

**Resolution 07-03 of the
Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
New Federal Transportation Vision**

WHEREAS, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) will expire in 2009; and

WHEREAS, highway-user taxes that extend through September 30, 2011 are insufficient to finance federal highway and transit programs beyond 2009; and must be addressed prior to that date,

WHEREAS, Congress created The National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission under Section 1909 of SAFETEA-LU because, "it is in the national interest to preserve and enhance the surface transportation system to meet the needs of the United States for the 21st century"; and

WHEREAS, the number of programs has grown dramatically to over 100 highway programs and 45 transit programs and over 5,550 earmarks; resulting in a cumbersome and unfocused federal-aid program, and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the country to focus the national transportation system on key strategic issues with a limited federal focus coupled with maximum flexibility for states and local governments to address state and locally determined priorities to facilitate these strategic issues.;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) do hereby call upon the U.S. Congress to clarify the federal role in transportation and enact a new federal transportation program with a limited number of strategically focused priorities.

Approved by the SASHTO Board of Directors
on August 7, 2007 in Huntsville, Alabama

**Resolution 07-04 of the
Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
Flexibility**

WHEREAS, our national economy and quality of life depend on the efficient, affordable, and reliable movement of people and goods, and

WHEREAS, traditional funding sources and methods are not meeting the documented needs and it is critical that all options for funding and delivery of transportation be considered and that MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY be provided to deliver transportation projects in a timely manner, and

WHEREAS, states have increasingly been involving the private sector in financing and operating surface transportation facilities through public-private partnerships (PPPs); and

WHEREAS, rapidly increasing demand for new capacity has resulted in many states considering the benefits of public-private partnerships and innovative finance; and

WHEREAS, public-private partnerships can generate substantial benefits for public agencies interested in encouraging innovation and saving time and money on projects; and

WHEREAS, Congressional Committees have recognized that public private partnerships can help cost-effectively implement highway and transit projects. Using qualification-based selection and performance-based contracting, PPPs can leverage additional revenue sources and achieve significant schedule and cost advantages over traditional infrastructure development processes; and

WHEREAS, despite the benefits of public-private partnerships, obstacles including legal, financial, political, and cultural barriers are often encountered in the formation and use of these partnerships;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) do hereby recommend that the next federal transportation authorization bill provide maximum flexibility to the states to use all sources of project financing, including tolling to finance highways and other transportation infrastructure projects, expansions of the Transportation Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act (TIFIA), State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) programs, and Private Activity Bonds for transportation investments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT SASHTO supports administrative, regulatory and legislative changes to the environmental review process; changes to procurement procedures to enable greater use of design-build; more flexible design approaches; subcontracting and pre-award negotiations; use of proprietary products and techniques and innovative delivery approaches to include public-private partnerships to allow for more timely and cost effective project delivery.

Approved by the SASHTO Board of Directors
on August 7, 2007 in Huntsville, Alabama

**Resolution 07-05 of the
Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
I-35W Bridge Collapse in Minnesota**

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2007, a bridge in Minneapolis, Minnesota on Interstate 35W over the Mississippi River collapsed; and

WHEREAS, the collapse of the bridge resulted in multiple deaths, and injuries to many people; and

WHEREAS, this is a tragic event for the many individuals and families affected; and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) is meeting this week in Huntsville, Alabama.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SASHTO Board of Directors do hereby extend our deepest sympathy to all those affected by this tragic event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the SASHTO states extend our support to the Minnesota Department of Transportation and offer to provide any assistance that would be helpful.

Approved by the SASHTO Board of Directors
on August 7, 2007 in Huntsville, Alabama

**Resolution 07-01 of the
Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
Supporting Efforts of the Motorcycle Advisory Council**

WHEREAS, SAFETEA-LU established a Motorcycle Advisory Council to coordinate with and advise the Federal Highway Administration on Infrastructure issues of concern to motorcyclists; and,

WHEREAS, motorcycle crashes and fatalities are becoming increasingly significant as the number of motorcycle riders increase; and,

WHEREAS, the Motorcycle Advisory Council will submit a resolution to AASHTO encouraging certain tasks with a goal of reducing motorcycle crashes, injuries, and fatalities; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that SASHTO supports the efforts of the Motorcycle Advisory Council to increase the awareness of motorcycle safety with State DOTs and Federal Highway Administration; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SASHTO endorses the Motorcycle Advisory Council's Resolution encouraging AASHTO to take the lead in developing policies and appropriate materials through the work of the various sub-committees of AASHTO to address motorcyclist safety issues during design, construction, and maintenance activities.

Approved by the SASHTO Board of Directors
on August 7, 2007 in Huntsville, Alabama

Resolution 07-02 of the
Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
Distribution of SASHTO Funds

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials hereinafter referred to as "SASHTO" is an organization comprised of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of SASHTO is to encourage a balanced transportation system within member states; to study the various materials, methods of construction and maintenance and to discuss common problems experienced with transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the further purpose of SASHTO is to foster the exchange of ideas and evaluate programs within the aviation, highway, rail, transit and water modes of transportation; to cooperate in every way possible with the other State and U.S. transportation agencies; and to support legislation for the purpose of protecting capital investments in current transportation systems and for improving transportation programs; and

WHEREAS, an annual meeting of SASHTO shall be held each year at such time and place as may be designated by the Constitution and Bylaws of SASHTO; and

WHEREAS, SASHTO encourages employees and students to pursue careers and advanced degrees in the field of Civil Engineering by the issuance of a yearly scholarship funded through revenues from the annual SASHTO conference

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that SASHTO amends Resolution 06-01 and directs the following:

1. Each member states will be responsible for hosting the SASHTO Annual conference as currently documented in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.
2. The hosting State will distribute funds generated by the annual SASHTO Conference in the following order and priority:
 - 1st. Payment of all conference fees and expenses.
 - 2nd. Distribution of seed money to the next host state in the amount of \$150,000.00.

- 3rd. \$15,000.00 to the SASHTO Vice President State.
 - 4th. Distribution of scholarship funds in the amount of \$15,000 on behalf of each member state for a total of \$195,000.00 to be distributed in a manner selected by each member state. In the event that the maximum amount of \$195,000.00 is not available, the scholarship amount will be reduced to the available total divided equally among the member states.
 - 5th. Distribution of any remaining funds to the host state to be used to promote the field of Civil Engineering within the state.
3. The President and Vice President are authorized to appoint a person in each state to open a checking and/or savings account in SASHTO's name with Tax Identification Number 562251366.
 4. SASHTO will follow these guidelines for all conferences beginning in calendar 2008.

Lamar McDavid, Treasurer

I, _____, a Notary Public for _____

do hereby certify that _____ personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Official Signature of Notary

My commission expires: _____

Approved by the SASHTO Board of Directors
on August 7, 2007 in Huntsville, Alabama

**Resolution 07-06 of the
Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
Host State Recognition**

WHEREAS, the 66th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials is being held in Huntsville, Alabama on August 3-8, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Joe McInnes, Director of the Alabama Department of Transportation, graciously welcomed the SASHTO delegates to Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Alabama Department of Transportation have worked tirelessly in advance and at the meeting to ensure the success of the meeting; and

WHEREAS, the agenda, technical exchange and accommodations at the meeting are outstanding; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Transportation's mission to provide a safe, efficient, environmentally sound intermodal transportation system for all users is a mission that other SASHTO states should aspire to achieve for their state;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials do hereby commend Director Joe McInnes and the employees of the Alabama Department of Transportation for their gracious southern hospitality in hosting the SASHTO 2007 Annual Meeting.

Approved by the SASHTO Board of Directors
on August 7, 2007 in Huntsville, Alabama