

Policy Resolution PR-1-20

Title: AASHTO Resolution Regarding the Transportation Research Board's Centennial

Whereas, The Transportation Research Board (TRB) of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine was founded on November 11, 1920 as the Advisory Board on Highway Research;

Whereas, On December 8, 1921, the American Association of State Highway officials (AASHO) passed a resolution that said, "Be it resolved that the American Association of Highway Officials welcomes the establishment by the National Research Council of the Advisory Board on Highway Research, and the Association pledges its support to the Advisory Board in this much-needed effort to stimulate and coordinate highway research.";

Whereas, Throughout TRB's history, leaders and staff of state departments of transportation have been involved in and helped guide TRB activities, with many thousands of state DOT employees having served as members of TRB standing technical committees and research panels;

Whereas, TRB has served an important professional development opportunity for many thousands of employees of state departments of transportation;

Whereas, state departments of transportation have benefited greatly from adopting and implementing research results that have either been developed by TRB or presented by others through TRB's annual meeting, conferences, workshops, and committee meetings;

Whereas, TRB's National Cooperative Highway Research Program, which is funded through voluntary contributions from state departments of transportation, and whose governing and project selection board is the AASHTO Special Committee on Research and Innovation, has produced many research results that have served as the basis for AASHTO specifications, policies, and manuals;

Whereas, TRB, in a partnership with AASHTO and the Federal Highway Administration has performed strategic research studies that have produced results that have been widely adopted by state departments of transportation;

Whereas, in 1974, shortly after AASHO became AASHTO the Highway Research Board became the Transportation Research Board, and now serves all modes of transportation that state departments of transportation are responsible for; and

Whereas, TRB has produced numerous advisory studies that have informed policy at all levels of government in the United States that have been useful for state departments of transportation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Transportation Research Board, that the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials reaffirms its strong support for the programs of the Transportation Research Board and looks forward to a strong partnership between AASHTO and TRB for the next 100 years.