

Setting the Stage

Responsiveness and streamlining serve as foundation for committee structure review

Following the adoption of a new strategic plan in 2014, the AASHTO Board of Directors requested a comprehensive review of the committee structure and operations to ensure that AASHTO is providing the highest possible value to its members.

What's New?

The proposed restructuring:

- Realigns entities reporting to the Board of Directors and increases the multimodal focus of AASHTO.
- Establishes a Strategic Management Committee within the Board of Directors to provide top-down guidance and direction to the Policy Forum, Councils, and Committees.
- Creates a Transportation Policy Forum to which six modal Councils and a Special Committee on Freight provide input on policy direction and technical needs.
- Groups committees based on their primary role within a typical transportation agency: Program Delivery and Operations, Enterprise/Cross-Discipline, and Administration.
- Expands/combines the scope of some committees, reduces overlap in others, and introduces new topic areas.
- Increases multi-modal communication and collaboration, facilitated by a new multi-modal Transportation Policy Forum
- Improves nimbleness and expedites committee decision-making through steering groups within each committee
- Streamlines and simplifies access of senior leaders to the policy and technical committees
- Addresses cross-functional issues through liaisons and more consistent interactions between committees

Why This Matters

AASHTO exists to serve its members. For more than 100 years, AASHTO has depended on the involvement and support of its member state DOT volunteers. Ensuring that the committee structure functions efficiently and effectively on behalf of AASHTO members is critical to the long-term success of the organization and the nation's transportation system. The involvement of AASHTO's members in the restructuring effort has continued the legacy of our volunteers anticipating change, evaluating possibilities, and collaborating on improvements.

Want to Know More?

Additional committee review materials, including a list of CCR steering committee members, timelines, and important documents, can be found on the committee web site, committeereview.transportation.org.

AASHTO Strategic Plan Goals

- Provide value to members
- Provide innovative technical and professional services and products
- Be a leader in national transportation policy development
- Communicate the value of transportation

About the CCR Steering Committee

The Comprehensive Committee Review Steering Committee is comprised of state DOT CEOs and senior DOT officials. It met frequently over the past 18 months.

The Steering Committee considered a variety of potential committee structure scenarios, including a largely “no-change” scenario with only procedural changes to the existing committee structure.

Strategic Objectives Achieved

The proposed plan achieves the following objectives through both structural and operational changes to AASHTO's committees:

- Responds to state-identified priorities and ensures engagement on emerging issues through a new Strategic Management Committee at the Board level

Following adoption by the AASHTO Board of Directors, the next step will be to develop a phased, multi-year implementation plan.

Proposed AASHTO Committee Structure

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