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# Transportation Research Thesaurus (TRT) Advisory Group Updates

E0007

Transportation Librarians Roundtable

*Andy Everett, TRT Advisory Group Chair, Washington State DoT*

*Sam Saffer, TRB Indexing Manager*

*Bill McLeod, TRIS Manager*



# Agenda

- TRT Subcommittee Restructure
- New Members
- New Indexing Manager
- Projects and Updates

# TRT Subcommittee Restructure

- The former TRT Subcommittee was organized under the E0006 Information Services Committee which sunsetted August 2025.
  - The E0006 committee was an Executive committee, not organized under the Standing Committee structure.
- E0006 Committee was not active and had served mainly as a mechanism to provide an annual summary presentation of TRIS updates/news at the Annual Meeting.
- The TRT subcommittee continued to be very productive with regular quarterly meetings.
  - 10-15 new terms and modifications to the Thesaurus each quarter.
- The new TRT Advisory Group continues the work of the TRT subcommittee under the same principles and guidelines.
- All E0006 Subcommittee members that wanted to stay on with the Advisory Group were able to do so.
- Will meet at the 2026 Annual Meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Marriott Tulip Room.

# New TRT Advisory Group Members

- Christy Granquist
  - WSDOT Vessel Librarian
  - Lead for WSDOT Vocabulary Management Team
- Anders Johnson
  - Montana DOT Librarian

# New TRIS Indexing Manager

- Welcome Sam Saffer

# Outcomes of 2026 Quarterly Meetings

The subcommittee approved the following changes.

- **Q1 – March**

- 7 preferred terms added
- 17 related terms added
- 5 synonyms (NPTs) added
- 3 term form changes
- 2 terms deprecated

- **Q2 - June**

- 9 preferred terms added
- 11 related terms added
- 2 synonyms (NPTs) added
- 12 term form changes
- 16 terms deprecated

- **Q3 – September**

- 6 preferred terms added
- 11 related terms added
- 5 term form changes
- 1 term deprecated



# Taskforces for 2026

- Parenthetical Project
  - Continue project eliminate parentheticals that do not conform to standards regarding Homographs
- Medical terms
  - A new taskforce will be formed to analyze medical terms as a result of adding “[pain](#).”
- Structural or “Collector” terms
  - A new taskforce will be formed in 2025 to take on an ongoing project that Sandy Tucker started. This taskforce will propose to either deprecate them or reformulate them as index terms.
- Principles
  - A new task force will be formed to review the TRT principles document, which has not been updated since 2012, pending the updates to the ISO standards.

Questions?  
Comments?



Thank you for  
your time!