



## Meeting and Peer Exchange

May 19-21, 2026 | The Riverside Hotel – North Star Room, 2900 East Chinden Boulevard, Boise, ID

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### Tuesday, May 19, 2026

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.	<p><b>Call to Order</b>, Cameron Kergaye, Utah DOT</p> <p><b>Host State Welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amy Schroeder, Highway Division Director, Idaho TD</li> <li>• Amanda Laib, Research Program Manager, Idaho TD</li> </ul> <p><b>Meeting Format, Goals and Report-Out</b>, Brian Hirt, CTC &amp; Associates</p> <p><b>Introductions</b>, All</p> <p><b>PEER EXCHANGE THEME 1: Regional Research</b></p> <p><b>WTRC Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation Pooled Fund (TPF) Management Update           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Administration, contract, budget</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Research Cycle: Development and delivery timeline</li> <li>• Review of 2025 Research Projects           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 25-1: Wildlife Fencing Effectiveness in Reducing Crashes</li> <li>○ 25-2: Buy America Build America Compliance Across State DOTs: Barriers, Best Practices, and the Case for Uniformity</li> <li>○ 25-3: Documenting the Research Study Process</li> <li>○ 25-4: Estimating Bridge Scour During Hydrological Disaster and Extreme Weather Events</li> <li>○ 25-05: AI Safeguards and Considerations for Research Program and Project Management</li> <li>○ 25-TD-1: Topical Discussion: Highly Modified Asphalt Mixtures</li> <li>○ 25-TD-2: Topical Discussion: Using UAS to Augment Existing Noxious Weed Treatment Workflows</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
12:00 to 1:00	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00 to 1:30	<p><b>Regional Innovation Focus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">West Coast Alaska: Storm Response 2025</a> — Cristina DeMattio, Alaska DOT&amp;PF           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Role of Research in developing and deploying innovative tools</li> <li>○ Lessons learned and guidance for other western states</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
1:30 to 5:00	<p><b>WTRC Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2026 Research           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discussion of initial voting and selection of 2026 research</li> <li>○ Next steps for selected projects</li> <li>○ Next steps and alternatives for other projects</li> <li>○ UDOT contracting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
5:00	<b>Adjourn Day 1</b> , Cameron Kergaye
<i>Evening</i>	<b>Group Dinner.</b> <i>Time and location to be provided at the meeting.</i>



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### Wednesday, May 20, 2026

<p>8:30 a.m. to 11:00</p>	<p><b>PEER EXCHANGE THEME 2. Emerging Technologies and Future Research Trends</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cohost states — Presentations highlighting emerging technologies           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Washington State DOT – Project for forecasting truck parking with AI</li> <li>○ New Mexico DOT – Using drones and augmented reality for bridge inspections</li> <li>○ Idaho TD – How AI can help achieve research objectives and save time and money (Mike Copeland, 10:00 a.m.)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discussion —           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Q-and-A on trends, successes, pain points, barriers</li> <li>○ Roundtable highlights (no formal presentations) from other states on other examples of emerging technologies, research trends, and how their research offices manage these</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Menti-based report-out           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Where host states are excelling; opportunities for next steps</li> <li>○ Great ideas from peers to bring home</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.  <i>Including Lunch-and-Learn</i></p>	<p><b>PEER EXCHANGE THEME 3. Preparing for FHWA Management Process Reviews of SPR-B Programs (“Desk Reviews”)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cohost states —           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Menti on pre-meeting questions:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When did your agency last have an FHWA Desk Review, and were you or any of your current staff involved?</li> <li>2. What is your agency’s readiness to complete an FHWA Desk Review? Consider each of the eight required elements 16 of the <a href="#">requirements of FHWA Desk Review</a>. (See pp. 14-16 of the linked/provided file.)</li> <li>3. Does your agency have a similar tool as WSDOT’s for use FHWA Desk Reviews or similar purposes? (See p. 1 of the provided file.)</li> </ol> </li> <li>○ Presentation by Washington State DOT: WSDOT’s Research Program Core &amp; Key Responsibilities tool, Anne Freeman (remote) and Mustafa Mohamedali</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discussion —           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Q-and-A for WSDOT and cohosts</li> <li>○ Develop questions for breakout groups               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What tools do you need to succeed for an FHWA Desk Review?</li> <li>2. What are your biggest gaps right now based on what is requested? What processes would bridge these gaps?</li> <li>3. (Additional items to developed during the meeting.)</li> </ol> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lunch and breakout group discussions</li> <li>• Breakout group report-out</li> </ul>
<p>2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>PEER EXCHANGE THEME 4. Anatomy of a Successful Implementation Through Completed Research</b></p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cohost states — Presentations highlighting implementation processes and program features:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New Mexico DOT – Developing key performance indicators, and implementation planning for research planning.</li> <li>○ Idaho TD – Implementable research, and how SMEs submit research with implementation in mind.</li> <li>○ Washington State DOT – Assessing potential implementation for a large research portfolio and risk mitigation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Interactive Q-and-A with all WTRC attendees           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What’s working, what’s challenging, how each state got where they are</li> <li>○ Roundtable highlights (no formal presentations) from other states on other examples of implementation processes and challenges</li> <li>○ Review of <a href="#">WTRC Project 25-3 Documenting the Research Study Process</a> survey responses to the section on Implementation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Menti-based report-out           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Where host states are excelling; opportunities for next steps</li> <li>○ Great ideas from peers to bring home</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Adjourn Day 2</b>, Cameron Kergaye</p>
<i>Evening</i>	<i>Small group dinners or dinner on your own</i>



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### Thursday, May 21, 2026

8 a.m. to 12 p.m.	<p><b>PEER EXCHANGE THEME 1. REGIONAL RESEARCH</b> (continued from Day 1)</p> <p><b>WTRC Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Identify Year 4 WTRC Meeting: location and month</li> <li>○ Identify Year 4 Peer Exchange: cohosts; format</li> <li>○ Next TAC call</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Outreach Activities</li> <li>• Marketing and Communications Activities</li> <li>• WTRC Charter and Operating Procedures           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discuss and vote on changes, if needed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Additional Topics and Open Forum</li> <li>• Wrap-up Day 3 Activities           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Action Item Review</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
12 p.m.	<b>Adjourn Meeting</b> , Cameron Kergaye