



NORTH CAROLINA
Department of Transportation

North Carolina Department of Transportation – Research & Development

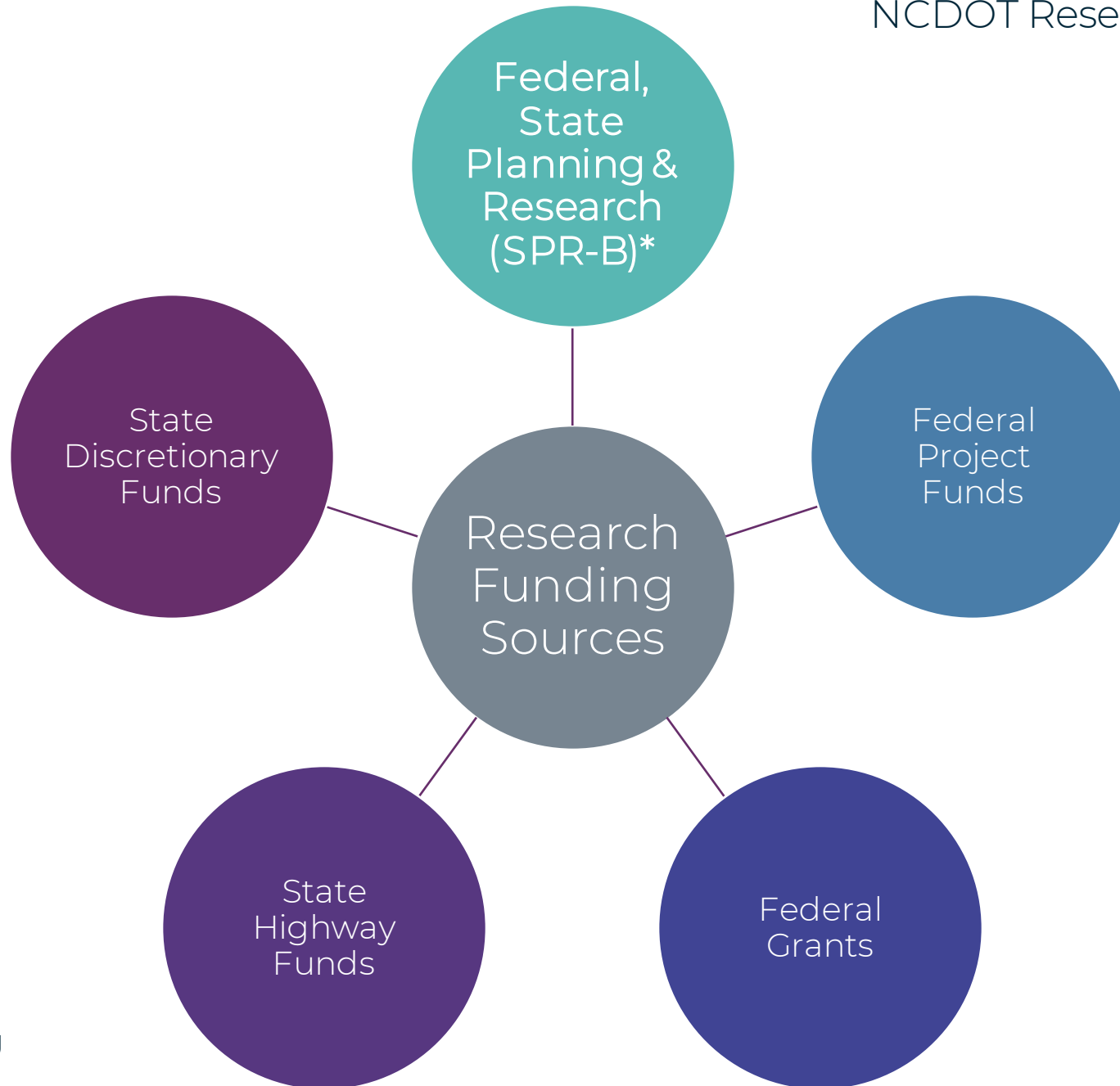
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Connecting people, products and places safely and efficiently with customer focus, accountability
and environmental sensitivity to enhance the economy and vitality of North Carolina

Overview of the Research Program

-  How is the Research Program Funded?
-  What do we Research?
-  Project Selection & Oversight
-  Research Programs
-  University Engagement
-  Library
-  Questions



*Primary Source of Funding

What kinds of projects does NCDOT Research?



Pavement
Conditions



Effects of Rail
Noise on
Pedestrians



Connected &
Automated
Vehicles



Electrification
Investigation
for NCDOT
Ferry Division



Bridge Scour &
Stormwater

Project Selection & Oversight

Research & Development Unit

- Manages overall program
- Solicits ideas & proposals
- Coordinates NCDOT research activities

Research Subcommittees

- Review ideas and recommend for proposal development
- Review proposals and recommend to REC for funding

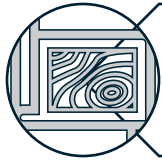
Research Executive Committee

- Reviews and approves recommended annual R&D Work Program

FHWA NC Division

- Reviews and approves annual R&D Work Program for SPR Part B funding

Research Subcommittees



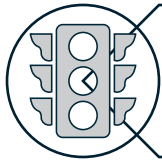
Environmental & Hydraulics



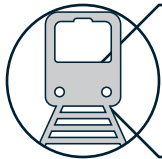
Pavement, Operations & Maintenance, Materials



Structures, Construction, & Geotechnical



Traffic, Roadway Design, & Safety



Planning, Programming, Policy & Multimodal

Research Programs



Annual Research Program

- Typically, 18 – 20 Research Projects Annually



Technical Assistance Program

- Short Term Research



Technology Transfer

- Implementation, Training, Workshops, Pilots



Pooled Fund / National Programs

- Coordinated National Research (partnerships with other states)

Universities Engaged In Research



Appalachian
State



East Carolina



Elizabeth City
State



Fayetteville State



NC A&T



NC Central



UNC-Charlotte



UNC-Greensboro



UNC-Wilmington



UNC – Chapel Hill



NC State

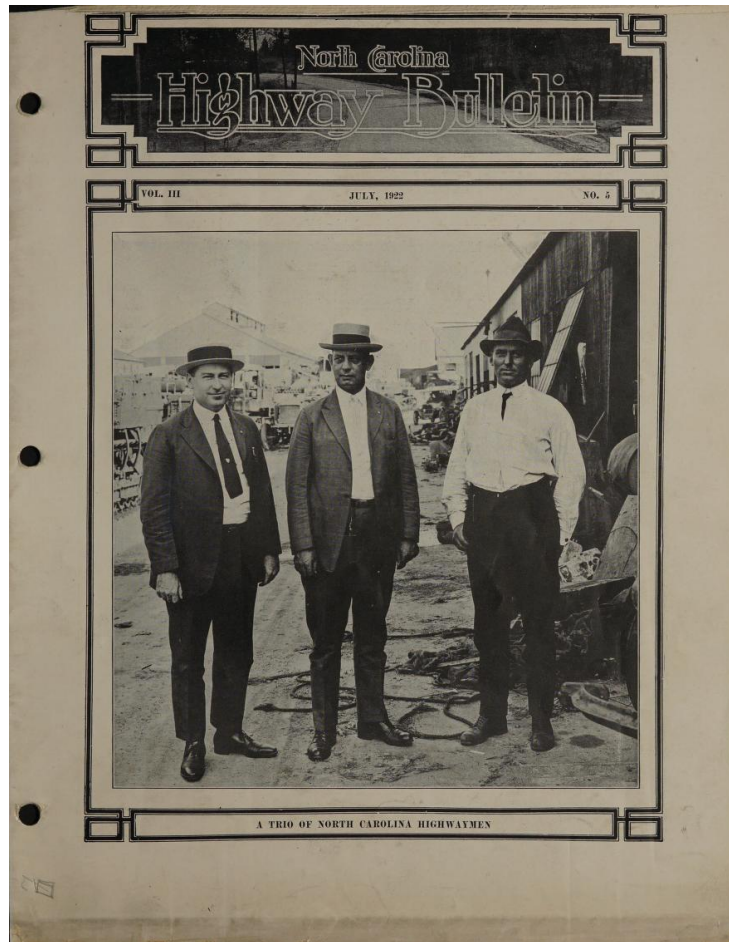


UNC-Asheville



Out of State Partners

NC DOT Research Library



Located in Century Center, Building B



On-Staff Librarian, Lamara Williams-Jones provides Reference and Research Services.



Many engineering and transportation related books, journals, specs and other [documents](#).



Historical information dating back to the 1920s, Our trio of NC Highway Men to the left is from a recent initiative of digitizing [historic newsletters](#) from the 1920s.



Board of Transportation Minutes dating back to the 1950s.

Thank you!

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/research/Pages/default.aspx>

What Makes a Good Research Project?



Collaborate with
NCDOT Subject
Matter Experts (SME)
to clearly articulate
ideas and understand
needs



Lines up with
ongoing initiatives
and supports DOTs
current mission and
goals



Clearly articulated
methodology: Needs
to be useable for
NCDOT



Tangible / Useable
deliverables
(Implementation)



Annual Research Timeline

