

AASHTO Transportation Policy Forum

STRATEGIC PLAN

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Goal 1: Coordinate preparation of AASHTO transportation policies

The Transportation Policy Forum will lead development of proposed AASHTO policies based on priorities identified by the Board of Directors or the Strategic Management Committee. It will also coordinate the development of proposed policies for multimodal, multidisciplinary and emerging issues that originate from and are referred by Committees or Councils.

Strategy 1a: Lead development of proposed AASHTO policies for Board consideration based on priorities identified by the Board of Directors or the Strategic Management Committee.

Strategy 1b: Coordinate the development of proposed AASHTO policies for Board consideration for multimodal, multidisciplinary and emerging issues that originate from and are referred by Committees or Councils.

Strategy 1c: Coordinate the development of AASHTO's legislative priorities articulated through the annual Legislative Action Agenda.

Goal 2: Coordinate development of AASHTO's reauthorization positions

Working with AASHTO's Committees and Councils, the Forum has primary responsibility for coordinating the development of AASHTO's reauthorization policy positions. This responsibility requires the Forum to ensure that all relevant Committees and Councils have ample opportunity to provide input through consultation, white papers, research or other means identified. Based on this input the Forum is responsible for balancing the input to prepare draft AASHTO policy recommendations for consideration by the Board of Directors.

Strategy 2a: Identify emerging issues and internal or external proposals that have the potential to be included in reauthorization legislation. Develop a plan for coordinating input and recommendations related to these through the AASHTO Committee and Council structure.

Strategy 2b: Synthesize, and as needed, resolve differences in Committee and Council input to prepare draft AASHTO Policy Resolutions to recommend to the Board of Directors.

Strategy 2c: Coordinate development and recommend to the Board of Directors a proactive reauthorization communication strategy that ensures AASHTO effectively communicates its reauthorization proposals and priorities to the long-term benefit of the nation's multimodal transportation system.

Goal 3: Monitor and as needed coordinate the AASHTO response to new federally proposed legislative, regulatory policy issues

The Forum serves as the focal point for coordinating AASHTO's response to proposed federal legislation and regulation for assigned topics as well as topics referred by committees. At times, this responsibility may require the Forum to provide a quick response recommendation to the Board of Directors.

Strategy 3a: Regularly review the legislative monitoring and response process to ensure that it reflects the overall goals and the collaborative intent behind the AASHTO committee reorganization.

Strategy 3b: For assigned and referred topics for which there is no existing Association policy, prepare and recommend to the Board of Directors AASHTO's response to federal legislative and regulatory proposals.

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Goal 4: Coordinate the development of an AASHTO legislative outreach strategy

Effective internal and external outreach and communication is critical to the successful implementation of AASHTO's legislative agenda. These efforts must be ongoing and coordinated across the entire AASHTO structure and the member departments. It should leverage AASHTO's industry leadership in its outreach to public and private sector partners and stakeholders.

Strategy 4a: Coordinate the internal development and implementation of the AASHTO legislative outreach strategy based on input from the Strategic Management Committee, Councils, and/or the Special Committee on Freight.

Strategy 4b: Provide ongoing guidance on AASHTO's legislative outreach and engagement with external partners including federal, state, and local government agencies and peer membership associations in the transportation industry representing public and private sector interests.

Goal 5: Coordinate the routing of technical documents to appropriate Councils and/or Special Committee on Freight for review and balloting

Under AASHTO's committee reorganization, the Forum has the ongoing responsibility for ensuring that technical documents are vetted fully by all relevant Councils, Committees, and/or the Special Committee on Freight. As needed, the Forum also has overall responsibility for adjudicating conflicts in technical standards or specifications recommended by Councils and/or the Special Committee on Freight.

Strategy 5a: Ensure that the technical document review and balloting process provides ample opportunity for relevant committee review.

Strategy 5b: In cases where there are conflicting recommendations from Councils and/or the Special Committee on Freight on matters of technical standards and specifications, the Forum adjudicates and assigns to the Committee, Council, and/or the Special Committee on Freight deemed most technically appropriate for recommendations on resolving the conflict.