



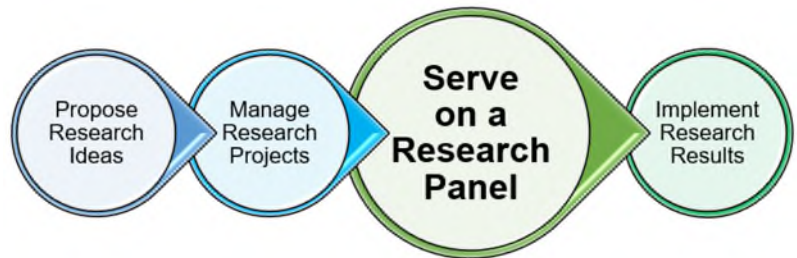
AS A RESEARCH ADVISORY PANEL MEMBER

THE NEED

At the initiation and approval of a research project the assigned Project Manager (PM) will select individuals to participate on the project's Research Advisory Panel (RAP). The RAP may include experts from different areas of the department, region representatives, local government staff, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) representatives, and consultants. Each RAP member brings their expertise to the project to work together to achieve project goals and produce results. The RAP is led by the PM who directs the work and deliverables of the project.

THE ROLE

- Participate on the vendor (researcher) selection team for the project and review submitted proposals.
- Collect and organize data as needed for the project.
- Attend project meetings to review progress.
- Review and provide comment on project deliverables.
- Recommend implementation measures based on research results.



Stages and roles in research.

ABOUT MDOT RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION

Research Administration or RAd supports transportation research across the entire MDOT department in a variety of different focus areas. RAd's research program includes individual research projects, national programs, pooled fund studies with other states, and multiple research "Centers of Excellence".

OUR MISSION

Supporting and promoting innovative research and encouraging its implementation for safe, sustainable, and cost-effective transportation solutions that keep Michigan moving.

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