

K-TRAN

KANSAS TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH AND NEW - DEVELOPMENTS PROGRAM

The K-TRAN Program is an ongoing, cooperative and comprehensive research program addressing transportation needs of the State of Kansas utilizing academic and research resources from the Kansas Department of Transportation, Kansas State University and the University of Kansas. Projects included in the annual research program are jointly developed by professionals at KDOT, KSU and KU.

Major benefits of the program include development of a flow of high quality transportation research targeted to Kansas transportation needs; financial support to engineering students contributing to the pool of transportation professionals in Kansas; continuing education opportunities for KDOT personnel; enhanced quality of faculty, staff and graduates in the transportation area; attracted federal research resources for use in Kansas; and a much expanded but efficiently organized transportation research resource in Kansas.

Electronic full text copies of completed K-TRAN research reports and summaries may be located on the [KDOT Research Reports Catalog](#) web site.

Information about active K-TRAN projects may be found on TRB's Research in Progress website: <https://rip.trb.org/>

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K-TRAN ANNUAL SOLICITATION GUIDELINES

Research project statements that are submitted by annual deadline will be evaluated by K-TRAN Area Panels, and prioritized by the Research Technical Committee. The Research Program Council approves an annual program using input from the Research Technical Committee and Area Panels. The seven Area Panels that have been organized for the review and development of research ideas are:

- Planning, Administration and Computing
- Operations: Pavements, Materials, Construction and Maintenance
- Geometric Design, Drainage and Environmental
- Structural
- Traffic Operations; Driver and Pedestrian Safety
- Multimodal: Rail, Aviation, Public Transit and Freight
- Local Governments

Research Needs Day is held in August in Topeka to discuss research needs developed from the annual idea solicitation and other topics of interest to both the Area Panel members and faculty attending. This is an opportunity for faculty attending to discuss potential research topics they have and get feedback prior to preparing their research project statements (pre-proposals).

Submit one copy of all research project statements using the following format before October 31st, each year to your University K-TRAN Technical Committee Coordinating Group Representative:

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The Universities will number the original research project statements and electronically submit them to KDOT by November 7th each year.

FORMAT FOR RESEARCH PROJECT STATEMENTS

Submit one copy of research project statements (pre-proposals) with no more than two, single-spaced pages containing following information to your University K-TRAN representative (Sunanda Dissanayake, KSU or Lisa Harris, KU):

- I. RESEARCH PROJECT TITLE
- II. RESEARCH PROBLEM STATEMENT
- III. RESEARCH PROPOSED OR RESEARCH OBJECTIVES
Include tasks to be performed
- IV. ESTIMATE OF FUNDING AND RESEARCH PERIOD
Inclusive of indirect costs, if appropriate
Use budget sheet provided by KDOT to Universities
Include the anticipated period of performance
- V. URGENCY AND PAYOFF POTENTIAL
Include expected benefits expressed in dollars saved if results expected are obtained and implemented
- VI. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY
- VII. PROJECT PERSONNEL
Faculty and students who might be involved with the project
- VIII. SUBMISSION INFORMATION
Date
Name and Title
University address
University telephone and Fax number
E-mail address

Use Standard English units in all research project statements, interim reports and final reports. Prepare the final report in Microsoft Word and submit file via email, ftp or CD.

GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATING RESEARCH IDEAS

Guidelines have been developed to assist the Research Technical Committee in formulating and recommending research projects for inclusion in the K-TRAN Program. These guidelines will be used in the review of research ideas for development into complete proposals for further consideration.

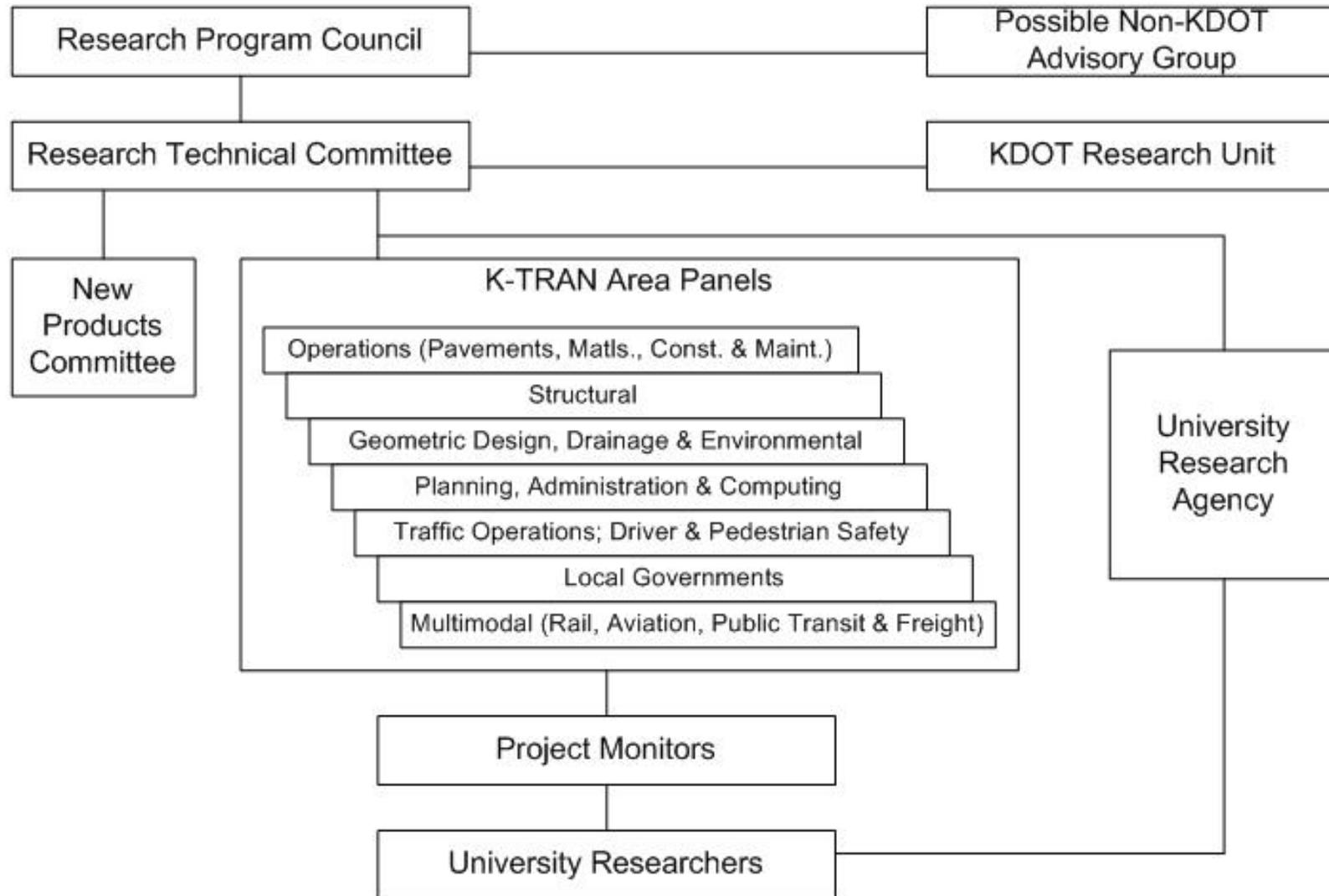
- Relevance to critical research needs of KDOT
- Projects with a high payoff potential described in dollars that can be saved if the research results envisioned result and are implemented.
- Relevance of proposed research idea to the theme of K-TRAN
- Amount of overlap of the proposed research idea with other programs or completed research idea with other programs of completed research (Proposed research should not be targeted for research topics or issues currently underway through the National Cooperative Highway Research Program or the Local Technology Assistance Program.)
- Duration of proposed research project. Project statements should be prepared with the most cost-effective duration considering the required workload, typical length of graduate study programs and other factors. The correct length of time shown should result in the project being completed without any cost extensions.
- Extent to which minorities and handicapped persons are involved in the research, either as participants, recipients or beneficiaries.

K-TRAN ANNUAL TIMELINE

Solicit research ideas from staff, local government officials and industry partners	June 15 *
Deadline for submission of research ideas to Engineer of Research	Aug. 15
Research Program Council review	Sept. 1
Request for K-TRAN Research Project Statements	Sept. 15
Deadline for Research Project Statements on campus	Oct.31
Deadline for Research Project Statements to KDOT	Nov. 7
Assign RPS to Area Panels/ Research Technical Committee (RTC) meeting	Nov. 21
Area Panel RPS evaluations completed/RTC meets to discuss and ballot RPS evaluations	Feb. 1
Research Program Council discusses and approves annual K-TRAN Program and budget	Feb. 15
Detailed Proposals Prepared for Approved Projects	Mar. 1
Agreements prepared and signed for early start projects	May 1

*approximate dates

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