Subcommittee on Design
Operating Guideline & Organization Changes

Presentation to Standing Committee on Highways
September 24, 2015
Concerns

• Lack of coordination between technical committees
• Lack of involvement and guidance from subcommittee to technical committees
• Lack of organized research effort
• Gaps in subject areas that need guidance
• Difficulty in keeping policies and technical guidance on changing issues current and timely
Proposals

• Problem: Lack of coordination between technical committees
  • Solution: Add technical committee chairs to executive committee
  • Solution: Align technical committees into informal working groups for regular coordination calls between technical committee chairs
  • Solution: Have technical committee meetings concurrent with subcommittee meetings at least biennially
Proposals

• Problem: Lack of involvement and guidance from subcommittee to technical committees
  • Solution: Require technical committee chairs to be members of subcommittee
  • Solution: Encourage subcommittee members to join technical committees
  • Solution: Have technical committee meetings concurrent with subcommittee meetings at least biennially
Proposals

• Problem: Lack of organized research effort
  • Solution: Establish Technical Committee on Research made up of two subcommittee members from each region
  • Solution: Prioritize research proposals submitted by technical committees
Proposals

• Problem: Gaps in subject areas that need guidance
• Solution: Create, re-establish, or combine technical committees
  • TC on Project Management – combined TC on Preconstruction Engineering Management and TC on Value Engineering
  • JTC on Alternative Project Delivery Methods
  • JTC on Electronic Engineering Standards
  • TC on Public Transportation Facilities Design
Proposals

• Problem: Difficulty in keeping policies and technical guidance on changing issues current and timely
  • Solution: Add technical committee chairs to executive committee
  • Solution: Align technical committees into informal working groups for regular coordination calls between technical committee chairs
  • Solution: Establish organized research effort
SCOH Support

• Approve proposed changes on electronic ballot
• Appoint technical committee chairs to subcommittee delegation
• Support travel requests for multiple staff to attend concurrent subcommittee and technical committee meetings