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## Policy Resolution 2006-01

### STANDING COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY

TITLE: JOINT TASK FORCE ON THE HIGHWAY SAFETY MANUAL

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**WHEREAS**, Safety is identified in the AASHTO Strategic Plan as a focus area and, to facilitate AASHTO's goal and to provide more tools to member states, work is underway to develop a Highway Safety Manual; and

**WHEREAS**, Several NCHRP research projects are currently providing input toward the development of an AASHTO Highway Safety Manual, and

**WHEREAS**, NCHRP Project 17-36 will oversee these efforts and compile the information developed by these research projects; and

**WHEREAS**, The Highway Safety Manual will serve as a tool to help practitioners make planning, design, and operations decisions based upon safety considerations; and

**WHEREAS**, The Highway Safety Manual will ultimately be recommended for adoption by AASHTO as an official AASHTO guide document; and

**WHEREAS**, Early coordination with representatives from various AASHTO committees will help to ensure that the information included in the Highway Safety Manual will be both useful to the State DOTs and appropriate for inclusion in an AASHTO guide document; and

**WHEREAS**, These AASHTO representatives should work in conjunction with the NCHRP Project 17-36 panel to oversee and provide input as the draft manual is developed;

**WHEREAS**, It is anticipated that this group of AASHTO representatives will meet twice per year for the next few years as various chapters of the guide are developed; and

**WHEREAS**, Travel for participants is expected to be supported through NCHRP;

**WHEREAS**, The AASHTO BOD has adopted a resolution in support of this effort;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Standing Committee on Highway Traffic Safety will fully participate in a Joint Task Force on the Highway Safety Manual to help guide this important effort; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the joint task force will consist of 6 representatives each from the SCOH Subcommittees on Design and Traffic Engineering, the Standing Committee on Highway Traffic Safety (SCOHTS) and/or the SCOHTS Subcommittee on Safety Management; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Joint Task Force will sunset when the Highway Safety Manual is adopted as an official AASHTO guide.