Agenda

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Transportation Research Board (TRB)

- Web site – www.trb.org
- Mission – to promote innovation and progress in transportation through research
- One of seven program units of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
- Established in 1920 as the National Advisory Board on Highway Research
- Annual Meeting every January in Washington, DC
  - Over 12,000 attendees, more than 5,000 papers submitted
- TRB manages transportation research by producing publications and online resources
Transportation Research Record (TRR)

- Journal of the Transportation Research Board
- Paper submission for both the Annual Meeting and TRR is due by Aug. 1st each year
- Author resources are available at: www.trb.org/AnnualMeeting/AMPaperAuthorResource.aspx
- Papers are reviewed by TRB committees and decisions sent to authors by Oct. 1st
Standing Committees within TRB

• More than 200 committees
  – Almost every transportation mode and topic is represented
  – Proposes research, shares research findings, sponsors special activities, and provides a forum

• Web site - www.trb.org/AboutTRB/StandingCommitteesMT.aspx

• Get Involved
  – Contact committee chair
  – Participate in committee meetings / Volunteer
  – Express your interest in committee membership
Benefits of TRB Committees

• Network with colleagues and establish professional relationships
• Receive valuable and timely information
• Gain early awareness of new research findings
• Share information about your organization’s research results and practices
Truck & Bus Safety Committee

• Web site - www.ugpti.org/trb/truckandbus
• Founded in 2003
  – Was first a subcommittee then a task force
• Goal is to focus on motor carrier safety in all its aspects
  – Research and evaluation in human, roadway, vehicle, operational, and organizational areas
  – Topics - problem assessment & data, regulation, enforcement & compliance, driver health and wellness, driver performance & behavior, carrier safety management, heavy vehicle design & technology, and roadway design & operations
Truck & Bus Safety Committee (Cont.)

- Subcommittees
  - Truck and Bus Operator Health and Wellness
  - Motorcoach Safety
  - Truck and Bus Safety Data Needs
  - Alternative Compliance
  - Driver Training
  - Technology

- Each committee and subcommittee meets at the Annual Meeting
  - Opportunity for discussion / presentation at each
Truck & Bus Safety Research Needs

• Identify, develop, and disseminate research need statements (RNS)
• Currently have 60 research needs identified across all topic areas
  – Link from committee home page
  – Encourage ideas for additional needs
• Main web site - rns.trb.org
Questions/Comments