

What is AASHTO?

- The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials—AASHTO—is a 104 year-old nonprofit association of the nation’s state departments of transportation (state DOTs).
- AASHTO’s membership includes the transportation departments of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Its Board of Directors is composed of CEOs of each state DOT.

State Departments of Transportation...

- Underpin economic activities enabled by passenger and freight movement as the primary stewards of our nation’s highway infrastructure:
 - ▶ Design, build, maintain, and operate key highway assets, ranging from 7% of public road miles in California to 89% in West Virginia
 - ▶ Own and operate the Interstate Highway System which handles nearly 25 percent of total vehicle miles traveled annually and 40 percent of truck traffic even though it comprises only 1.2 percent of total public road miles
- Ensure safety through:
 - ▶ Design, construction, and maintenance practices
 - ▶ Governor’s highway safety representatives
 - ▶ Motor vehicle licensing and registration and truck safety regulation
 - ▶ State highway patrol
- Protect the environment by:
 - ▶ Identifying and mitigating environmental vulnerabilities
 - ▶ Ensuring a sustainable and resilient transportation system
 - ▶ Engaging communities to preserve historical and natural assets
- Manage a multimodal transportation network by:
 - ▶ Investing in public transportation (larger share than federal government) and non-motorized travel modes
 - ▶ Operating or supporting public transportation systems, short line railroads, airports, and harbors

AASHTO Leadership

AASHTO leadership is composed of a 52-member Board of Directors—which sets Association policy, the association president, vice president, secretary-treasurer, and executive director.



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2019 AASHTO LEGISLATIVE



ACTION AGENDA

1 Repeal the \$7.6 billion contract authority rescission in the FAST Act.

- ◆ Congress is urged to repeal the \$7.6 billion rescission of highway contract authority scheduled for July 1, 2020.
- ◆ This budgetary gimmick at best impedes state DOT flexibility in programming federal dollars and at worst results in substantial, hard cuts to highway funding at a time when Congress is looking to support transportation investment.

2 Ensure timely reauthorization of a long-term federal surface transportation bill that increases and prioritizes formula-based federal funding provided to states.

- ◆ Funding stability provided by federal programs is absolutely crucial to meet states' capital investment needs which take multiple years to plan and construct.
- ◆ Congress should renew a long-term transportation bill immediately upon FAST Act expiration in September 2020 as short-term program extensions cause unnecessary program disruptions.

3 Ensure strong investment in multimodal transportation by enacting a sustainable revenue solution for the Highway Trust Fund and by passing well-funded FY 2020 appropriations.

- ◆ In order to support a six-year federal surface transportation bill that maintains current funding levels after the FAST Act, \$114 billion in additional revenues is needed for the Highway Trust Fund.
- ◆ Without a fix to the Highway Trust Fund, federal highway funding will be cut by 51 percent and the federal transit program by 100 percent in FY 2021.
- ◆ Congress should build on general fund supplements of \$2.6 billion for highways and \$864 million for transit in FY 2018, and \$3.3 billion for highways and \$800 million for transit proposed for FY 2019.

AASHTO's Strategic Plan Goals

- Provide value to members
- Provide innovative technical and professional services and products
- Be a leader in national transportation policy development
- Communicate the value of transportation and transportation investments

4 Ensure states' ability to safely deploy Connected and Automated Vehicles (CAV) by preserving the 5.9GHz spectrum for transportation purposes.

- ◆ As infrastructure owners and operators, state DOTs support building a strong foundation not only for AVs but also connected vehicle technology such as vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) and vehicle-to-infrastructure (V2I).
- ◆ Congress should preserve the 5.9GHz spectrum for connected vehicles which will help realize many potential benefits including mobility increase, crash reduction, and most importantly saving lives.

5 Allow flexibility to efficiently implement the most effective safety countermeasures.

- ◆ To make the most significant reductions in traffic fatalities and serious injuries, states combine efforts from multiple safety disciplines to implement the most effective countermeasure in the most efficient manner.
- ◆ Congress should restore flexibility for states to use a portion of Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds for non-infrastructure safety programs and for safety research.