

ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION AR-3-07
TITLE: UPDATE OF THE AASHTO STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN

WHEREAS, in December 1997, AASHTO's Board of Directors approved the AASHTO Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), which was a comprehensive 4 E's plan to substantially reduce vehicle related fatalities and injuries on the Nation's highways; and

WHEREAS, the AASHTO SHSP was developed cooperation with its safety partners in the Federal, State, local agencies and private sector from each of the 4E's (engineering, enforcement, education, and emergency services)

WHEREAS, since the adoption of the AASHTO Strategic Highway Safety Plan, highway fatalities remained relatively unchanged between 42,000 and 44,000; and

WHEREAS, AASHTO finds this death toll on our Nation's highways to be unacceptable and further, voices dissatisfaction with the current rate of progress to save lives; and

WHEREAS, AASHTO and its member Departments remain fully committed to reducing the number of deaths on our Nation's roads as evidenced by current AASHTO policy positions and efforts to implement the AASHTO SHSP, including the adoption by the Board of Directors a goal of reducing the toll of traffic deaths by 1,000 each year; and

WHEREAS: all the States and the District of Columbia have developed, approved and are now implementing their own Strategic Highway Safety Plans; and

WHEREAS: the AASHTO SHSP was the guiding document in the development of each of the States' SHSPs; and

WHEREAS: more than 17 Implementation Guides (with 5 more soon to be published) including implementation strategies have been published and are being used by the States to implement their SHSP; and

WHEREAS: issues not envisioned when the Board of Directors approved the SHSP in 1997 have emerged and must now be analyzed and prioritized; and

WHEREAS: the States' individual and collective efforts continue to aggressive and proactively address the existing and emerging issues to reduce deaths and injuries on all public roads;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Standing Committee on Highway Traffic Safety recommends that AASHTO, in cooperation and coordination with its safety partner organizations, develop, adopt ,publish, and promote a revised Strategic Highway Safety Plan by 2010.