



State Transportation Advisory Committee

Request for TAC Study Topics

Part I – Instructions

Purpose and Use - Act 120 of 1970 created TAC with the statutory mission of informing the Secretary of Transportation and the State Transportation Commission (STC). The TAC can carry out various types of studies, research, and analyses of varying scale and duration (table).

TAC Project Types	Description
Studies	Conventional, in-depth studies as TAC typically undertakes
Research and White Papers	Typically, short duration activity to address one or more research questions or topics
Analyses and Evaluations	Typically, short duration activity reviewing a subject or conducting a mini analysis
Seminars/Workshops/ Expert Panels	Presentations with TAC interaction with experts on topics of interest, proceedings summaries can be prepared as well

TAC studies should be consistent with and supportive of TAC's statutory mission. As you offer suggestions for future TAC study topics, consider the following points:

TAC Study Topic Considerations

1. **Significance** - Addresses an issue, opportunity or problem that is generally statewide in nature or impacts a significant portion of the state
2. **Priority Related** - Topic has been included in a key transportation plan related to a planning goal
3. **Implementation Feasibility** - Practicality that the study will make a difference in implementation, needed research, etc.
4. **Leadership** – study has support of leadership – TAC or PennDOT Executives.
5. **Unique** - Is not duplicative of other studies that could meet or address the need (e.g., studies by other agencies, the Governor's Office, etc.)
6. **Timing** - Study can be carried out in a reasonably short amount of time
7. **Resource worthiness** - Cost effective investment of TAC time, study resources, etc.
8. **Multimodal** - Considers all modes of transportation when among the range of possible recommended studies
9. **Public and Stakeholders** – studies that have value in the eyes of stakeholders and the public
10. **Supporting Data and Information** – a reasonable expectation that there is existing data and information or the ability and resources to obtain the needed data for an objective study



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Part II – Proposal

Your Name:

Proposed Study Topic/Title:

Purpose or Study Objective (briefly stated):

Needs / Benefits (bullets):

Willingness to Lead or be on project Task Force if study topic is selected [Y/N]:

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