WHEREAS, AASHTO’s organizational structure mirrors the typical state transportation agency, which is organized in traditional functional areas, including planning, environment, design, construction, maintenance, and operations; and

WHEREAS, The evolution of delivering transportation programs and projects is forcing a review of traditional organizational approaches and philosophies, including the “concept to completion” philosophy; and

WHEREAS, Project delivery includes the development, implementation, and maintenance of a project throughout its useful life, and many project delivery issues cut across the traditional functional areas of state DOT organizations; and

WHEREAS, Context-Sensitive Solutions (CSS) are an intrinsic part of project delivery and have applications in all stages of project development; and

WHEREAS, CSS has been adopted by many state departments of transportation throughout the United States as a new way of doing business, and CSS continues to be an ongoing subject of importance to AASHTO; and

WHEREAS, A primary goal of the AASHTO Task Force on Context-Sensitive Solutions, scheduled to sunset at the 2007 AASHTO Annual Meeting, is to mainstream the concepts of CSS into the standard operation of the State DOTs; and

WHEREAS, During their 2007 summer meetings, members of SCOP, SCOE and SCOH subcommittees and technical committees reviewed the work of the Task Force on CSS and provided comments on the future of CSS within AASHTO, and this Resolution was developed as a result of that input; and

WHEREAS, There exists a need within AASHTO for a cross-cutting committee to propose and review larger project delivery and development issues from concept to completion; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Task Force on Context-Sensitive Solutions will sunset at the end of the AASHTO Annual Meeting 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a new Task Force, to be appointed by the AASHTO President, will be established to: explore the need, charge, relationship to AASHTO committees, relationship to FHWA’s CSS efforts, membership, and placement within the organizational structure, of an AASHTO committee on project development and delivery (work to be supported by outsourcing); to address the many project delivery issues that cut across the traditional functional areas within state DOTs and to continue the AASHTO/FHWA CSS work underway; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Task Force will return to SCOH and the AASHTO Board of Directors in Spring, 2008 with a proposal.