

Lessons Learned from TPF-5 (063)

FHWA

- The lead agency and allowed extensive input from states.
 - Acted as facilitator; let members guide the effort
 - Actively engaged panel members and researchers (didn't just sit on sideline)
 - Operated by majority rule and consensus
- The FHWA provided funding support.
 - Took great care not to duplicate efforts elsewhere but worked synergistically with other research \$
 - Provided outside \$ to support implementation (ex. Profiler certification)
 - Multiple contracting avenues
- The FHWA was very interested and supported the project
 - Gave TPF 05-063 oversight on all ProVAL development

Panel

- Champions
 - Group of highly skilled individuals with high level of expertise in technical area
 - Put the needs of the greater good first
 - Numerous members have sincere passion for the topic
 - Leveraged technology at home agencies
- Reviewed Priorities (multiple objectives established at 1st meeting)
 - Each face to face meeting to ensure we stayed on point
 - Build on successes and developments
- Group efforts
 - High level of cooperation and mutual respect
 - Freely shared ideas and experiences (very few wallfloweres)
- Size – 23 states and multiple wings of FHWA
 - Increased resources
 - Clearly had the attention/respect of vendor community
 - Vendors concentrate on getting profile correct
 - Agencies focus on transparent and uniform analysis (no more black boxes)

Research Efforts

- Each agency received tools/products they could put to use
 - Multiple needs and problems to solve
- Cooperative researchers
 - FHWA lead and panel members formed positive relationships – trust & respect
 - Treated panel as a valuable resource
- Listened and thought about any and all comments from the panel
 - Did what the panel directed
 - Did not tell the panel what to do
 - Developed clear/detailed understanding of objectives before work began