

RESEARCH PROGRAM

Office of Strategic Planning & Projects

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CTDOT Research Unit Overview:

The CTDOT Research Program staff works directly with university, other research professionals and other states to find workable solutions to problems that affect the transportation system and infrastructure.



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Research consists of many things, including but not limited to:

- Facing a major challenge in our work and for which research is needed to find or test solutions.
- Evaluating technology used by other state DOTs here at the CTDOT
- Participating in [Pooled-Fund Studies](#)
- Projects that can be taken from research to implementation
- Improving the skills and increasing the knowledge of the transportation workforce in Connecticut.

How can the Research Program help YOU?

1. Every 1-2 years, we issue a solicitation to Bureaus for research ideas to be considered as new research projects. The ideas are prioritized to fit available funding. Selected projects are developed into Proposals (with assistance of a University Professor) and submitted to FHWA for funding approval. The next solicitation is anticipated in fall 2023.



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2. At any time, Bureaus/Offices can submit questions or issues that they want to learn how the other states handle it. The Research staff have partnerships with other states' Research Programs and will reach out to other states to obtain responses. Similarly, we may ask you to respond to other states when they need our help on their questions or issues.