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UTC Project Information – CAMMSE @ UNC Charlotte	
Project Title	Developing Friction Data to Support the Optimal Use of Pre-wet
	Deicing Salt for Enhanced Winter Mobility
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Brief Description of	Currently agencies in North America do not have reliable data to
Research Project	analyze the effectiveness and efficiency of its pre-wetting salt
	operations in districts facing localized and diverse traffic and
	weather conditions. Research is much needed to understand the
	influence of pre-wetting product type, pre-wetting ratio, and
	application rate of pre-wet deicing salt on the friction performance
	of deiced asphalt pavements, so as to generate the data needed for
	optimizing the use of pre-wet deicing salts for enhanced winter
	mobility. This UTC project will address this knowledge gap by
	conducting a customized laboratory testing program to lay the
	groundwork and developing a plan for subsequent field operational



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	tests (FOTs). The ultimate goal is to develop data needed to
	support the optimal decisions related to the practices of pre-
	wetting salt and subsequent deicing to improve the mobility and
	safety of multimodal transportation systems in a fiscally and
	environmentally responsible manner.
Describe Implementation	
of Research Outcomes	
(or why not	
implemented)	
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Impacts/Benefits of	
Implementation (actual,	
not anticipated)	
Web Links	https://cammse.uncc.edu/sites/cammse.uncc.edu/files/media/CA
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