Strategic Outreach at the National Transportation Library

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Outreach Objectives

Visibility & access

- •Increase the profile & use of ROSA P, our digital repository
- Fulfill our public access mandate by improving use of research

Collections development

Increase our holdings of federally funded research deliverables

Understand & engage

- Learn more about the core consumers of NTL & BTS products
- Build relationships with our users, as well as the larger transportation knowledge & research community



Ongoing & Improving

Social Media

Increase engagement with existing users & extend our reach

Webinar Series

Grow archive of past webinar resources & expand audience

Events & Participation

Harness opportunities for external marketing

Metrics & Visualization

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Identify opportunities & inform BTS product production



Future Directions

for FY2019 and beyond



Liasonship

- Collaborate more directly and purposely with our stakeholders
- Document relationships to ensure better knowledge transfer, maintain continuity, and ensure expectations are met
- Match NTL staff with stakeholders to aid in collection development, build relationships, and improve services



Website Development

- Shift concept of NTL website from a hub of information towards a publishing space for metrics, highlights, updates, etc.
- Identify contributors and streamline a process for developing, updating, and maintining content
- Create & host reference-oriented "how-to" tutorials to introduce services to our users



Internal Marketing

- Establish quarterly tabling presence in DOT HQ to directly reach out to staff
- Create monthly NTL digest email
- Hold quarterly training events for new (& existing) DOT staff
- Distribute traditional print advertising materials highlighting
 NTL events & services, especially our repository, ROSA P



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