AASHTO
Comprehensive Committees Review (CCR)

Status Update – May 2016
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
CCR-Identified Restructuring Opportunities

- Responsiveness to state-identified priorities
- Committee structure streamlining & simplification
- Expediting committee decision-making
- Increasing multi-modal communication and collaboration
- Addressing cross-functional issues
- Organizational nimbleness and responsiveness to quickly-developing matters
- Appropriate engagement on emerging issues
Committee Review Objectives

1. Better address State DOT priorities
2. Streamline/simplify the structure
3. Expedite committee decision-making
4. Increase multi-modal communications and collaborations
5. Effectively handle cross-cutting issues
6. Increase nimbleness and responsiveness
7. Better address gap and emerging issues
8. Use available state DOT expertise
9. Enhance state DOT engagement in AASHTO
CCR Steering Committee Membership

- **Paul Trombino** – Director, Iowa DOT, Co-Chair
- **Carlos Braceros** – Director, Utah DOT, Co-Chair
- **Grant Levi** – Director, North Dakota DOT
- **Tim Henkel** – Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota DOT
- **Paul Degges** – Chief Engineer, Tennessee DOT
- **Gregory Slater** – Planning and Programming Director, Maryland (SHA) DOT
- **Paul Worley** – Rail Division Director, North Carolina DOT

 Former Members: Mike Hancock (KY), Del McOmie (WY)
Guiding the Committee Review Work

- Provide committees with more clarity on their role and their responsibilities within the organization.
- Focus committees on national issues prioritized at the Board of Directors level.
- Reduce inconsistencies in the operation and oversight of the committees by providing guidance from the top while allowing flexibility within the committees to accomplish their objectives.
Guiding the Committee Review Work

- Increase communication and collaboration between committees to ensure stronger decision-making and improve coordination of cross-cutting and emerging issues, including the following:
  - Technology
  - Administration
  - Multi-modal Considerations
  - Environment
  - Performance
  - Safety and Security
  - Economics
  - Outside Input
Proposed Restructuring Scenario
Procedural Changes

• Better defining committee roles/responsibilities
• Establishing committee work plans and annual activity reports
• Improving direction from parent committees to subgroups on priorities
• Establishing “steering committees” within committees for nimbleness
• Appointing committee liaisons for cross-cutting issues
• Encouraging groups to operate virtually
Proposed Restructuring Scenario
Procedural Changes

- Establishing “Communities of Practice”
- Establishing ad-hoc, short-term task forces to address specific matters
- Requiring technical service programs to report to committee(s)
- Requiring chairs/vice-chairs be members of the parent group
- Formalizing the role of the Associate Members
- Providing for private sector participation
Proposed Restructuring Scenario

Outcomes

1. Organizational Structure: provides an organizational structure that ensures committees can operate efficiently and be nimble, adaptable, and forward looking.

2. Committee Priorities: Prioritize the activities and resources required to support and conduct committee activities, while representing the diverse views of member states.

3. Cross Committee Interactions: Provide for increased communication between committees if and as needed.
Member Feedback

- Survey in April of over 2,500 State DOT volunteer committee members
- 223 responses from 48 member departments and all levels within the committee structure
- Most respondents supportive of changes
- Concerns to address:
  - Increased engagement
  - Overlap in membership
  - Broadness of scopes
  - Nimbleness vs. involvement
  - Highway orientation
  - Addition of new topics
  - Need for more details
  - Implementation
Current and Next Steps

Reviewing Scenario Feedback

Summer 2016
• Regional & Committee meetings

Early Fall 2016
• CCR Steering Committee deliberations

November 2016
• Recommendations to the Board of Directors

2017 and Beyond
• Implementation Plan with all committee members participating to align charters
Critical Role of AASHTO Committees and Volunteers
Questions & Comments

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Thank You!