



Meeting and Peer Exchange
Updated May 5, 2026

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>Call to Order, Cameron Kergaye, Utah DOT Host State Welcome, Amanda Laib, Idaho TD Meeting Goals, Brian Hirt, CTC & Associates Introductions, All PEER EXCHANGE THEME 1: Regional Research WTRC Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Pooled Fund (TPF) Management Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Administration, contract, budget • Research Cycle: Development and delivery timeline • Review of 2025 Research Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 25-01: Wildlife Fencing Effectiveness in Reducing Crashes ○ 25-02: Buy America Build America Compliance Across State DOTs: Barriers, Best Practices, and the Case for Uniformity ○ 25-03: Documenting the Research Study Process ○ 25-04: Estimating Bridge Scour During Hydrological Disaster and Extreme Weather Events ○ 25-05: AI Safeguards and Considerations for Research Program and Project Management ○ 25-TD-1: Topical Discussion: Highly Modified Asphalt Mixtures ○ 25-TD-2: Topical Discussion: Using UAS to Augment Existing Noxious Weed Treatment Workflows
12:00 to 1:00	Lunch
1:00 to 1:30	<p>Regional Innovation Focus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Coast Alaska: Storm Response 2025 — Cristina DeMattio, Alaska DOT&PF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Role of Research in developing and deploying innovative tools ○ Lessons learned and guidance for other western states
1:30 to 5:00	<p>WTRC Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2026 Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion of initial voting and selection of 2026 research ○ Next steps for selected projects ○ Next steps and alternatives for other projects ○ UDOT contracting
5:00	Adjourn Day 1 , Cameron Kergaye
<i>Evening</i>	Group Dinner. <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>PEER EXCHANGE THEME 2. Emerging Technologies and Future Research Trends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cohost states — Presentations highlighting emerging technologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Idaho TD – How AI can help achieve research objectives and save time and money ○ Washington State DOT – Project for forecasting truck parking with AI ○ New Mexico DOT – Using drones and augmented reality for bridge inspections • Discussion — <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Q-and-A on trends, successes, pain points, barriers ○ Roundtable highlights (no formal presentations) from other states on other examples of emerging technologies, research trends, and how their research offices manage these • Menti-based report-out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Where host states are excelling; opportunities for next steps ○ Great ideas from peers to bring home
<p>11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. <i>Including Lunch-and-Learn</i></p>	<p>PEER EXCHANGE THEME 3. Preparing for FHWA Management Process Reviews of SPR-B Programs (“Desk Reviews”)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cohost states — <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Menti on pre-meeting questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When did your agency last have an FHWA Desk Review, and were you or any of your current staff involved? 2. What is your agency’s readiness to complete an FHWA Desk Review? Consider each of the eight required elements 16 of the requirements of FHWA Desk Review. (See pp. 14-16 of the linked/provided file.) 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.) ○ Presentation by Washington State DOT: WSDOT’s Research Program Core & Key Responsibilities tool, Anne Freeman (remote) and Mustafa Mohamedali • Discussion — <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Q-and-A for WSDOT and cohosts ○ Develop questions for breakout groups <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What tools do you need to succeed for an FHWA Desk Review? 2. What are your biggest gaps right now based on what is requested? What processes would bridge these gaps? 3. (Additional items to developed during the meeting.) • Lunch and breakout group discussions • Breakout group report-out



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<p>2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>PEER EXCHANGE THEME 4. Anatomy of a Successful Implementation Through Completed Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cohost states — Presentations highlighting implementation processes and program features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New Mexico DOT – Developing key performance indicators, and implementation planning for research planning. ○ Idaho TD – Implementable research, and how SMEs submit research with implementation in mind. ○ Washington State DOT – Assessing potential implementation for a large research portfolio and risk mitigation. • Interactive Q-and-A with all WTRC attendees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What’s working, what’s challenging, how each state got where they are ○ Roundtable highlights (no formal presentations) from other states on other examples of implementation processes and challenges ○ Review of WTRC Project 25-3 Documenting the Research Study Process survey responses to the section on Implementation • Menti-based report-out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Where host states are excelling; opportunities for next steps ○ Great ideas from peers to bring home <p>Adjourn Day 2, Cameron Kergaye</p>
<p><i>Evening</i></p>	<p><i>Small group dinners or dinner on your own</i></p>



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Thursday, May 21, 2026

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