

The National Academies of Science – Engineering – Medicine
Transportation Research Board
Committee for Review of Federal Railroad Administration's R&D Program

Committee Sub Group: Track

Conference Call Date: multiple

Questions

1. Over the past 5 years how many FRA R&D office funded programs have you been directly or indirectly involved in?
2. Are you currently involved in any active FRA R&D office programs and if so please outline the scope of each program?
3. Does the FRA R&D office establish specific performance expectations for each program you execute on their behalf?
4. What specific metrics are used to when evaluating the effectiveness of your FRA R&D office funded programs?
5. In what method and at what frequency does the FRA R&D office communicate with you regarding your program(s) status/progress/performance?
6. Do you employ a formal process(s) used to solicit input from shortline, passenger service or Class I railroads on active R&D office programs?
7. What are the existing methods employed to communicate performance results to external entities and are they sufficient or insufficient, why?
8. Does the FRA R&D office have specific and formal expectations on the intervals at which you publish results of your program(s)?
9. Historically, how have FRA R&D office program funding opportunities been communicated to you?