

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF  
STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS**

**URGING REGULATORY STREAMLINING FOR  
PERFORMANCE BASED MANAGEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, H.R. 4348, "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21)" includes requirements for the adoption of performance based management practices by each recipient of federal-aid transportation funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the USDOT is tasked with the responsibility of establishing performance measures with input from the states; and

**WHEREAS**, the states must report progress to the USDOT toward meeting performance targets; and

**WHEREAS**, there will be consequences if the National Highway System in any state falls below established thresholds; and

**WHEREAS**, MAP-21 did not provide for increased funding; and

**WHEREAS**, highway maintenance and construction costs are rising.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that SASHTO urges the Federal Highway Administration, working in partnership with the states through the auspices of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) to develop rules, regulations and guidelines for performance based management that encourage improvement in key transportation areas, but are realistic considering our constrained resources environment.

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**ENCOURAGING THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION TO SOLICIT  
STATE, LOCAL AND INDUSTRY INPUT IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
NATIONAL FREIGHT NETWORK AND ALLOW FOR INTERIM FREIGHT  
PROJECT ELIGIBILITY AND IDENTIFICATION**

**WHEREAS**, the “Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21)” identifies a National Freight Policy “to improve the condition of the national freight network to ensure that the national freight network provides the foundation for the United States to compete in the global economy;” and

**WHEREAS**, the National Freight Policy directs that the USDOT Secretary shall establish a National Freight Network to assist states in directing resources toward improved system performance for efficient freight movement; and

**WHEREAS**, a state may designate a road within the borders of a state as a critical rural freight corridor based on pre-defined criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, the USDOT Secretary may increase the Federal share for any project that improves freight movement to 95 percent for projects on the Interstate system and 90 percent for any other project, provided that the Secretary certifies that the project meets pre-defined requirements and eligibility; and

**WHEREAS**, eligible projects must demonstrate progress towards meeting national performance targets for freight movement and be identified in a State freight plan pursuant to Section 1118 of MAP-21.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO), which represents the transportation departments of twelve states and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, encourages AASHTO to recommend that the USDOT explicitly solicit state, local and industry input into the identification of the National Freight Network and final guidance.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that SASHTO encourages AASHTO to recommend that the USDOT allow for interim identification of freight projects for favorable Federal share pending final guidance.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that SASHTO encourages AASHTO to recommend that the USDOT allow states with approved State Freight Plans, functioning State Freight Advisory Committees, and defined State Freight Networks, to be able to access the favorable Federal share for projects on the State Freight Network as well as the National Freight Network.

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**ENCOURAGING THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION TO  
DEVELOP STATE PARTNERSHIPS THAT STREAMLINE THE  
RAILROAD REHABILITATION & IMPROVEMENT FINANCING PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Railroad Rehabilitation & Improvement Financing (RRIF) Program was established by the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) and amended by the Safe Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), and was not repealed by the "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21)"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Administrator under this program is authorized to provide direct loans and loan guarantees up to \$35.0 billion to finance development of railroad infrastructure, with \$7.0 billion reserved for projects benefiting freight railroads other than Class I carriers; and

**WHEREAS**, direct loans can fund up to 100% of a railroad project with repayment periods of up to 35 years and interest rates equal to the cost of borrowing to the government; and

**WHEREAS**, RRIF funding may be used to acquire, improve, or rehabilitate intermodal or rail equipment or facilities, including track, components of track, bridges, yards, buildings and shops; refinance outstanding debt incurred for such purposes; and develop or establish new intermodal or railroad facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, eligible borrowers include railroads, state and local governments, government-sponsored authorities and corporations, joint ventures that include at least one railroad, and limited option freight shippers who intend to construct a new rail connection; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2002, \$1.73 billion in loan agreements have been executed; and

**WHEREAS**, FRA has expressed an interest in exploring partnerships with states to further develop rail and expedite the process for eligible applicants to obtain loans, with particular interest in assisting short line railroads.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO), which represents the transportation departments of twelve states and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, encourages AASHTO to recommend that the FRA develop state partnerships that allow for flexibility to pre-certify or otherwise administer certain eligibility determination and project selection functions of the RRIF program.

**RESOLUTION FOR THE RENEWAL 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, the economy of the southeast, and the need for States to better understand domestic and international trade flows in the region;

**WHEREAS**, the ITTS Board of Directors created ITTS to assist the member states in understanding freight flows and to assist in freight planning;

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

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

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

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The ITTS Board of Directors identified the need for State Departments of Transportation to plan for and fund transportation infrastructure investments to accommodate and promote in the southeast region. 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 Board of Directors approves the extension of the Institute for Trade and Transportation Studies until June 30, 2017;
- (2) The Board of Directors approves the budget, based on the member states that have chosen to participate, committing to pay \$199,000 over the course of the next five years;
- (3) SASHTO Board of Directors continues to serve as the ITTS Board of Directors;
- (4) The sunset of ITTS on June 30, 2017 pending passage of a continuing resolution.

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF  
STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS**

**COMMENDING THE EXEMPLARY SERVICE OF  
JOHN HORSLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF  
STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS (AASHTO) TO AMERICA'S  
TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY**

**WHEREAS**, the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) is the acknowledged leader in transportation issues affecting the Southeastern States and Puerto Rico and is an advocate for transportation excellence on behalf of its member departments; and

**WHEREAS**, SASHTO's purpose includes contributing to national policies on transportation issues that are responsive to the needs of Southeastern States and Puerto Rico as well as working in partnership with AASHTO; and

**WHEREAS**, the SASHTO region has benefited through the leadership of AASHTO's Executive Director by advocating policies and providing technology leadership on behalf of Southeastern States and Puerto Rico; and

**WHEREAS**, John Horsley a native of the Northwest, Harvard graduate, Army veteran, former Peace Corps volunteer and Congressional aide; and

**WHEREAS**, John Horsley was elected to five terms as County Commissioner in Kitsap County, Past President of the National Association of Counties, and founding Chairman of the Rebuild America Coalition; later served as the Associate Deputy Secretary of The US Department of Transportation from 1993 to 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, John Horsley has served as the AASHTO Executive Director since 1999 has

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO), do hereby extend to John Horsley a sincere and grateful appreciation for his tireless contributions advocating for transportation excellence as AASHTO Executive Director on behalf of its member and congratulates him on his well-earned retirement, and best wishes to him and his family for continued happiness, and good health in the years to come.

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
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**COMMENDING THE EXEMPLARY SERVICE OF PETER J. "JACK" BASSO,  
DIRECTOR OF MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT  
OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICIALS (AASHTO) TO AMERICA'S TRANSPORTATION FINANCE INDUSTRY**

**WHEREAS**, the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) is the acknowledged leader in transportation issues affecting the Southeastern States and Puerto Rico and is an advocate for transportation excellence on behalf of its member departments; and

**WHEREAS**, SASHTO's purpose includes contributing to national policies on transportation issues that are responsive to the needs of Southeastern States and Puerto Rico as well as working in partnership with AASHTO; and

**WHEREAS**, the SASHTO region has benefited through the leadership of AASHTO's Director of Business and Development Director by working closely with Congressional staff and other associations with mutual interests in Transportation financing issues on behalf of Southeastern States and Puerto Rico; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter J. "Jack" Basso has over thirty six years of service as a career official included assignments such as Assistant Director for General Management of the Office of Management and Budget, Deputy Chair for Management of the National Endowment for the Arts, and Director of Fiscal Services for the Federal Highway Administration as well as serving as Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs and as Chief Financial Officer of the U.S. Department of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter J. "Jack" Basso has served as the AASHTO Chief Operating Officer and Business Development Director since 2000 and is a nationally recognized expert on transportation finance policies.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO), do hereby extend to Peter J. "Jack" Basso a sincere and grateful appreciation for his tireless contributions advocating for transportation finance as AASHTO Chief Operating Officer and Business Development Director on behalf of its member and congratulates him on his well-earned retirement, and best wishes to him and his family for continued happiness, and good health in the years to come.

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
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**COMMENDING THE EXEMPLARY SERVICE OF DR. ANTHONY R. KANE,  
DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES OF THE AMERICAN  
ASSOCIATION OF STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS  
(AASHTO) TO AMERICA'S TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING INDUSTRY**

**WHEREAS**, the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) is the acknowledged leader in transportation issues affecting the Southeastern States and Puerto Rico and is an advocate for transportation excellence on behalf of its member departments; and

**WHEREAS**, SASHTO's purpose includes contributing to national policies on transportation issues that are responsive to the needs of Southeastern States and Puerto Rico as well as working in partnership with AASHTO; and

**WHEREAS**, the SASHTO region has benefited through the leadership of AASHTO's Engineering and Technical Services Director who works closely with engineering and technical associations with mutual interests in transportation engineering and policy issues on behalf of Southeastern States and Puerto Rico; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Anthony R. Kane (Tony) served as the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA's) Executive Director; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Anthony R. Kane (Tony) has served as AASHTO's Engineering and Technical Services Director since 2001.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO), do hereby extend to Dr. Anthony R. Kane (Tony) a sincere and grateful appreciation for his tireless contributions advocating for transportation engineering policy as AASHTO Engineering and Technical Services Director on behalf of its member and congratulates him on his well-earned retirement, and best wishes to him and his family for continued happiness, and good health in the years to come.

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**COMMENDING THE  
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) meets annually in a rotation among the states and territory within the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2012 SASHTO meeting is being hosted by the South Carolina Department of Transportation in Charleston, South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2012 SASHTO meeting has been a tremendous success in addressing the concerns and issues of the 13 member departments and has provided a rewarding educational opportunity for the delegates to the Conference; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners, Secretary St. Onge and employees of the South Carolina Department of Transportation have worked tirelessly to develop the program for the 2012 SASHTO conference and provide for the needs of the delegates and guests.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of SASHTO commends Transportation Secretary, Robert J. St. Onge, Jr. and his staff from the South Carolina Department of Transportation for a job well done.