

**Resolution of the  
Southeastern Association of  
State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO)**

**Urging Enactment of New Reformed Surface Transportation Law in 2011**

**WHEREAS**, the SAFETEA-LU surface transportation authorization law expired in September 2009 and federal programs and funding have only continued through extensions of that law; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been much discussion of reforms to the federal surface transportation programs by congressionally-appointed commissions and a variety of transportation interests over the last four years, and state DOTs have jointly adopted policy recommendations calling for numerous reforms; and

**WHEREAS**, SASHTO and other state DOTs' overall reform objectives are to 1) consolidate programs to increase flexibility and enhance effectiveness, 2) streamline project development and delivery to reduce time and cost, and 3) facilitate the use of innovative financing tools to accelerate project delivery and enable new methods of financing; and

**WHEREAS**, both the House and Senate transportation committees have done much work to develop draft legislation to achieve these reforms that are broadly supported by SASHTO, other state DOTs and many other transportation interests.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that SASHTO urges each house of Congress to quickly pass bills and to conference together to resolve differences in an effort to enact a new law this fall that effectively achieves the key reform objectives listed above.

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**Encouraging AASHTO's Board of Directors to Review Voting Practices**

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of SASHTO is to foster the development, operation and maintenance of an integrated and balanced transportation system to adequately serve the needs of those states whose Highway and/or Transportation Departments constitute the membership of the Association; and

**WHEREAS**, SASHTO has pledged its cooperation with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) to foster the development, operation, and maintenance of a total transportation system to adequately serve the needs of all member states; and

**WHEREAS**, AASHTO cannot effectively represent the needs of the membership without the necessary bylaws to enact binding policy; and

**WHEREAS**, voting is necessary for the Board of Directors (BOD) of AASHTO to adopt policy and bylaw changes to effectively direct and operate the Association; and

**WHEREAS**, attendance at BOD meetings may be hindered by the reduction of state revenues which has made it more difficult for state departments of transportation to travel out-of-state; and

**WHEREAS**, the extremely short lead times state DOTs are provided to conduct background research on issues that will come before the BOD of AASHTO may leave BOD members with poor information and doesn't promote robust debate and discussion.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the SASHTO BOD encourages the President of AASHTO to review how policies are currently developed and adopted by the Association; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the SASHTO BOD encourages the President of AASHTO to research ways to increase participation among members of the AASHTO BOD in future meetings.

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**Privatizing Commercial Activities at Interstate Rest Areas**

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of SASHTO is to foster the development, operation and maintenance of an integrated and balanced transportation system to adequately serve the needs of those states whose Highway and/or Transportation Departments constitute the membership of the Association; and

**WHEREAS**, The rest areas have become an integral part of the nation's interstate system; and

**WHEREAS**, for over 55 years, rest areas have become increasingly expensive for State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) to manage and maintain; and

**WHEREAS**, many state DOTs have closed rest areas in recent years in an effort to mitigate declining revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, federal law prohibits the construction or location of commercial establishments within a rest area on the interstate and limits the use of vending machines only to the state; and

**WHEREAS**, DOTs are finding it more difficult to adequately maintain rest areas with its limited resources that could otherwise be used to maintain highways and bridges; and

**WHEREAS**, allowing commercial activity at rest areas can make travel safer and more convenient for interstate travelers.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the SASHTO Board of Directors encourages AASHTO to work with Congressional leaders during the debate on the next surface transportation reauthorization act to allow states the flexibility to commercialize interstate rest areas.

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**Extension of the Institute for Trade and Transportation Studies (ITTS)**

**WHEREAS**, the Latin American Trade and Transportation Study (LATTS) evidenced the importance of international trade to the nation's economy and the need for states to better understand domestic and international trade flows in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the ITTS Board of Directors created ITTS to assist state and regional freight studies, and recognizes the success of ITTS to support these needs; and

**WHEREAS**, ITTS has been working for the past four years to support various freight studies in the region, including hosting several successful conferences and trade missions; and

**WHEREAS**, ITTS has advanced trade and transportation issues in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the ITTS Board of Directors has identified the need for states' department of transportation to plan for and fund transportation infrastructure investments to accommodate and promote commercial freight in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Southeastern Association of Highway Transportation Officials (SASHTO) Board of Directors remains the governing body for ITTS and is responsible for general oversight,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that given the importance of freight coordination, a regional freight institute continues to serve a critical need. To facilitate this need, the ITTS Board of Directors calls for the following:

- (1) The Chairman to lead the effort to develop a projected budget and work plan for ITTS and to report those findings back to the ITTS Board of Directors by November 1, 2011 for approval by the Board of Directors;
- (2) Approval by the Board of Directors to extend ITTS until June 30, 2017, or upon expiration of existing funds or the expiration of any additional funds budgeted and approved by the Board of Directors;
- (3) SASHTO Board of Directors to continue to serve as the ITTS Board of Directors; and
- (4) The sunset of ITTS on June 30, 2017 pending passage of a continuing resolution.

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**Recognizing the Efforts of the Host State**

**WHEREAS**, the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials is being held in Louisville, Kentucky on August 20-24, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is serving as host of the meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Steve Beshear, Secretary of Transportation Mike Hancock, and the employees of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet have worked hard to make the meeting a memorable and professionally rewarding event; and

**WHEREAS**, the agenda, technical exchange and professional development at the meeting have been developed and conducted in a way that benefits each participant.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials do hereby commend Secretary Hancock and the employees of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for their gracious hospitality and professionalism in hosting the SASHTO 2011 Annual Meeting.