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Strategic Transportation Issues Committee Town Hall Meeting

New Orleans, Louisiana
Tuesday, August 26, 2014
10:30 am – Noon



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Constitution of the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

Article V - Committees and Task Forces

A Strategic Transportation Issues Committee shall perform in an advisory role to the Board of Directors. The Committee shall develop resolutions for consideration by the Board of Directors and shall advise on policy issues as requested.

Membership shall be comprised of one representative and an alternate from each Member State appointed by the executive head of the highway or transportation department of the Member State. The Secretary shall serve as Chairperson, and the Vice Chairperson of the Committee shall be appointed by the President.

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Strategic Transportation Issues Committee 2013-14 Activities

Monthly Meetings – 2nd Thursday

- Federal Update
- Work Plan
- SASHTO Shares

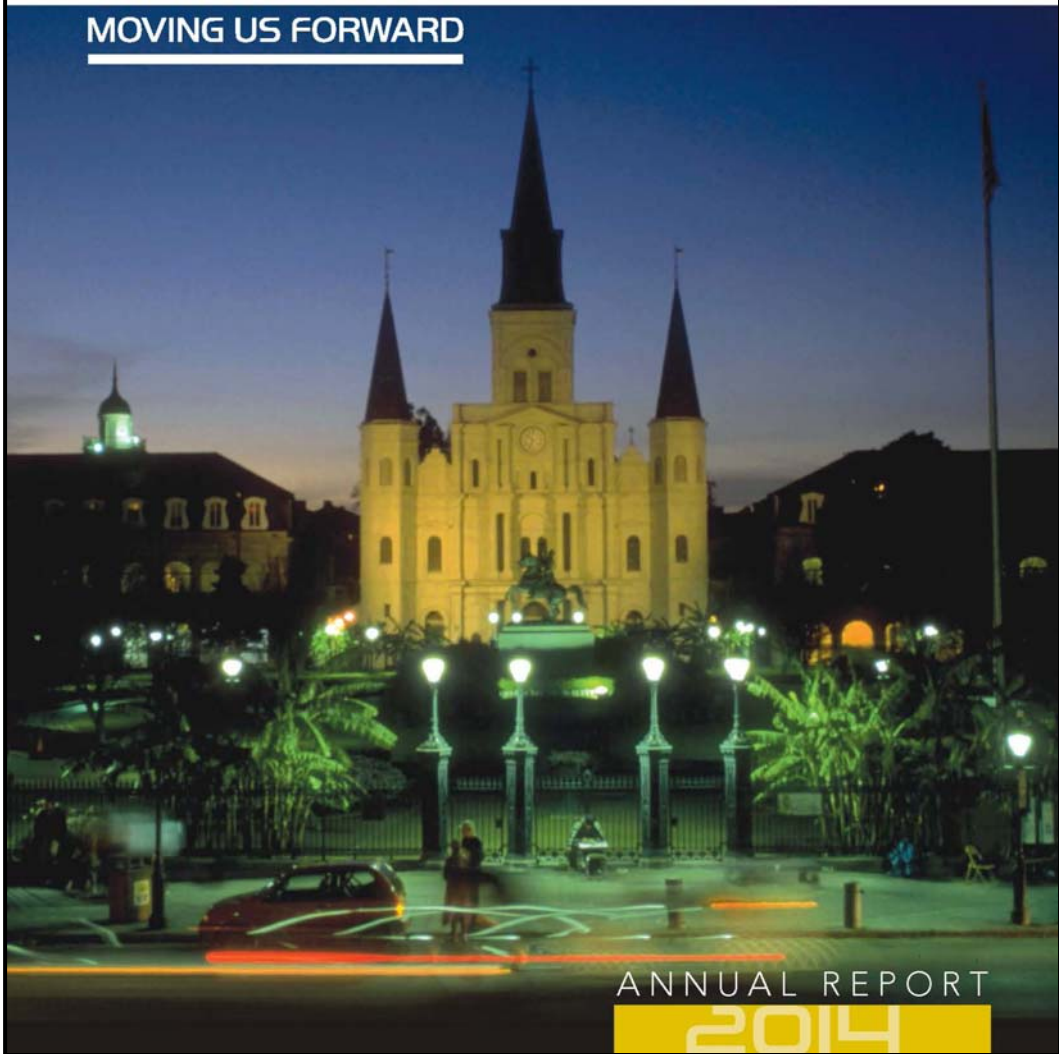
Key Products

- 2014 Annual Report
- Draft Resolutions
- Policy and Legislative Agenda

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ANNUAL REPORT

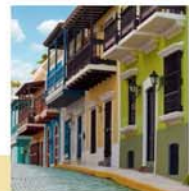
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Dos Hermanos Bridge, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Winner of the "Environmental Protection in the Construction Area" Award, granted by FHWA in 2013.

photos (Top to Bottom)

1. Cataño Terminal.
2. Train Station and Science Boulevard-Cupey.
3. Old San Juan.



During construction of the Dos Hermanos Bridge, we achieved the preservation of the Manatees colony and habitat, an endangered species. This is an example of how we can work towards the common welfare of our citizens, while protecting our natural environment.

MIGUEL A. TORRES DÍAZ
Secretary
Puerto Rico Department of Transportation and Public Works
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Accomplishments

- The Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) strengthened its relationship with FHWA and FTA by improving compliance with existing grants and federal programs. This has maximized opportunities for new federal funding.
 - » The Maritime Transportation Authority (MTA) won a grant from FTA for the rehabilitation of the Roosevelt Roads passenger ferry port. This project will facilitate an optional shorter route to the Islands of Vieques and Culebra. Travel time will be reduced to 20 minutes instead of an hour and half from our current terminal in Fajardo.
 - » We obligated \$244,411,807 in federal funds, the largest amount ever provided to the Highway and Transportation Authority (HTA) from FHWA.
 - » HTA completed The Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) in December 2013.
- In the road safety area, HTA accomplished several initiatives such as: observing Work Zone Awareness Week and hosting our first Safety Summit, in which groups from the public and private sector, including non-profit organizations, contributed significantly. We also began developing the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP).
- A novel legislation created the Integrated Transportation Authority (ATI, for its Spanish acronym). All public mass transportation systems will be under this entity. This achievement will assure a common public policy agenda in favor of mass transportation, while financial, technical, and human resources are shared.

New Initiatives

- MTA completed construction of an eco terminal in Cataño. This state of the art facility was built using US Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) criteria and qualifies to obtain platinum certification.
- On PR-22 a new Dynamic Toll Lane (DTL) and Bus Rapid Transit system was established for the use of vehicles and the Metro Urbano. The Metro Urbano buses bring passengers from Toa Baja to the Urban Train station in Bayamón every 15 minutes and at the same time these lanes function as a DTL for private vehicles, saving drivers about 30 minutes in peak traffic hours.

Looking Ahead

- DTPW will further promote mass and non-motorized modes of transportation. The LRTP included bicycle and pedestrian projects. Construction of bicycle lanes in various municipalities is already underway.
- Educating the public regarding the rights and obligations of drivers and cyclists is a priority on DTPW's agenda in the coming year to prevent accidents and protect cyclists.
- HTA will continue focusing on safety, bridges, pavements, ITS, mass transit, planning and construction in accordance with MAP-21.

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2014-15 Proposed Resolutions

- MAP-21 Reauthorization
- Transportation and the Economy
- Leading Transportation Change and Innovation
- New Partnerships
- National Performance Measures
- Truck Size and Weight Laws
- Transportation Funding
- Toll Interoperability and Interstate Enforcement
- National Highway System
- Wetland Preservation
- Transportation Alternatives Program Projects
- Inviting Texas DOT to Join SASHTO

Policy and Legislative Agenda

The SASHTO Board of Directors met on August 27, 2013 and adopted resolutions which support this Policy and Legislation Agenda. The full text of the resolutions is at sashto.org/resolutions2013.pdf.

MAP-21 Reauthorization—the new program structure and performance-based approach to transportation decision-making must be given sufficient time for an effective implementation. Congress should reauthorize MAP-21 for three years with increased funding and sufficient flexibility for states to address their unique mobility and access needs.

Passage of the Water Resources Development Act—recognizing the vital importance of all infrastructure to regional and national economic prosperity, job creation, and quality of life, SASHTO urges the Congress to enact a new Water Resources Development Act this year.

Transportation & the Economy—SASHTO recommends an expanded federal, state and private sector collaboration to reinvest in transportation infrastructure at levels that would steadily reduce the backlog of needs while spurring economic growth. Congress should advance legislation that promotes and incentivizes public-private partnerships and other ways for expanding transportation revenue.

Leading Transportation Change & Innovation—SASHTO states affirm a commitment to be innovation leaders and to advocate for real solutions to the structural issues and inadequacies of the Highway Trust Fund. This must entail a focus on new and innovative ways to ensure sufficient revenue and better leveraging technological advances, partnerships and other means for maximizing resources.

National Performance Measures—SASHTO states are committed to performance management and measurement, but strongly oppose using performance measures to apportion federal funds among the states. SASHTO urges Congress to require that three state reporting cycles be completed before considering further changes to performance measures.

New Partnerships—SASHTO states commit to an expanded collaboration with the Southern Governors Association, the Southern Legislative Conference, the private sector and others to advocate common transportation policies and solutions to our transportation needs.

Truck Size and Weight Laws—SASHTO opposes any legislation that would result in greater damage to the nation's highways. Proposals to increase truck size and weight limits would lead to significant damage to the transportation systems and result in many more weight posted bridges, particularly on the Interstate and National Highway Systems.

Unfunded Mandates—SASHTO is concerned over expanded federal mandates without funding for their implementation and urges Congress to alleviate these mandates, such as the responsibilities that automatically came with the expansion of the National Highway System, including enforcement of outdoor advertising regulations and junkyard regulations.

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Current Issues List

- Mileage-Based User Fees
- Commercialization of Rest Areas
- Focused Federal Role
- Driverless Vehicles
- Wetlands – and Credits
- Alternative Fuel Vehicles
- Toll Reciprocity
- Texas Invite Consideration

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