

4.2.4 Exploratory Advanced Research (EAR) Program on GIS-T

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SAFETEA-LU created a new research program titled, "**Exploratory Advanced Research (EAR) Program**". This presentation will provide an overview of this program and how the program is being implemented to address GIS and Geo-Spatial applications. The intent of the program is to encourage high risk research into the application of new technologies in the transportation area. The program is also multi-disciplinary and multi-application, and it requires open collaboration between various sections of a transportation agency, environmental groups, resource agencies, and the general public. At the conclusion of the presentation the audience will be asked for their input into the potential research areas.