

## How do I Use the TRT?

From the TRT site, you can view related records with your term in the TRIS databases:

- TRID: The TRIS and ITRD Database ([trid.trb.org](http://trid.trb.org))
- Research in Progress ([rip.trb.org](http://rip.trb.org))
- TRB Publications Index ([pubsindex.trb.org](http://pubsindex.trb.org))

You can also search for records containing specific TRT terms directly at the database websites. From the Advanced Search (in RIP, PubsIndex) or Additional Filters (in TRID) page, click on the "Index Term" field. Begin typing an index term. If the term is from the Transportation Research Thesaurus (TRT), matching terms will appear in a drop down list from which you can select terms.

## Questions? Suggestions?

Terms are added to the TRT regularly to meet the needs of transportation researchers.

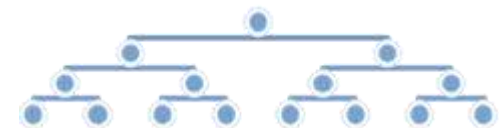
If you have a suggestion for a term that should be in the TRT, you may submit it for consideration at <http://trt.trb.org/newterms.asp>

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# Transportation Research Thesaurus

*A Powerful Tool for Finding Transportation Research Information*



Website:  
[trt.trb.org](http://trt.trb.org)

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## What is the TRT?

The TRT:

- Is a tool to improve the indexing and retrieval of transportation information.
- Contains 9500+ terms
- Covers all modes and aspects of transportation
- Provides references to related words and concepts.
- Groups terms in hierarchies under 21 “top terms”
- Is used to tag records in the Transportation Research Information Services (TRIS) databases so that they may be more easily found in a search.

## Why Use the TRT?

The same concept often can be expressed in many different ways:



Using a TRT term allows all these ways of expressing the same concept to be retrieved in the same database search:



## How Do I Find TRT Terms?

You can search and browse the TRT at the TRT website: [trt.trb.org](http://trt.trb.org).

If your term is not in the TRT, the search engine will refer you to the appropriate related term.

Once you've located a term, you can view its:

- Broader terms
- Narrower terms
- Related terms
- Definitions
- Scope Notes