



AASHTO 2018 Spring Meeting
Tuesday May 22–Thursday May 24, 2018
in beautiful Franklin, Tennessee

AASHTO TRANSPORTATION POLICY FORUM

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Wednesday, May 23, 2018 | 1:30-5pm CDT | Franklin Marriott Cool Springs | Room: Salon 1-5
Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008 | Conference Room Code: 573-175-380

Meeting Agenda

- 1:30-1:35 **WELCOME**
Carlos Braceras, Chair
- 1:35-1:40 **ROLL CALL OF THE STATES**
Caroline Kiełtyka, AASHTO Program Specialist for Policy
- 1:40-1:45 **APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 27, 2018**
Carlos Braceras, Chair
- 1:45-2:50 **DRAFT AASHTO ROADMAP FOR FAST ACT REAUTHORIZATION**
Carlos Braceras, Chair
- Background
 - Baseline resources
 - Roles and products
 - Committees to be involved
 - Timeline
 - Discussion and approval of the Roadmap
- 2:50-3:00 **BREAK**
- 3:00-4:30 **DISCUSSION OF PRESSING POLICY ISSUES**
Carlos Braceras, Chair
- Infrastructure package
 - How is your state engaging with the Administration and Congress?
 - How do you place relative values between additional funding and regulatory relief?
 - Federal funding
 - BUILD (formerly TIGER): How do you feel about the new timeline, increased funding level, and a non-federal revenue criterion?

- How useful is the brand new rural bridge discretionary grant program created in FY 2019 appropriations?
- If formula dollars are provided in FY 2019 appropriations—similar to \$1.9 billion STBGP boost in FY 2018—what would be the most useful formula program category?
- How satisfied are you with the funding and processes pertaining to FTA Capital Investment Grants, FTA Bus/Bus Facilities grants, FRA Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements grants, and others?
- Rescission of federal funds: The president may propose rescinding prior federal funding. At the same time, states are facing the \$7.6 billion rescission of highway contract authority on July 1, 2010. How are you addressing these funding uncertainties?
- Air Quality Conformity
 - Due to a recent court decision blocking an EPA rule implementing the 2008 National Ambient Air Quality Standard, 1997 standard must once again be analyzed in long-range plans and metropolitan TIPs. For 24 states identified in the FHWA/FTA memo with affected urbanized areas, how are you addressing this issue?
- Connected and Automated Vehicles
 - What is your state’s approach to Congressional proposals via House-passed SELF DRIVE Act and Senate Commerce Committee-passed AV START Act?
 - AASHTO’s 2018 Legislative Action Agenda recommendations from February on this topic included:
 - Finalize the Vehicle-to-Vehicle Communications Rulemaking (NHTSA-2016-0126): The transportation industry must use every tool available, including Dedicated Short Range Communication (DSRC) to connect vehicles with each other and the infrastructure, to make our transportation system safer.
 - Support the Senate AV START Act: Unlike the SELF DRIVE Act passed in the House, the AV START Act which passed the Senate Commerce Committee includes a much clearer preemption language that reflects the successful, longstanding federal-state regulatory paradigm for motor vehicle laws as automated vehicles become a permanent part of our society.
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program
 - State DOTs can receive waivers from USDOT to set DBE contract goals that include only those groups for whom significant disparities were shown based on evidence in their studies. How do states feel about the waiver process? Is your state considering pursuing, and why?
- Tolling
 - Tolling flexibility on Interstate Highways is allowed through a current three state pilot program. The President’s infrastructure initiative proposes to expand this flexibility by removing the three-state cap on participation. How likely is it that your state would be interested in either the current three state pilot program or an expanded Interstate tolling opportunity?
 - Congress has periodically proposed creating a marketplace to exchange excess toll credits, which can be used in lieu of state match. Would your state be interested in such a marketplace?

4:30-5:00 **LEGISLATIVE ENGAGEMENT AND COORDINATION**

Carlos Braceras, Chair

- AASHTO memorandum on Legislative Engagement and Outreach
 - Overview of findings
 - Prioritization of recommendations to implement
 - Enhanced coordination among state DOT government relations/ affairs professionals and outside consultants
 - MAASTO's Strategic Transportation Issues Committee (STIC)
 - Developing the 2019 AASHTO Legislative Action Agenda

5:00 **ADJOURN**

- Next meeting during 2018 AASHTO Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA, from September 20 to 24, 2018