We Lead the Way

AASHTO Leads the Way


AASHTO as the voice of transportation works to educate the public and key decision makers about the critical role that transportation plays in securing a good quality of life and sound economy for our nation. Representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, AASHTO serves as a liaison between state departments of transportation and the federal government. AASHTO is an international leader in setting technical standards for all phases of highway system development. Standards are issued for design, construction of highways and bridges, materials, and many other technical areas.

AASHTO’s policy development, standards setting, and technical activities are the product of volunteer state department of transportation personnel who work through the AASHTO committee structure. The committees collaborate throughout the year and typically meet annually. AASHTO has committees that support all transportation modes, and that represent the highest standard of transportation expertise in the country, address virtually every element of planning, designing, constructing, and maintaining transportation service.

AASHTO serves as a catalyst for excellence in transportation by offering:

- Smart solutions and promising practices;
- Critical information, training, and data;
- Direct technical assistance to states; and
- Unparalleled expertise.
President Hancock’s Emphasis Areas

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Secretary Michael W. Hancock was elected AASHTO’s president in October 2013. Hancock has identified three emphasis areas for AASHTO:

- Updating the AASHTO Strategic Plan
- Promoting the implementation and the deployment of new technologies to improve efficiencies and innovation in the transportation system;
- And, leading AASHTO’s effort to prepare for the next surface transportation reauthorization bill in 2014.

AASHTO MISSION The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials advocates transportation-related policies and provides technical services to support states in their efforts to efficiently and safely move people and goods.

AASHTO VISION The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials is the voice for transportation and catalyst for organizational and technical excellence.

Engineering and Technical Assistance

Standards and Technical Publications

Through AASHTO, the nation’s preeminent transportation experts come together to advance the state of the art in transportation from design standards to environmental practices. Through their work, AASHTO develops and publishes more than 125 volumes of standards and guidelines that are used worldwide. In the design, construction, maintenance, operation, and administration of highways, bridges, and other transportation facilities. Available at bookstore.transportation.org.
AASHTO Materials Reference Laboratory
AASHTO’s AMRL assesses construction materials and testing laboratories throughout the United States and Canada for conformance with AASHTO and ASTM standards. AMRL also operates the AASHTO Accreditation Program, which promotes uniformity and quality in laboratory testing. www.amrl.net

National Transportation Product Evaluation Program
Innovation in products and materials is an essential part of a modern transportation agency. To accelerate the implementation of such innovation, NTPEP provides quality and responsive engineering for the testing and evaluation of products, materials, and devices that are commonly used by the state departments of transportation. By pooling resources of AASHTO’s member departments to test materials of common interest, NTPEP reduces duplicate testing while providing industry with a one-stop shop for the evaluation of transportation products. ntpep.org.

AASHTOWare
AASHTO is the premier developer of transportation-related software products based on many of its standards, specifications, and guide documents, which are designed specifically to meet the needs of today’s transportation agencies. The AASHTOWare technical-service program is based on a “best practices” approach. It allows member agencies to pool their resources to produce software at a significant cost savings. aashtoware.org

Multi-State Technical Assistance Program
MTAP provides a forum through which state-level, public-transportation agencies can pursue technical assistance that benefits their state offices as well as their federal counterparts and local transit operators. A wide range of information on public-transportation funding, operations, and program management is exchanged through MTAP conference calls and meetings. scopt.transportation.org/pages/MTAP.aspx

Census Transportation Planning Products
The Census Transportation Planning Products (CTPP) Technical Service Program provides data from the census bureau for necessary transportation planning purposes. The CTPP also delivers training and technical support and fosters and supports research on improving data’s utility. ctpp.transportation.org

Technology Implementation Group
The Technology Implementation Group (TIG) identifies emerging innovations deployed and used by State Departments of Transportation including software, equipment and devices, and processes. TIG uses a peer to peer marketing approach to help accelerate innovation and technology adoption within other agencies—saving time and money while improving efficiency and operations. www.tig.transportation.org
Finance

Center for Excellence in Project Finance
Established by Congress, the Center provides an array of services to help equip senior transportation executives and finance professionals to better understand the policy ramifications of new financing approaches and more effectively employ various techniques. The Center offers research and consulting services, along with comprehensive information on transportation finance to all state DOTs.

Transportation Leadership

National Transportation Management Conferences
AASHTO’s National Transportation Management Conferences, a series of one-week courses, provide new transportation managers with an introduction to fundamental management concepts and help more experienced middle-managers reinforce existing skills.

National Transportation Leadership Institute
AASHTO’s National Transportation Leadership Institute is a graduate-level management training program that supplements essential engineering capabilities with extensive training in leadership/management techniques oriented toward senior level highway and transportation department operations. Subject matter ranges from fundamentals to advanced and sophisticated concepts. The Institute places special emphasis on contemporary concepts, processes and strategies.

Management and Finance
AASHTO offers its members training, services, and tools focused on project financing and oversight, public outreach, and participation in project planning and delivery as well as identifying cost-saving opportunities.

The Environment

Center for Environmental Excellence
The Center provides technical assistance, training, information exchange, partnership-building opportunities, and quick-and-easy access to environmental tools for our member departments. It promotes environmental excellence in the delivery of transportation services by encouraging environmental stewardship and disseminating innovative ways to streamline the transportation delivery process. The Center’s website, environment.transportation.org, provides a clearinghouse of environmental information for transportation professionals, including federal activity, research, best practices, and environmental tools.

Sustainable Transportation

Energy, Infrastructure, and Climate Solutions Technical Assistance Program
This program supplies AASHTO members with timely information, tools, and technical assistance to help them meet the difficult challenges that arise from maintaining a resilient transportation system in the face of infrastructure vulnerabilities, energy demands, diminishing resources, and extreme weather patterns. This program is a critical resource for state Departments of Transportation in better understanding the potential vulnerabilities of transportation from extreme weather
events and the range of sustainable strategies related to mitigation and adaptation. The program’s services include a website clearinghouse, bi-monthly newsletters, technical assistance, and white papers, webinars, and conferences on relevant topics.

**Environmental Technical Assistance Program**

Administered through the association’s Standing Committee on the Environment, the program provides valuable assistance to state departments of transportation through weekly environment/transportation alerts, research assistance, and consultant assistance.

**News and Communications**

**Engaging the Public in Support of Transportation**

As the Voice of Transportation, AASHTO works to build public support and recognition for a solid transportation system, which is the foundation for the nation’s future success. The AASHTO Communications Division uses a variety of strategies and tactics in support of its members and the transportation community including media relations, social media tools, policy reports, an online web video channel and mobile phone apps.

AASHTO publishes daily and weekly news products and maintains an extensive website as part of its efforts to communicate the latest information on the association and the transportation industry to our members and other interested parties. Electronic subscriptions are available free of charge at news.transportation.org

The Daily Transportation Update is published every business day. It contains links to transportation stories published across the country and Federal Register notices pertaining to the transportation sector.

The weekly AASHTO Journal reports on transportation news at the federal and state levels.

Transportation TV is AASHTO’s comprehensive web video channel, presenting thought-provoking, industry-related videos, at TransportationTV.org. You can also follow AASHTO on Facebook (www.facebook.com) and Twitter (www.twitter.com).

**Be a Part of AASHTO**

Associate membership in AASHTO is available to any government entity, association, or organization whose primary purpose is to finance, monitor, plan, or manage any part of the nation’s transportation system. For more information about AASHTO membership, contact Monica Russell at 202–624–3696 or mrussell@aashto.org.
KEY OFFICIALS

President
Michael W. Hancock, P.E.
Secretary, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Vice President
John Cox
Director, Wyoming DOT

Executive Director
Bud Wright

Secretary/Treasurer
Carlos Braceras, P.E.
Deputy Director
Utah DOT

AASHTO MEMBERS
For a complete listing of the AASHTO member departments, visit www.transportation.org

STAFF MEMBERS
For a complete listing of AASHTO staff members and their areas of expertise, go to www.transportation.org

STANDING COMMITTEES
- Aviation
- Finance and Administration
- Highway Traffic Safety
- Public Transportation
- Rail Transportation
- Water Transportation
- Environment
- Highways
- Planning
- Performance
- Management
- Research

SPECIAL COMMITTEES
- Intermodal Transportation and Economic Expansion
- Commissioners and Boards
- Cooperative Software Development

AASHTO DIVISIONS
Program Finance and Management, Jim Tymon, Director
Engineering and Technical Services, King Gee, Director
Policy and Government Relations, Janet Oakley, Director
Communications, Lloyd Brown, Director
Publications Production, Erin Grady, Director
Meetings & Membership Services, Monica Russell, Director

AASHTO TECHNICAL SERVICES
- TRAC & Rides
- Transportation Security and Emergency Management
- AASHTO Materials Reference Laboratory
- Wireless Communication Technology
- U.S. Route Numbering
- AASHTOWare
- National Transportation Products Evaluation and Testing