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***Open Discussion: Conference Wrap-Ups and Hot Topics on Your Mind***



# TRB Library and Information Science for Transportation (LIST) Committee (ABG40)

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- Programs at TRB annual meetings
  - Information, Images, and Data: Practical Guidance for Using and Owning Intellectual Property
  - Digital Directions in Transportation Information Management
  - Digitization Initiatives in Transportation Libraries and Information Centers: Where We Are and Where We're **Going**
  - Other presentations were co-sponsored
- Metadata subcommittee met at annual meeting
- New website
  - <http://trblist.org/>
- Papers hosted
  - [\*The Landscape for Transportation Information Professionals. 2012\*](#)
  - [\*Preliminary Report on the 2011 National Transportation Knowledge Network Cataloging and Metadata Initiative Survey\*](#)
  - [\*A Collection Development Policy Template Proposal for Transportation Libraries\*](#)
- Chair changes
  - Ken Winters -> Roberto Sarmiento

# SLA Chicago 2012

## GTRIC Roundtable

- **Just Say No**
- **Innovation Award: Collection Development Toolkit**
- **Marketing Peer Exchange**
- **Erik Cempel from CamSys**
- **Next steps for DTRN**

# SLA Chicago 2012

- **The Future is Now!**
- **Enchantment with Guy Kawasaki**
- **Why and How Things Fail,  
Multilingual Taxonomies**
- **Moving forward with membership,  
professional development, and  
webinars**

# MAP-21 & NTL (49 USC 6304)

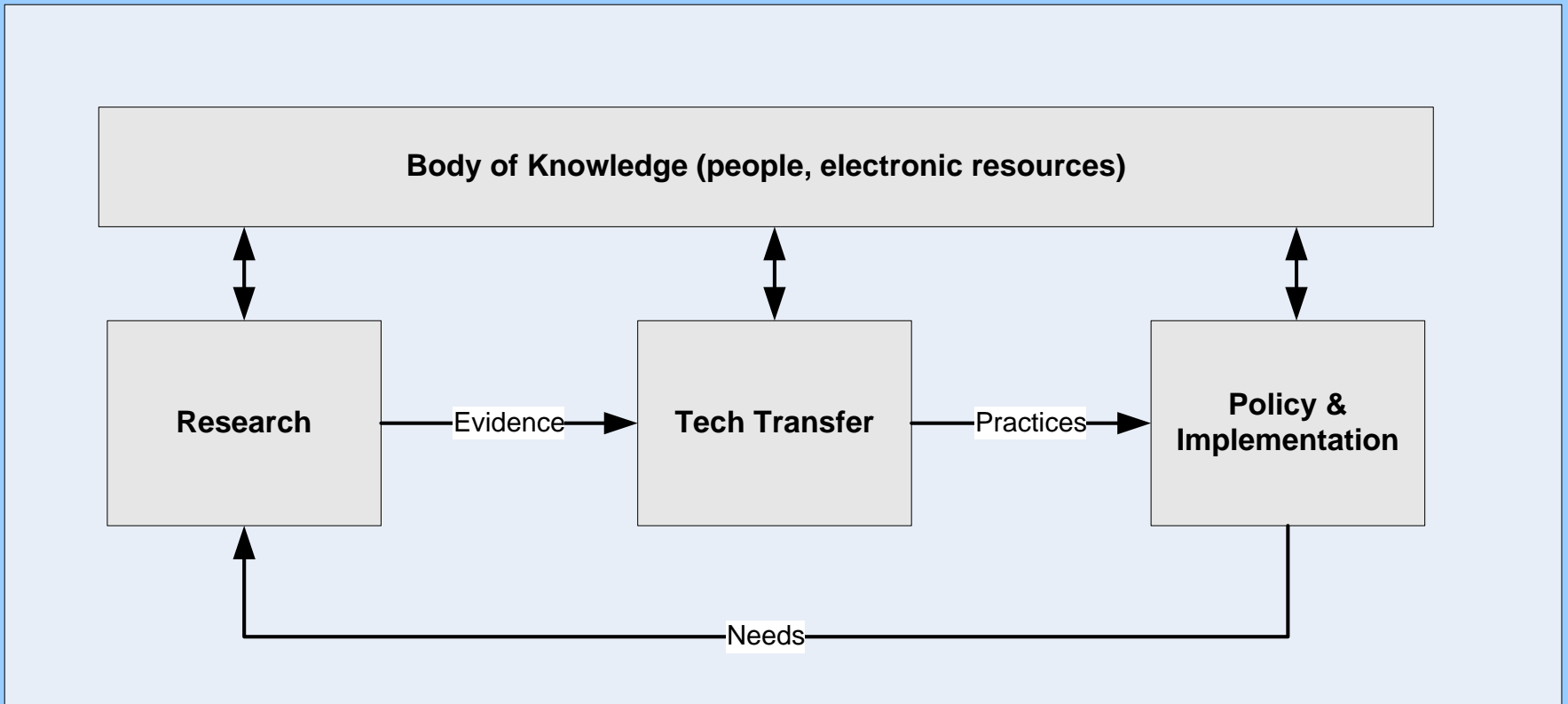
- NTL's authorized role is expanded and more in line with the 4 other national libraries
- National Transportation Library functions:
  - ❑ Services to DOT, other Federal agencies, public and private organizations, and individuals within the U.S. and internationally
  - ❑ Set specific requirements for the NTL Director's position
  - ❑ Acquire, preserve and manage transportation information and information products and services for use by DOT, other Federal agencies, and the public
  - ❑ Provide reference and research services
  - ❑ Central repository for DOT research results and technical publications
  - ❑ Central clearinghouse for transportation data and information of the Federal Government
  - ❑ Serve as coordinator and policy lead for transportation information access
  - ❑ Coordinate among and cooperate with multiple external parties to develop a "comprehensive transportation information and knowledge network" to support the I-XI list [information required of BTS at 49 USC 6302((b)(3)(B)(vi)]
  - ❑ Publicize, facilitate and promote access to information products and services
  - ❑ Receives contract, grant and agreement authority to support these goals
- BTS contract authority reduced from \$27M to \$26M, FY 13 – 14.

# **Better Safety Results Through Information Sharing**

Identifying Candidate Action Items

# Objective of the Workshop

**To identify concrete ways that the library and information sciences community can collaborate more effectively with safety researchers and practitioners to improve the delivery of relevant and timely information that will reduce crashes and save lives.**





# Workshop Actions

- How to search
  - Methods
  - Tools
    - Google meta search on safety resources
  - Training
    - Assessing quality of data and information
    - Communicating data quality
- Making Data & Information Findable
  - Guide on metadata for creators
  - Training
- Developing a unified safety thesaurus/vocabulary
  - For search, retrieval, and website architecture
  - Include commonly-used terms

# Workshop Actions

- Develop a guide to safety resources
  - NCHRP Synthesis
  - Should be updated periodically (every 2 years?)
- Find, access, and archive GreyLit
  - NCHRP project
  - Include a survey
- Enhancing access to data behind reports
  - Bringing together organizations and entities who have a stake in this issue
  - Objective: policy documenting why this is good practice
  - Could be an NCHRP project or funded in some other way
- Continuing the conversation beyond this workshop

# Other ideas: Notes and Strategies

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- General Notes
  - Think about non-highway safety issues
  - note financial resources to support action item tasks
  - scope note: public domain information only focus for action items or proprietary initiative – needs to be noted because they need to be treated differently
- Strategy: How do we go out and find information that is not currently available in existing resources
  - NCHRP project to compile grey literature
  - Focus on safety – info supporting legislative testimony or court cases
  - Challenge might be to specify a focus for literature
- SHRP-2 Knowledge Transfer activities – ensure using sustainable information practices
- TRB LIST committee – explore safety data in “big data issue”



# Other ideas: Transportation Taxonomies

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- ACTION: Transportation Research Thesaurus expansion
  - BUILD OUT: Integrate TRT expansion with TRB committees through the Back to Basics initiative
    - Spend a year to focus on safety area
    - Build out
  - DEPLOYMENT: Add direction on the Technical Documentation page to get the word out about the TRT
    - Reason to use the TRT (use for better search results and lists)
  - BUILD a new taxonomy team (building on glossaries of safety from committees and other areas)
- ACTION: Need to think more broadly than transportation and intersect with enforcement and health fields
  - What are the non-traditional groups
  - How do we integrate our activities with them and continue to build bridges
  - Potential partner is TRB TAC

# Other ideas: Tools

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- demonstrate Google is not good enough
  - ACTION: give tools to use the Google better (training, etc)
  - PRODUCT: wallet card to give to students for tips
- ACTION: how do you ensure what makes things findable
  - What elements to use
  - Address all different formats of materials
  - how to disseminate effectively through social media
  - Audience: researchers and creators for documents
- How can we get some efficiencies with proliferation of one-stop shops
  - Where is there duplication?
  - Where is duplication appropriate and where is it not?
  - ACTION: what is out there and how can we put into different buckets and network resources
    - NCHRP Synthesis report
    - Topics – where is it housed, how do you sort through information (information cycle and how to use data)

# Other ideas: Communications

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- Forum for the workshop participants in the future?
  - Formalized task force or committee
  - Who is primary audience for home for task force?
  - How do we reach out into the future for action
- Using COPs in practice areas to push information to practitioners
  - Push resources out to these channels
  - This addresses practitioner perspective

# NTKN Annual Meeting (19 July 2012) - Vision

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- themes
  - coordination role, executive body
  - national resource to take and initiate resolution of info management problems too big for local or regional (cross-cutting)
  - not focused on executing actions, but coordinating across available groups
  - information management for transportation community, not just librarians
  - information exchange unit between transportation and broader LIS initiatives (represent transportation and bring back info for transportation)
- general notes:
  - one minute, one sentence elevator speech
  - aimed at general audience
  - focused on outcome and user, not internal process



# NTKN Annual Meeting (19 July 2012) – WorkPlan

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- Establish a formal NTKN Steering Committee that will be the group developing a national agenda for transportation information management and coordinating with NTL to determine best avenues to carry out action items.
  
- Purpose:
  - (1) provide oversight and development of an information management agenda for transportation;
  - (2) coordinate activities between regional TKN and partner groups;
  - (3) conduct planning and needs assessments with the user and stakeholder community; and
  - (4) communicate and conduct outreach regarding all of the above.
  
- Members
  - Regional TKN chairs, TRB LIST chair, AASTHO RAC TF chair, Library Connectivity and Development Pooled Fund representative, SLA Transportation Division chair, and NTL Director



# NTKN Steering Committee (NSC) action items

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- Current Activities (proposed activities and target dates)
  - Expand current monthly TKN chairs group to become NTKN Steering Committee in August 2012
  - Develop guidelines for operation (how projects are proposed and moved forward, developing an agenda; communicating with stakeholders) by December 2012
  - Review and approve NTKN communication – logo, presentation templates, website establishment and content by September/October 2012
  - Review TRB Safety Information Sharing Workshop action items and determine TKN groups that will support each to move that agenda forward
  - Develop near-term national agenda and strategic focus for NTKN activities
  
- First meeting: 14 August 2012, 11a ET



**YOUR DISCUSSION TOPICS?**