WHEREAS, The AASHTO Highway Subcommittee on Maintenance has been charged with the responsibility of providing technical leadership, guidance and support for protecting, preserving and maintaining of America’s transportation infrastructure assets, and protecting this investment is the highest priority of the maintenance and preservation community, and

WHEREAS, Policy Resolution PR-9-08, Establish a Technical Service Program to Advance Equipment Technology was approved by the AASHTO Board of Directors on October 20, 2008 creating the Equipment Management Technical Services Program (EMTSP) to support and enhance the on-going work and priorities of the AASHTO Highways Subcommittee on Maintenance Equipment Technical Working Group (TWG), and

WHEREAS, At its meeting in July 2009, the Highways Subcommittee on Maintenance met in Annapolis, Maryland and at that time discussed the formation of an oversight panel to guide and direct the activities of the EMTSP, and

WHEREAS, At its meeting in Montgomery, Alabama in February of 2010, the EMSTP Oversight Panel established its strategic plan with the first goal being to establish and support viable regional equipment management partnerships to conduct business and to support and enhance training, technology advancements, networking, and ongoing work and priorities, which was completed in June 2011, and

WHEREAS, At the first EMTSP National Partnership meeting recently held in Mobile, Alabama the issue of national versus regional meetings arose where each region expressed a recognition of the benefits of both meeting regionally and nationally, and

WHEREAS, An objective of this goal is to assist in sustaining the four existing regional partnerships by providing support and leadership to regional partnerships with the scheduling and development of partnership meetings, and

WHEREAS, The required action for completing the objective was to solicit and poll all state DOT equipment managers on identifying frequency and structure of future meetings, and

WHEREAS, An electronic ballot was sent to all designated state equipment managers on July 2, 2012 and voting closed at midnight on July 11, 2012, and

WHEREAS, The ballot proposal states, “The EMTSP Oversight Panel recommends holding a biennial National Meeting beginning in 2014 and lasting 3½ days if budgets allow. The location of the National Meeting shall be rotated among the different regions. The National Meeting will include 12-16 hours dedicated for concurrent regional meetings. Beginning in 2013 and during alternate years, Regional Meetings will be scheduled,” and

WHEREAS, The balloted DOT equipment managers were asked to vote “Yes” or “No” on the ballot proposal, and

WHEREAS, The results of the ballot were recorded with 27 state DOTs voting with the majority of 26 “Yes” (96.3%) votes and 1 “No” (3.7%) vote, and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED That the AASHTO Subcommittee on Maintenance recognizes the importance of the regional technical services program partnerships and the need for interaction between individual state DOT equipment managers regionally, as well as nationally, and recommends the establishment of biennial National Meetings beginning in 2014 and biennial Regional Meetings beginning in 2013, with the location of the National Meeting being rotated among the four AASHTO regions and including 12-16 hours dedicated for concurrent regional meetings.