RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

The following timeline represents a typical annual research cycle development process, but variation due to funding or technical issues may occur. Note that projects may also be developed by individual RFP and through other mechanisms at any time.

A graphical representation is found on the second page.

MAY – JUNE (2 MONTHS)
R&D OFFICE SOLICITS RESEARCH IDEAS FROM NCDOT STAFF AND UNIVERSITIES

JULY – AUGUST (4-6 WEEKS)
RESEARCH IDEAS EVALUATED BY RESEARCH TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEES

SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER (6-8 WEEKS)
R&D UNIT NOTIFIES idea submitters of STATUS and distributes REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER (4-6 WEEKS)
RESEARCH PROPOSALS EVALUATED BY RESEARCH TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEES

DECEMBER – JANUARY (4-6 WEEKS)
NCDOT RESEARCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REVIEWS research proposals and approves final project selection

FEBRUARY (2-4 WEEKS)
NCDOT R&D notifies UNIVERSITIES OF AWARDS

MARCH – APRIL (4-6 WEEKS)
FHWA FINAL REVIEW OF ANNUAL PROGRAM

MAY-JULY
R&D UNIT NOTIFIES RESEARCHERS AND UNIVERSITIES TO prepare official PROJECT AUTHORIZATION DOCUMENTS

AUGUST
RESEARCH PROJECTS START ON AUGUST 1