

AASHTO Welcome and Update

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New Face at AASHTO



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MAP-21

- MAP-21 finally passed! (...2½ years late)
- 2-year bill, \$105 billion
 - Significantly consolidated the number of programs
 - 92% of funds go to core highway programs
 - No earmarks (previously 10% of funds)
 - Various streamlining and project delivery provisions



Reauthorization

- “MAP-21 is a 5-year bill with 2 years of funding”
 - Requirements and implementation extend beyond 2014
 - AASHTO not seeking wholesale changes in the next bill
- 8 teams set up to review provisions in MAP-21 and determine needed revisions
 - Recommendations to the AASHTO Reauthorization Steering Committee and the AASHTO Board of Directors in the fall

TEAMS:

- Highways
- Transit
- Safety
- Freight
- Finance
- Project Delivery
- Performance Measures
- Planning and Asset Management

Recent AASHTO Meetings

- AASHTO Spring Meeting – SCOH and Board of Directors
 - Concerns with new Buy America provisions
 - Response to FCC on 5.9 GHz sharing proposal
 - Update of AASHTO Strategic Plan just getting started
- NCHRP looking for panel members for their research projects

SHRP2 Implementation

It's finally getting REAL!

- First solicitation occurred this past spring
- 34 states and DC are participating in first round of product implementation
- 65+ products being released in next several years
- States being sought to participate in implementation efforts



SHRP2 Products...so far!

Products released in Round 1:

- Bridge Designs for Rapid Renewal (R04)
- Managing Risk in Rapid Renewal Projects (R09)
- Managing Complex Projects (R10)
- Preservation on High-Volume Roadways (R26)
- Implementing Eco-Logical (C06)
- Organizing for Reliability Tools (L01/L06)

Coming this fall in Round 2 :

- Reducing Utility Conflicts (R15)
- Railroad Coordination (R16)
- Performance Specs to Accelerate Project Delivery (R07)
- Expediting Environmental Reviews (C19)

Performance Measures

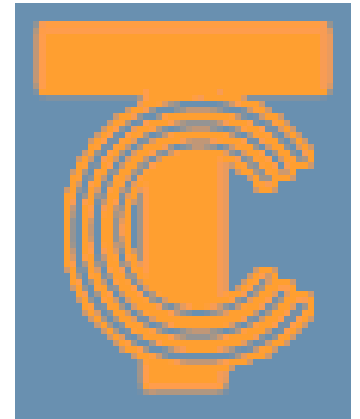
- Standing Committee on Performance Management
 - Developing recommendations on national-level performance measures, target setting, and reporting
 - Exploring communication options
 - Preparing to respond to a series of NPRMs over next 9 months
- Safety
 - Pavement Condition
 - Bridges
 - System Performance
 - Freight
 - Congestion/
Air Quality

Operations Center of Excellence

- Collaborative effort of AASHTO, FHWA, ITE, and ITS America
- Topic areas to include Operations, Traffic Engineering, Maintenance, Security, Emergency Management, Freight
- Formal establishment this fall
- Built on foundation of SHRP2 project L17, Operations Knowledge Transfer System

Training/Workforce Development

- Transportation Curriculum Coordination Council (TC₃) transitioning from FHWA to AASHTO
 - TC₃ is a source for course development, web-based training, information, and resource sharing
 - Geared to construction, maintenance, and materials engineers and technicians
- Established through a Technical Service Program
- Goal is to become self-sustaining in 5 years



Thank you!

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