

## Exhibit D

### Research Project Submission Template

**Recipient/Grant (Contract) Number:** (Provide center lead name/grant number only. If a consortium partner is leading this research effort, then add their name after the center lead, e.g., University of Transit;

**(Research project name)**

University of Highway.)

**Center Name:**

**Research Priority:** Section left blank until USDOT new priorities and RD&T strategic goals are available in Spring 2026.

**Principal Investigator(s):**

**Project Partners:**

**Research Project Funding:** (Federal Funding and non-Federal funding amounts need to be provided separately.)

**Project Start and End Date:** (Format month/day/year to month/day/year.)

**Project Description:** (May use Abstract developed for TRB/RiP submission.)

**US DOT Priorities:** (Describe how the project supports DOT priorities and the RD&T strategic goals. Also describe how the project engages in breakthrough, advanced, or transformative research.)

**Outputs:** (The results of the work performed. Describe what new research, technology, or process this research project is expected to produce or has produced. The outputs could include processes and methods; data, hardware, software and databases; invention disclosures, patent filings, inventions, etc. Also describe any new partnerships outside of the UTC consortium that may be established or have been established through the project.)

**Outcomes/Impacts:** (Describe the application of the output and any changes this output has or will make to the transportation system, or its regulatory, legislative, or policy framework, including a description of products or patents, or a change in practice, or instances of research results informing policy decisions. Discuss how this research output will positively impact the transportation system in terms of safety, reliability, durability, costs, etc.)

**Final Research Report:** (Upon completion of the project, provide URL link to final report.)

#### Additional guidelines:

- Research Project Templates should not exceed two pages in length.
- Try to reduce acronym usage in your Template.
- If a photo is useful to illustrate outcomes, you may include one with a brief caption.