  
 FAM: Steve Cook  
 Region Rep: Stephanie Palmer

**Pavements & Materials**  
 FAM: Curtis Bleech, John Staton  
 Region Rep: Jim Siler

**Worker/Facility Safety & Security  
Emergency Management**  
 FAM: Eileen Phifer  
 Region Rep: Gregg Brunner

#### Research Advisory Committee (RAC) Multi-Modal Transportation

RAC Co-Chairs: Michael Trout, Tim Hoeffner,  
 Sharon Edgar  
 RBMT Liaison: Paul Ajegba  
 Focus Area Managers (FAM): see below  
 Research Manager: Mark Polsdofer

**Aviation**  
 FAM: Matt Brinker

**Freight & Logistics**  
 FAM: Nikkie Johnson

**Freight Rail**  
 FAM: Kris Foondle

**Intercity Bus**  
 FAM: Rob Pearson

**Local Transit**  
 FAM: Cathy Hudson

**Maritime**  
 FAM: Larry Karnes

**Passenger Rail**  
 FAM: Therese Cody

**Private/For Hire Passenger Carriers**  
 FAM: Rob Pearson

#### Research Advisory Committee (RAC) Planning and Finance

RAC Co-Chairs: David Wresinski, Myron  
 Frierson  
 RBMT Liaison: Vacant  
 Focus Area Managers (FAM): see below  
 Research Manager: Mark Polsdofer

**Asset Management**  
 FAM: Bill Tansil, Wendi Burton

**Contract Administration**  
 FAM: Vacant

**Finance**  
 FAM: Patrick McCarthy

**Non-Motorized Planning & Development**  
 FAM: Deb Alfonso

**Program Development**  
 FAM: Denise Jones

**Transportation Policy**  
 FAM: Polly Kent

**Travel Demand Forecasting**  
 FAM: Susan Gorski