WHEREAS, the AASHTO Highway Subcommittee on Construction (SOC) met in San Juan, Puerto Rico during the week of July 31 through August 3, 2006; and

WHEREAS, a majority of project construction issues, including change orders, contract claims, and resulting cost and/or time overruns, are a result of issues that could have been addressed during preconstruction activities; and

WHEREAS, many aspects of construction management should be considered and included in project plans, specifications, and/or processes with the goal of “setting projects up for success”; and

WHEREAS, the SOC supports and endorses the improvement of the construction management (CM) discipline; and

WHEREAS, the SOC supported the Construction Management International Technology Exchange Scan and the subsequent development of the Scan Team Implementation Plan, calling for the formation of a joint technical committee to advance the knowledge and state of the practice as it relates construction input in the overall project delivery process; and

WHEREAS, the SOC sought assistance and cooperation from the FHWA and the construction industry in the formation of [insert name of the ETG here]; and

WHEREAS, the SOC supports the evolution of the existing [insert name of the ETG here] into the Joint Construction Management Integration Technical Group (CMITG); and

WHEREAS, the Joint CMITG will consist of members from AASHTO, FHWA, and the construction industry;

WHEREAS, the Joint Construction Management Integration Technical Group will endeavor to improve all activities that address the managerial and technological aspects of highway construction conducted during the planning, design, construction, and post-construction phases of a project, for the purpose of achieving scope, quality level, cost, schedule, and other performance objectives; and

WHEREAS, the SOC has assessed the need to 1) formally support the CMITG as a Subcommittee function, 2) develop and implement efforts directly related to CMITG recommendations; and finds these steps relevant to the long term strategic mission of the subcommittee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the SOC fully supports and endorses the mission of the CMITG;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SOC fully supports the development and implementation of a common agenda with FHWA and the private sector;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SOC fully supports informing and involving other appropriate committees, subcommittees, and task forces within AASHTO on all significant findings and recommendations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CMITG become a direct activity of the SOC, in partnership with the FHWA, and that the SOC guides the activities of the CMITG for AASHTO.
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the SOC should provide national guidance on innovative and alternative contracting procurement methods, including design-build, and that the CMITG, as part of its many functions, should embrace and enhance these efforts.