Update on AASHTO Committee Restructuring

Joint Standing Committee on Highway Traffic Safety and Subcommittee on Safety Management Meeting
April 25, 2017
AASHTO Strategic Plan

Strategic Goals:

• Provide value to members
• Provide innovative technical and professional services and products
• Be a leader in national transportation policy development
• Communicate the value of transportation
Previous AASHTO Committee Structure

*Note: only showing active committees*
Specific Changes to SCOHTS

- Address topics currently covered by SCOHTS and Safety Management
- Expand scope, as appropriate, to include multi-modal issues
- Establish liaisons from this committee to other appropriate committees to facilitate exchange of information
- Include membership from all AASHTO member departments
Adopted Procedural Changes

1. Better define the roles and responsibilities of the committees
2. Establish committee activities focused on Strategic Plan goals
3. Improve direction from parent committees to subgroups
4. Committee chairs be members of a Council, the TPF or Board, and that subgroup chairs be members of the parent committee
5. Establish “steering committees” within committees
6. Identify cross-cutting liaisons between appropriate committees
7. Technical service programs guided by appropriate committee(s)
8. Encourage groups to operate virtually
9. Establish Communities of Practice for discipline/topical areas
10. Establish ad-hoc, short-term task forces for specific matters
11. Formalize the role of the Associate Members
12. Allow limited participation by private sector representatives
Next Steps

• Revise committee charge statement for consideration by Strategic Management Committee at AASHTO Annual Meeting
  ▪ Align with Strategic Plan/restructuring report
  ▪ Ensure continued coverage of critical responsibilities
  ▪ Engage committee volunteers to re-align themselves
  ▪ Consider communication with other committees
  ▪ Consider internal restructuring, if needed

• Request assistance from 20-24 project to help with strategic plans for new committees
AASHTO Annual Meeting

- Updated AASHTO Governing Documents to be considered by Board of Directors at in September
- Full transition to new committee names and scopes after Annual Meeting
SCOHTS Charge

- Encourage, recommend, support highway safety programs
- Promote national health and economic growth
- Evaluate highway safety needs from 4E perspective
- Development and updating on AASHTO Strategic Highway Safety Plan
SCOHTS Charge

- Monitor national trends and propose appropriate action
- Comment on related national legislation under consideration
- Disseminate and exchange information on innovative measures
- Comment on regulations
- Interact with other organizations to design long term strategies
Safety Management

- Promote safety goal (1.0/mvmt)
- Promote SHSPs
- Work on technical issues
- Deliver and evaluate safety countermeasures
- Promote research
- Review policies, federal guidance, regulations, and legislation
Discussion
Key Safety Issues

- Issues of national concern
- AASHTO role
- Safety Committee role
Committee on Safety

• Safety focus areas?
  ▪ Increase in fatalities; speeding; roadway departure; impaired driving; distracted driving....

• Cross-cutting issues?
  ▪ Technology; 4Es; all public roads; policy

• Technical approaches?
  ▪ Safety planning; analysis and evaluation; data workforce development; research
In this meeting...

- Sessions are focused on priority topics
- Technical breakout discussions will help identify potential actions
- Task groups will discuss their existing and future roles
- States can highlight their individual priorities in the state report sessions
- We will pull all our thoughts together in the business meeting on Thursday