Standing Committee on Highways Proposed Policy Resolution (PPR-AM08)
Subcommittee on Maintenance
Title: Establish a Technical Service Program to Advance Equipment Technology

WHEREAS, The Statement of Purpose of the AASHTO Subcommittee on Maintenance states that the Subcommittee shall prepare, publish, and keep current data on new types of equipment that will further mechanize and reduce the costs of maintenance operations, and

WHEREAS, A vision of the Highway Subcommittee on Maintenance is it will be the voice for system preservation and maintenance, and a champion for institutional and technical excellence, and

WHEREAS, Equipment fleet comprises a significant asset investment and is a large portion of all public works agencies' budgets and expenses, and the effectiveness of such equipment fleet operations affect the public works agencies' ability to adequately perform normal public works activities and successfully respond to emergency events, and

WHEREAS, Technology associated with roadway construction and maintenance equipment used by public works agencies is continuously advancing, and

WHEREAS, The volume and rate of occurrence of this advancing innovation and technology is such that it is nearly impossible for individual public works agencies' equipment management organizations to stay abreast of the latest technologies, evaluate the technologies, and implement the most cost effective beneficial technologies to gain the advantages that the new technologies provide, and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the AASHTO Subcommittee on Maintenance recommends the establishment of a voluntary AASHTO Technical Services Program for advancing asset management principles in the management of the fleet; and further

RESOLVED, To oversee Advancing Equipment Technology, of which the Subcommittee will oversee and of which the Equipment Focus Group will support and coordinate the activities of this program along with the AASHTO staff that manages the administration of the program; and further be it

RESOLVED, The Equipment Focus Group report progress and accomplishments of the program to the AASHTO Subcommittee on Maintenance at the future annual summer meetings; and finally

RESOLVED, That AASHTO Member Departments will be asked to sponsor this Technical Services Program by contributing a voluntary assessment of $3,000 per sponsor annually to fund the establishment and ongoing activities of the program.