

ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION AR-1-07

TITLE: PROPOSED TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS PROJECT DELIVERY ISSUES

WHEREAS, AASHTO's organizational structure mirrors the typical state transportation agency, which is organized in traditional functional areas, including planning, environment, design, construction, maintenance, and operations; and

WHEREAS, The evolution of delivering transportation programs and projects is forcing a review of traditional organizational approaches and philosophies, including the "concept to completion" philosophy; and

WHEREAS, Project delivery includes the development, implementation, and maintenance of a project throughout its useful life, and many project delivery issues cut across the traditional functional areas of State DOT organizations; and

WHEREAS, Context-Sensitive Solutions (CSS) are an intrinsic part of project delivery and have applications in all stages of project development; and

WHEREAS, CSS has been adopted by many state departments of transportation throughout the United States as a new way of doing business, and CSS continues to be an ongoing subject of importance; and

WHEREAS, A primary goal of the AASHTO Task Force on Context-Sensitive Solutions, scheduled to sunset at the 2007 AASHTO Annual Meeting, was to mainstream the concepts of CSS into the standard operation of the State DOTs; and

WHEREAS, During their 2007 summer meetings, members of the Standing Committee on Planning (SCOP), Standing Committee on Environment (SCOE), and the subcommittees and technical committees of the Standing Committee on Highways (SCOH) reviewed the work of the Task Force on CSS and provided comments on the future of CSS within AASHTO, and this Resolution was developed as a result of that input;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Task Force on Context-Sensitive Solutions shall sunset at the end of the AASHTO Annual Meeting 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a new Task Force on Project Management and Delivery will be established to explore the need to address the many project management and delivery issues that cut across the traditional functional areas within State DOTs and, if needed, recommend a structure within AASHTO to address these issues and provide technical assistance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this task force will also continue the existing CSS work program identified jointly by AASHTO and FHWA, and determine how best to institutionalize CSS within AASHTO; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Task Force will report to SCOH, and its membership shall consist of a Chair, 8 representatives from SCOH and its subcommittees, 4 members each from SCOP and SCOE, 1 member from the Standing Committee on Quality, and 1 member from the Federal Highway Administration for a total of 19 members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, These members shall be appointed by the AASHTO President based on input from the Chairs of SCOP, SCOE, and SCOH; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Task Force will return to SCOH and the Board of Directors with an interim progress report in Spring 2008 and a final proposal in Fall 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Task Force will sunset at the 2009 Annual Meeting.