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# TRB Update

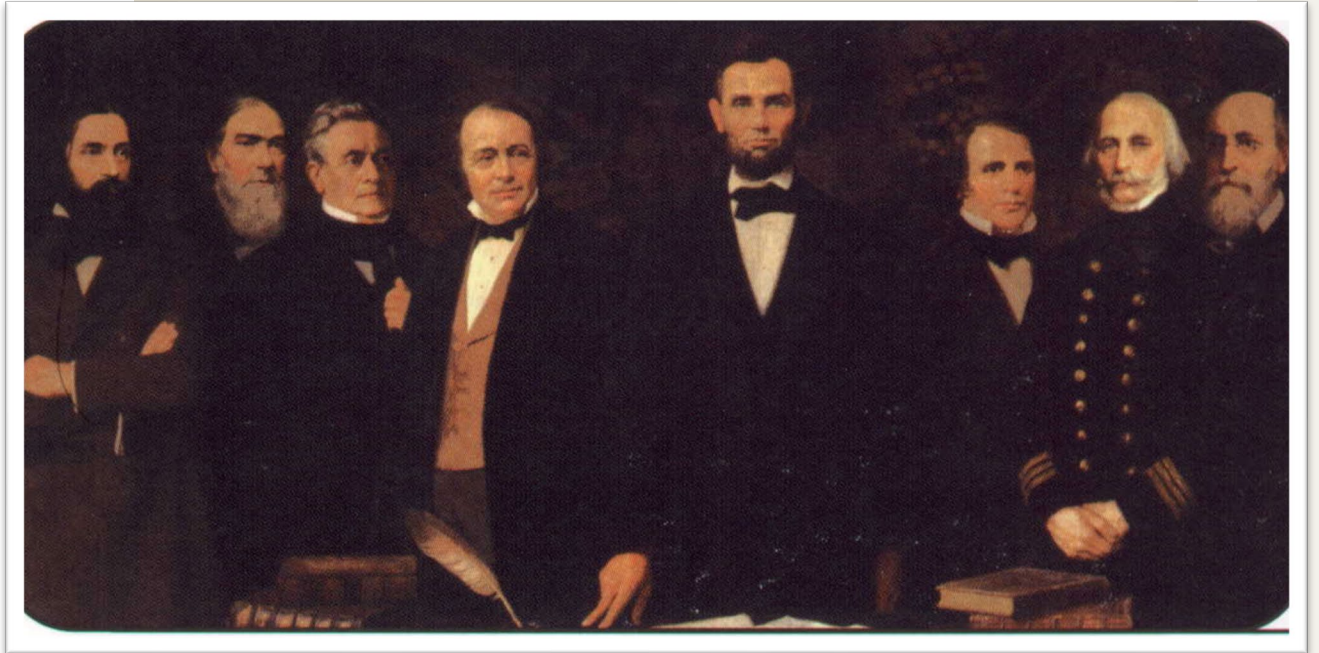
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National Academy of Sciences established in 1863 to provide scientific advice to the government and to “investigate, examine, experiment, and report upon any subject of science”



# Growth of TRB Annual Meeting

**1921**  
1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting  
30 attendees



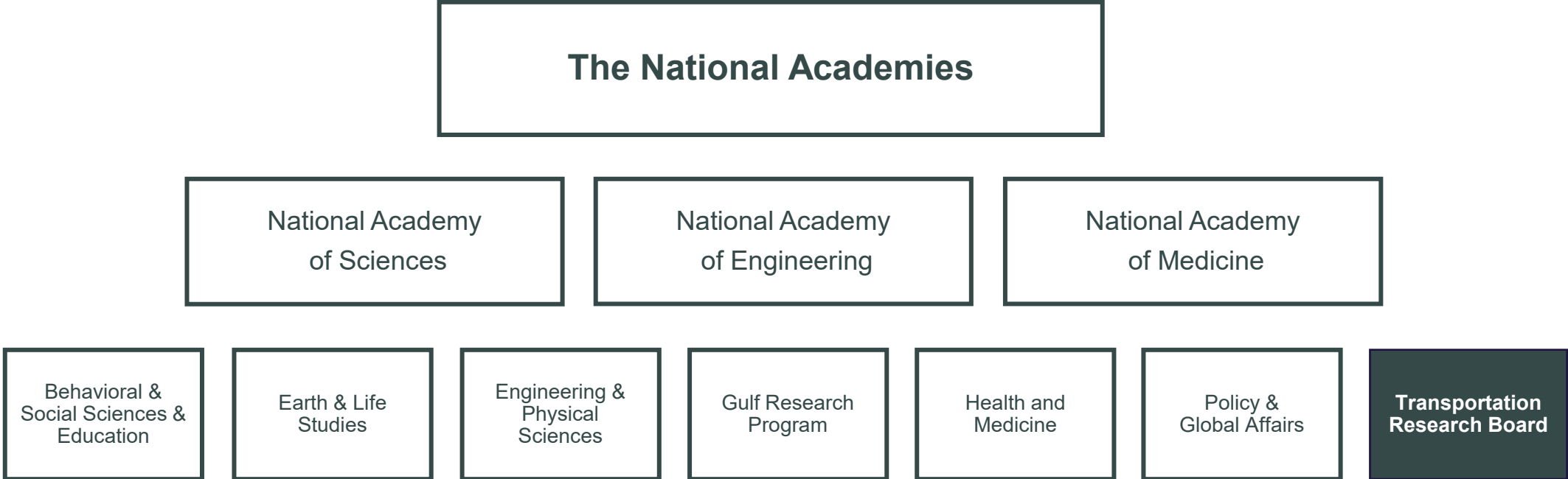
**1950**  
159 papers presented  
31 sessions  
860 attendees

**2017**  
3,100 papers presented  
800 sessions and workshops  
13,400 attendees



# Private, Nonprofit Institution

...with a mission of national service







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TRB 7th International Conference on  
**Roundabouts and Geometric Design**

Atlanta, GA • June 8–12, 2025



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TRB 7th International Conference on  
**Accelerated Pavement Testing**

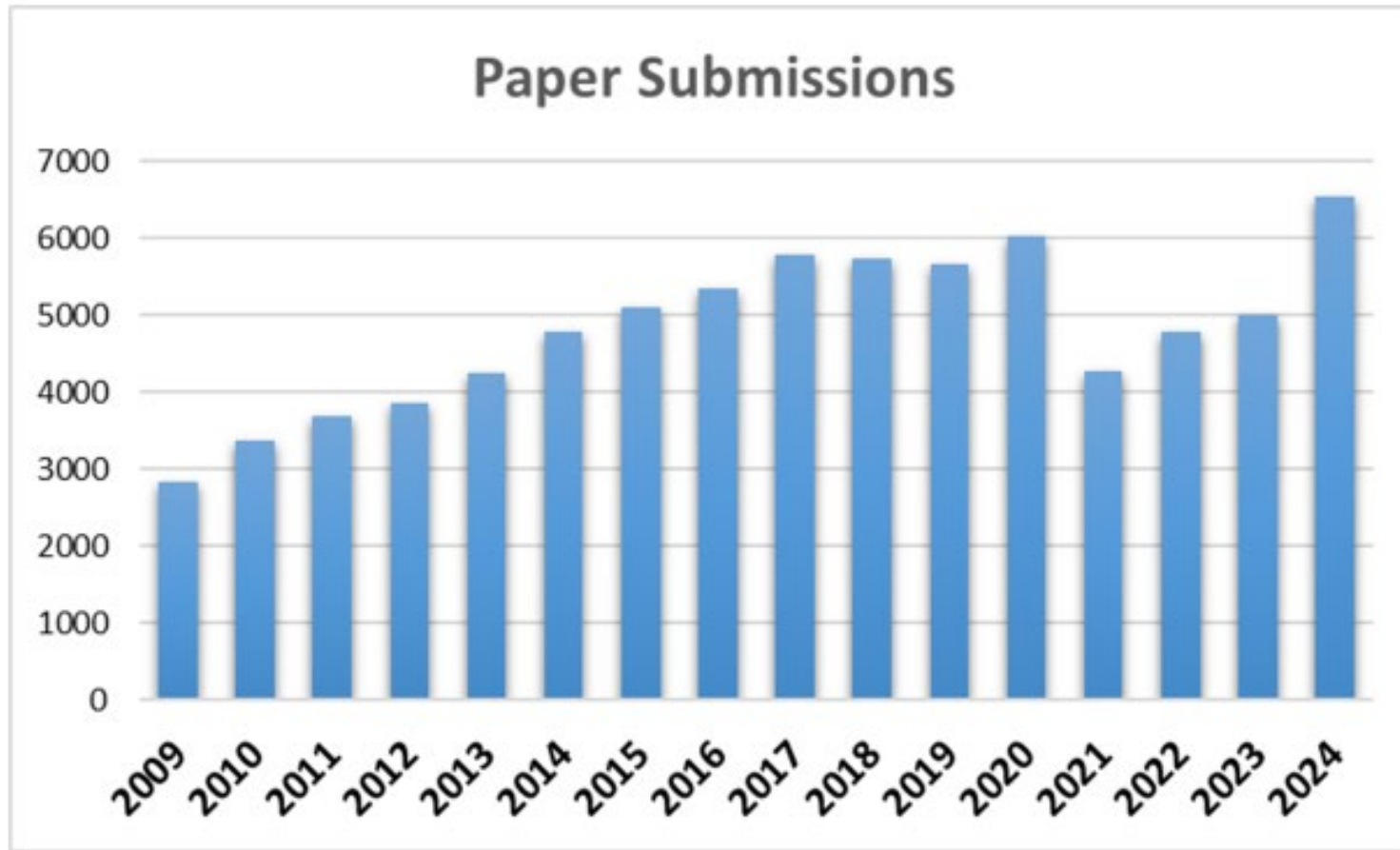
Auburn, AL • July 20–24, 2025

# In Person Meetings

- Mid Year Meetings
- TRB Facilities (Beckman, NAS, Keck)
- DOTs, Universities, Nonprofits
- Specialty Conferences
  - 2025 APT Conference
  - 2025 Roundabouts and Geometric Design (Combined)
  - 2027 Urban Street Symposium
  - 2027 Low Volume Roads

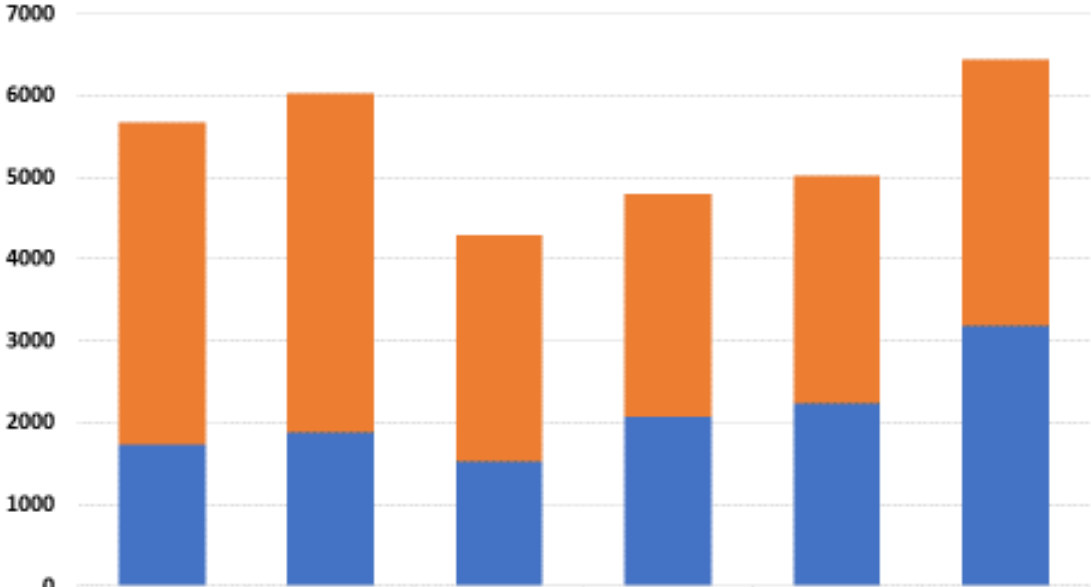
# Paper Review Schedule

- **June 1:** Submission site opens (full papers again this year)
- **August 1:** Submission site closes
- **August 15–September 15:** Paper review
- **October 1–30:** Paper decisions sent
- **Mid November:** Option to upload Research Summary or post full paper for meeting attendees
- <https://trb.secure-platform.com/a/page/TRBPaperReview>





### TRBAM Submissions by Article Type (Calendar Years)



	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>■ Presentation and Publication</b>	<b>3923</b>	<b>4139</b>	<b>2768</b>	<b>2722</b>	<b>2794</b>	<b>3256</b>
<b>■ Presentation</b>	<b>1736</b>	<b>1885</b>	<b>1518</b>	<b>2073</b>	<b>2226</b>	<b>3176</b>

# 2025 AM Paper Submission

- Full Papers Accepted June 1 to August 1 (no change)
- Research Summaries due December 1
- If not submitted, papers will be posted
- Why? We need content
- Survey for 2026 submissions this summer

# E-Circulars

## Challenges:

- Material being submitted a long time after it was originally developed
- Lack of author permissions
- Inadequate review
- Requests to publish material that is or should be published elsewhere
- Questionable quality/relevance



# E-Circulars

- No circulars based on AM workshops
- TRB is proposing to remove all circulars posted on our website that are older than 5-years old (ie: published before August 2019)
- Need to provide these justifications by the end of July or the circulars will be pulled.(We have requested more time)
- We will remove any circulars that are more than 5 years old unless an SPO can justify continuing to make it available.

# Dialogue with Transportation Infrastructure Leaders

Look ahead to 2025

AKP00 and AKD00

Year	TRB Annual Meeting	Midyear Virtual
2022	-	AKB00 / AKC00
2023	AKD00 / AKG00	AKM00 / AKP00
2024	AKB00 / AKC00	AKR00 / AKT00
2025	AKM00 / AKP00	AKD00 / AKG00
2026	AKR00 / AKT00	AKB00 / AKC00
2027	AKD00 / AKG00	AKM00 / AKP00
2028	AKB00 / AKC00	AKR00 / AKT00
2029	AKM00 / AKP00	AKD00 / AKG00
2030	AKR00 / AKT00	AKB00 / AKC00

# Webinars

## Submitted

March 1 to July 1

July 2 to November 1

November 2 to March 1

## Scheduled

September 1 to December 31

January 1 to April 30; and

May 1 to August 30.

<https://webinar.mytrb.org/Webinars/SuggestAWebinar>



# TIG Blue Ribbon Committees

Recognizes exemplary best practices and volunteer efforts

## Process and Schedule

- Nominations from Sections and Groups.
- Each Section/Group may nominate one or more of their committees.
- Nominations are due to the TAC in September.
- A subcommittee of the TAC will select winners.

<https://www.trb.org/AboutTRB/BlueRibbonAwards.aspx>

## Committee Rotation Policies

- An individual may serve a maximum of *three terms* as a member on a given committee; no exceptions to this policy will be granted.
- An individual may not serve as an appointed member, including any active Emeritus membership appointments, on more than two standing committees at the same time.

## Committee Rotation Policies (contd.)

- **There may not be more than one person from the same organization on a committee.**
- **The maximum number of “main” committee members is 25, including the chair; there are no exceptions to this rule. If the special slots for young members (4), international members (5), and state DOT members (2) are all filled, the maximum size of a committee will be 36 members, including the chair.**



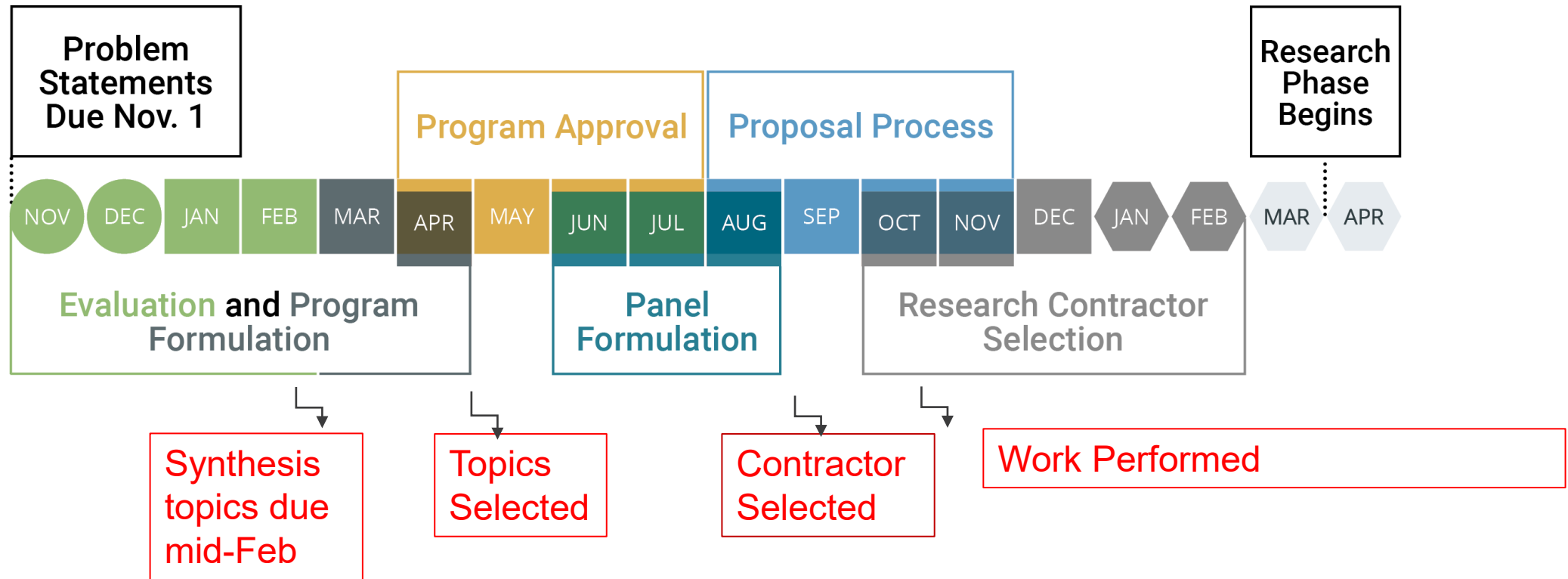
## NCHRP Project 20-05

# SYNTHESIS OF INFORMATION RELATED TO HIGHWAY PRACTICES

“Searches out and synthesizes useful knowledge from all available sources and prepares concise, documented reports on specific topics”

- Submitted by February 16
- NCHRP Project Panel on Synthesis of Information Related to Highway Problems (with “input” from others)
- <https://www.mytrb.org/OnlineDirectory/Committee/Details/2266>
- <https://www.trb.org/SynthesisPrograms/SynthesesNCHRP.aspx>

# A Year of NCHRP

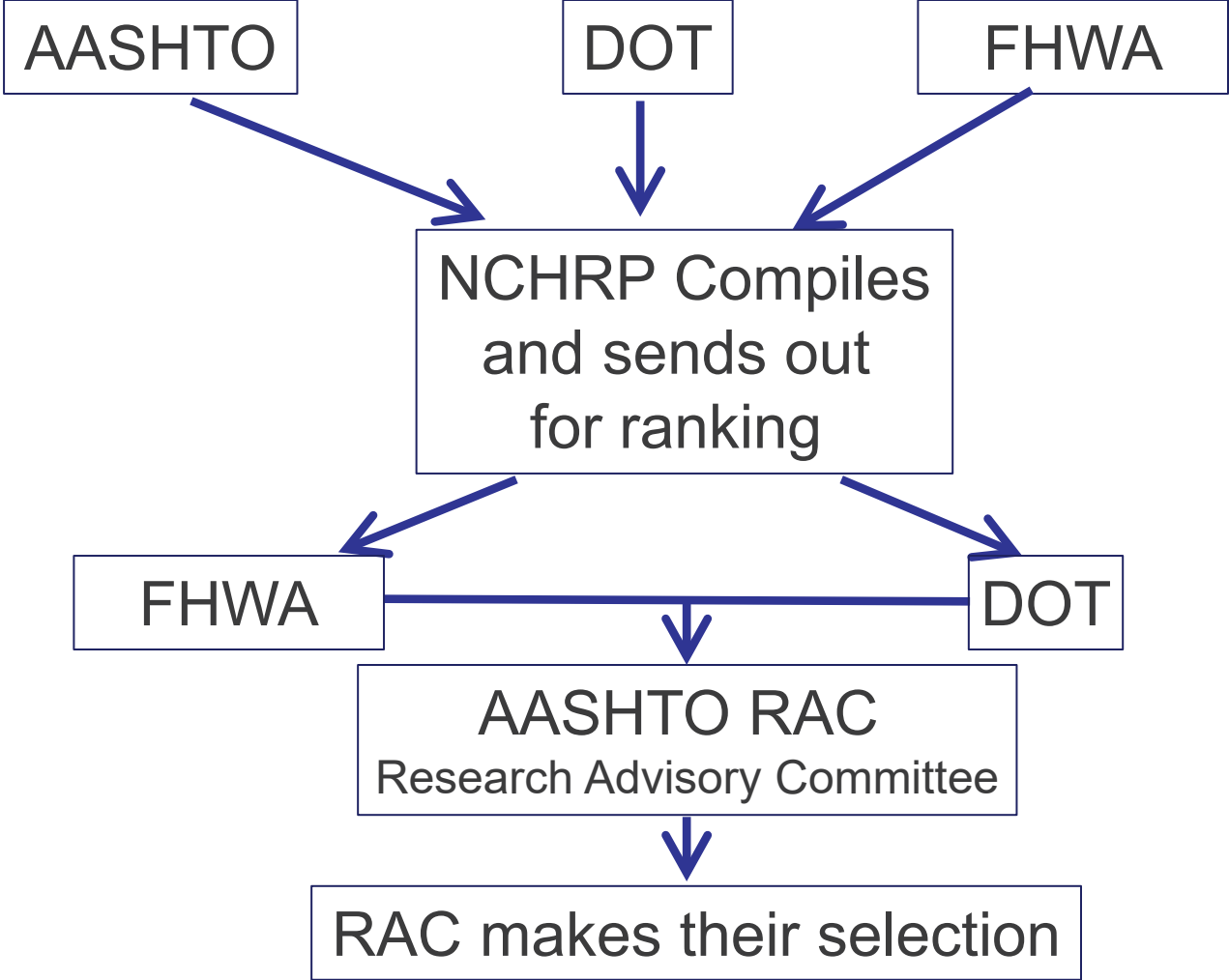


# Research Needs Statements (RNS)

- Activity throughout year
- Identify, Develop, and Disseminate RNS
- Appoint Committee Research Coordinator
- Set up an internal Working Group
- Put the TRB RNS Database to work for your committee  
<https://www.mytrb.org/>
- Chair and an appointed CRC designated access
- Develop at least One New RNS Each Year
- <https://sites.google.com/view/trbcrc>



# RNS PATHWAY



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