WHEREAS, The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) shares the FHWA’s focus on highway safety and the goal to reduce fatalities; and

WHEREAS, The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) is aware of the congressional mandate for the Secretary of Transportation to revise the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices to include a standard for the minimum level of retroreflectivity that must be maintained for traffic signs, which shall apply to all roads open to public travel, and

WHEREAS, AASHTO concurs that it is desirable to maintain an adequate level of retroreflectivity for traffic signs to enhance safety for motorists, especially during hours of darkness and during adverse weather conditions, and

WHEREAS, AASHTO appreciates the participation by FHWA in AASHTO’s "Task Force on Retroreflectivity Guidelines" composed of members from federal, state, and local transportation agencies, and from several transportation and industry associations, and the consideration of the task force's recommendations and

WHEREAS, The FHWA has issued the Federal Docket No. FHWA-2003-15149 titled “National Standards for Traffic Control Devices; the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways; Maintaining Traffic Sign Retroreflectivity” which has a suspense date for comments of November 6, 2006, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the AASHTO Board of Directors adopt the attached document as AASHTO’s response to this FHWA Docket Number 2003-15149, titled “National Standards for Traffic Control Devices; the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways; Maintaining Traffic Sign Retroreflectivity".