DISCUSSION ON ADDITIONAL TOPICS

OPENING REMARKS

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OVERARCHING Issues

SCOH Strategic Plan
Mission and Vision

Mission:

In support of the AASHTO Strategic Plan, develop and advocate policies, technical standards, services and innovations to enable the nation and member states to have a world-class highway network as part of a safe, efficient and sustainable multi-modal transportation system supporting the nation’s economy and quality of life.

- Integrate SCOH into the AASHTO Strategic Plan
- It recognizes the broad scope of the CEs
- Retains our focus on innovation and technical excellence for highways
- Emphasizes safety, sustainability
- Notes that highways integrate into a multi-modal system
- Supports nation’s economy and quality of life
**VISION**

*To be the leader of technical innovations and policy development for the highway transportation system*
**OVERARCHING OBJECTIVES-TECHNICAL**

- **SCOH Strategic Objective on Technical Issues**: Develop and effectively disseminate standards, specifications, technical policies, technological advancements and best practices that improve the quality and safety of the nation’s highway system while integrating it into a modern, multi-modal transportation network.

**Objective builds on the Mission, Vision**

It continues supporting subcommittees and technical committees on standards, specifications, technical policies and best practices

- Focuses on
- Quality/Conditions
- Safety
- Integration with other modes
**Two Proposed Action Items - Technical**

- **ACTION 1:** SCOH will continue *supporting and providing direction to its subcommittees and technical* committees in their development of policies, procedures and technical standards.

- **ACTION 2:** SCOH will *expand training and technical participation opportunities through the use of emerging media and communication tools*. SCOH will work through NCHRP 20-7 to issue a research proposal to survey the members and assess their greatest training needs and recommend which emerging media can meet those needs.
  - BOD called for expanded use of emerging media for training
  - Determine what technical training SCOH members want
  - This will support both BOD and CEs
OVERARCHING OBJECTIVES - GOVERNANCE

- **SCOH STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE ON GOVERNANCE:** Develop a *governance structure and communication system* which creates cross-cutting synergy between SCOH, its subcommittees, and task forces.

- **Governance**

  As we develop an ambitious plan we need to consider how:
  - Enhance/Improve Communication
  - Coordinate with subcommittees, task forces other committees
  - Create synergy
FOUR PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS - GOVERNANCE

- **ACTION 1**: SCOH will form a Governance Task Force consisting of Subcommittee Chairs and SCOH members which develops a reporting structure and meeting format to improve coordination and communication vertically and horizontally across the Standing Committee on Highways.

  - Focus our subcommittees on key priorities while leaving them proper latitude
  - Form Task Force (Working Group) to examine our Governance
  - Address vertical and horizontal coordination
  - The survey indicated governance was a big need
**ACTION 2:** SCOH will develop a **reporting and monitoring** system which keeps SCOH leadership focused upon execution of the Strategic Plan.

- Our ambitious plan requires management
- Will develop a reporting process to track, implement the plan
- Will augment AASHTO staff with consultant assistance
- We need a multi-year strategy to achieve the vision of our Strategic Plan
**SCOH MEETING RELATED**

- **Action 3:** SCOH will review and make changes to the current SCOH meeting format to *allow for greater peer exchange and discussion on critical issues.*

- Discussion on critical issues
- Want to allow more time for peer exchange
- We know this is a challenge
- SCOH members conveyed that they want it
ACTION 4: SCOH will take a strategic approach to the sponsoring of research to ensure that cross-cutting research important to Chief Engineers is conducted, disseminated and implemented.

- SCOH wants research to serve the CE’s needs
- Wants a strategic approach to address SCOH’s major needs
- Develop a priority list that SCOH suggests to ensure research meets your most important needs
- Addressed Chief Engineers report
PRIORITIZE
ACTION ITEMS
DISCUSSION ON PROCESS TO IMPLEMENT THE STRATEGIC PLAN

GROUP DISCUSSION BY SCOIH MEMBERS

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CLOSING REMARKS

Wrap Up

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