

Cooperative Research Seminar 2007

ODOT develops its research program through a strategic process. Focus areas, defined by Senior Leadership, are used by Deputy Directors and Office Administrators as a basis to develop five-year strategic research plans specific to their area of expertise. These plans establish the priorities for the development, which drive the development of problem statements and requests for proposals.

Every two years, the focus areas and strategic research plans are reviewed and updated. In conjunction with this review, ODOT's Office of Research and Development hosts a Cooperative Research Seminar (CRS). The purpose of the CRS is to solicit and obtain valuable input from the research community to refine the research program. It serves as a forum for the presentation and exchange of ideas and comments on the Department's proposed research program. The CRS is open to anyone interested in transportation research including, but not limited to: academia, industry, consultants, Federal Highway Administration, private corporations, government entities, various professional organizations, and ODOT. Prior to the CRS, registered attendees receive a seminar packet that contains copies of the focus areas, strategic research plans, and draft problem statements for the entire Department so they can determine which sessions to attend.



At the CRS, ODOT's strategic research focus areas are presented during a general session, which is followed by several breakout sessions. During these breakout sessions, the drafts of the five-year strategic research plans for sponsoring Offices/Divisions are presented. Breakout sessions are organized to include offices that have the potential for overlapping interest in projects so their information may be presented together, e.g.: structures and hydraulics, traffic and safety. The intent of these breakout sessions is to identify any major gaps and potential overlaps in the plans as well as examine the relevancy, potential payoff, and partnership opportunities for accomplishing research goals. Communication from participants is

highly encouraged during these breakout sessions.

Input from the CRS is used by Office Administrators to refine their five-year strategic research plans and problem statements prior to submission to their respective Deputy Directors for final approval.

On Thursday, August 30, 2007, ODOT's Office of Research and Development will host the 2007 CRS at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North. To register for the 2007 CRS, complete the form on the back of this page and return it to ODOT's R&D by **August 3, 2007**. There is no registration fee to attend. Additional information will be posted to our website soon. An invitation letter will also be sent to those on our mailing list. To sign-up for the mailing list, or to update your information, visit our website (<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/divplan/research/announcements/announcements.htm>).

CRS 2007 Preliminary Agenda August 30, 2007

7:30 AM	Sign-in
8:30 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:00 AM	Morning Break Out Sessions
12:00 PM	Lunch (provided for all <u>registered</u> attendees)
1:00 PM	Afternoon Break Out Sessions

The seminar will dismiss from the afternoon break out sessions.

Register Now!



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August 30, 2007

Crowne Plaza Columbus North

Registration Form

All information requested must be supplied. Please print or type on the spaces given below.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

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Please indicate if you would like to receive any of the below items from the Office of R&D on a regular basis by checking the appropriate box:

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Completed registration forms may be submitted by one of the following three methods:

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Deadline for registration is August 3, 2007.



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