

## Sub-part 8601 – Research

### Chapter 02007 Research Functions

#### Purpose

- 100 To outline the functions of MDOT's research program
- 101 MDOT evaluates research proposals, awards research contracts, and administers the studies under the guidelines of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).
- 102 Section 420.107, paragraph (a) of the *Code of Federal Regulations* states that:
- A State DOT must expend no less than 25 percent of its annual SPR funds on RD&T activities relating to highway, public transportation, and intermodal transportation systems in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 505(b) . . .
- 103 Each state must develop its own plan, or work program, to manage State Planning & Research (SP&R) funds, and the plan must be approved by the FHWA Division Administrator. Progress, including performance and expenditures, will be reported to FHWA.
- 104 Other research functions regulated by FHWA through 23CFR Sections 420.205 and 420.207 include peer exchanges, technology transfer, RD&T (research, development and technology) activities, pooled fund studies, RAC (Research Advisory Committee), and NCHRP (National Cooperative Highway Research Program).
- 105 Cites are available at [www.gpoaccess.gov](http://www.gpoaccess.gov).