



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
GOCALIFORNIA INDUSTRY CAPACITY EXPANSION



CLOSE-OUT REPORT

C1 Expand Research and Development

Continue to enhance Caltrans research and development process to identify issues and generate new solutions.

Lead: Maintenance and Operations
Project Manager: Ken De Crescenzo

General Plan

National Strategic Engagement Plan. Re-engage in national research efforts, for example, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), National Academy of Sciences, etc.

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Task Description / Problem Statement

Create a team to develop a national strategic engagement plan for Caltrans.

Task Manager: Ken De Crescenzo

Background / General Discussion

Under Director Kempton's initiative, a team is to be created to develop a Strategic National Engagement Plan to engage the Department in national forums for the purpose of increasing our access to technological information, building multi-state coalitions that support the State's objectives, and placing a California fingerprint on the national transportation agenda. The foundations of this plan are:

1. To use the Department's Program Level Action Plan (PLAP) to focus out-of-state travel to participation in those forums where the state can achieve the most benefit;
2. To ensure that those individuals selected to participate are the most qualified for the activity;
3. To provide professional development opportunities for staff;
4. To have participants act and report on the outcomes of their travel in a timely manner;
5. To measure the impact of the strategic plan on the Department's goals and objectives; and
6. To aid Divisions in planning their FY 2006-07 Out-of-State Travel Blankets.

Action

The team members are Ken De Crescenzo, Kevin Hanley, Lynette Bell and Wes Lum.

Completion Date

January 1, 2006