

# STC Research Project Description

**Project Title:** Emphasis on Security: Implications for State and Local Transportation Policy

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**Project Start Date:** February 1, 2002

**End Date:** March 15, 2002

**Other Milestones, Dates:**

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**Project Objective:** Explore how the national emphasis on security may impact state and local transportation policy

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**Project Abstract:** Concerns for security will likely influence public policy in the U.S. for many years to come, with significant implications for state and local transportation policy. The full extent of the threats is still uncertain, as are the levels of risk that will be politically acceptable. Recognizing those uncertainties, the paper explores issues related to institutional relationships, funding, human resources, laws and regulations, public information, engineering and technical standards, and federal incentives and disincentives. Also, state and local officials have considerable experience with transportation responses to natural disasters and other emergencies, but how can all of those experiences and the associated tools and techniques be brought to bear on new threats? Further, which of the pre-September 11<sup>th</sup> transportation initiatives now have the greatest potential to make our transportation system more secure as well as more effective, efficient, reliable or safe? What are the overall implications for state and local policies and for research, education and training?

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**Task Description:** n.a.

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**Total Budget:** \$5,000

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**Student Involvement (Thesis, Assistantships, Paid Employment):** n.a.

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**Relationship to Other Projects:** n.a.

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**Technology Transfer Activities:** possible workshop topic

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**Potential Benefits of Project:** Promote understanding of policy implications and the interrelationships between national security (especially terrorism) concerns and state and local transportation policy

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**TRB Keywords:** security, policy, state and local