



# **AASHTO**

## **Comprehensive Committees Review (CCR)**

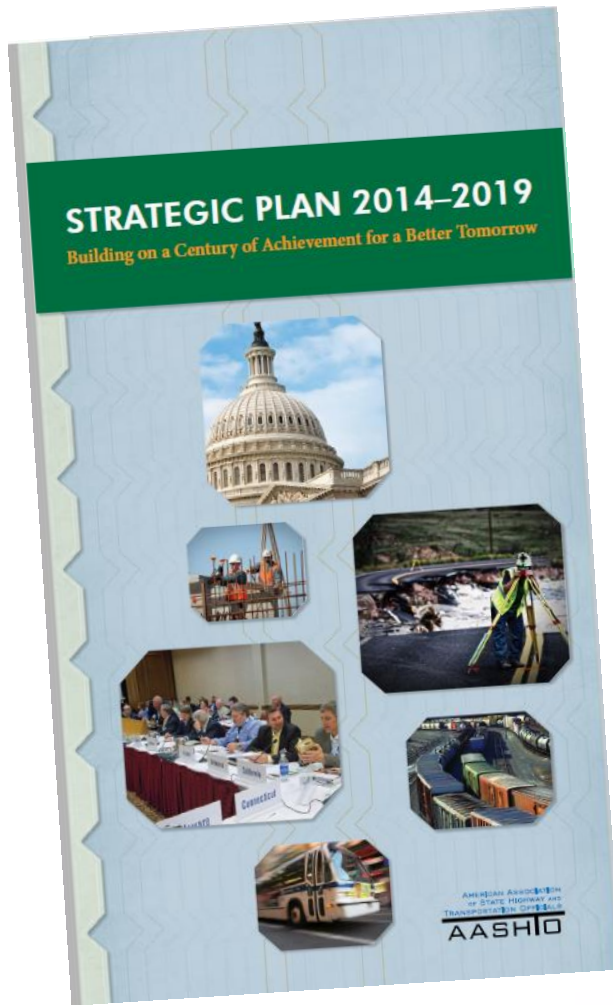
Status Update – May 2016



# AASHTO Strategic Plan

## Strategic 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



# CCR-Identified Restructuring Opportunities

- Responsiveness to state-identified priorities
- Committee structure streamlining & simplification
- Expediting committee decision-making
- Increasing multi-modal communication and collaboration
- Addressing cross-functional issues
- Organizational nimbleness and responsiveness to quickly-developing matters
- Appropriate engagement on emerging issues



# Committee Review Objectives

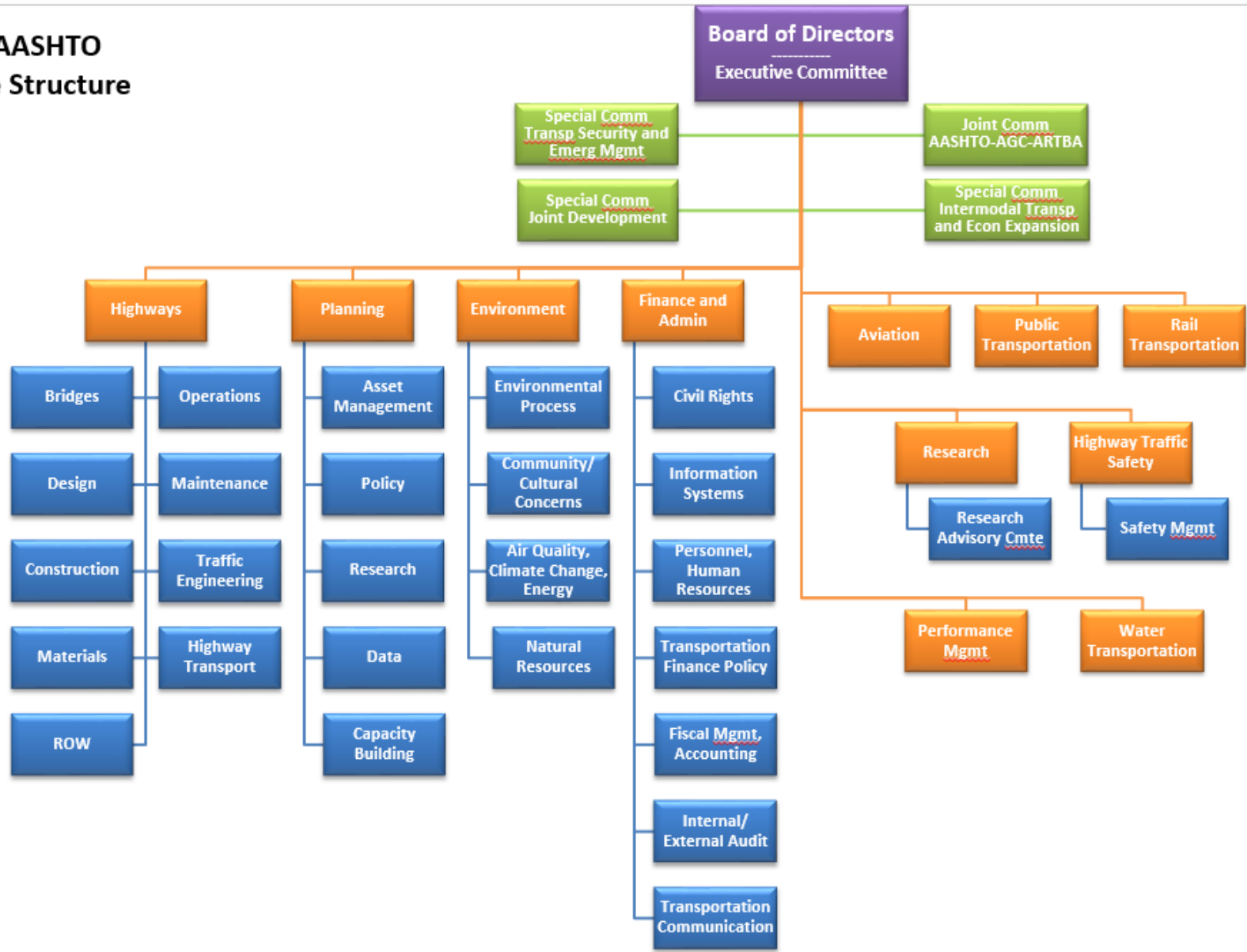
1. Better address State DOT priorities
2. Streamline/simplify the structure
3. Expedite committee decision-making
4. Increase multi-modal communications and collaborations
5. Effectively handle cross-cutting issues
6. Increase nimbleness and responsiveness
7. Better address gap and emerging issues
8. Use available state DOT expertise
9. Enhance state DOT engagement in AASHTO

# CCR Steering Committee Membership

- **Paul Trombino** – Director, Iowa DOT, Co-Chair
- **Carlos Braceras** – Director, Utah DOT, Co-Chair
- **Grant Levi** – Director, North Dakota DOT
- **Tim Henkel** – Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota DOT
- **Paul Degges** – Chief Engineer, Tennessee DOT
- **Gregory Slater** – Planning and Programming Director, Maryland (SHA) DOT
- **Paul Worley** – Rail Division Director, North Carolina DOT
- *Former Members: Mike Hancock (KY), Del McOmie (WY)*



Current AASHTO  
Committee Structure



# Guiding the Committee Review Work

- Provide committees with more clarity on their role and their responsibilities within the organization
- Focus committees on national issues prioritized at the Board of Directors level
- Reduce inconsistencies in the operation and oversight of the committees by providing guidance from the top while allowing flexibility within the committees to accomplish their objectives



# Guiding the Committee Review Work

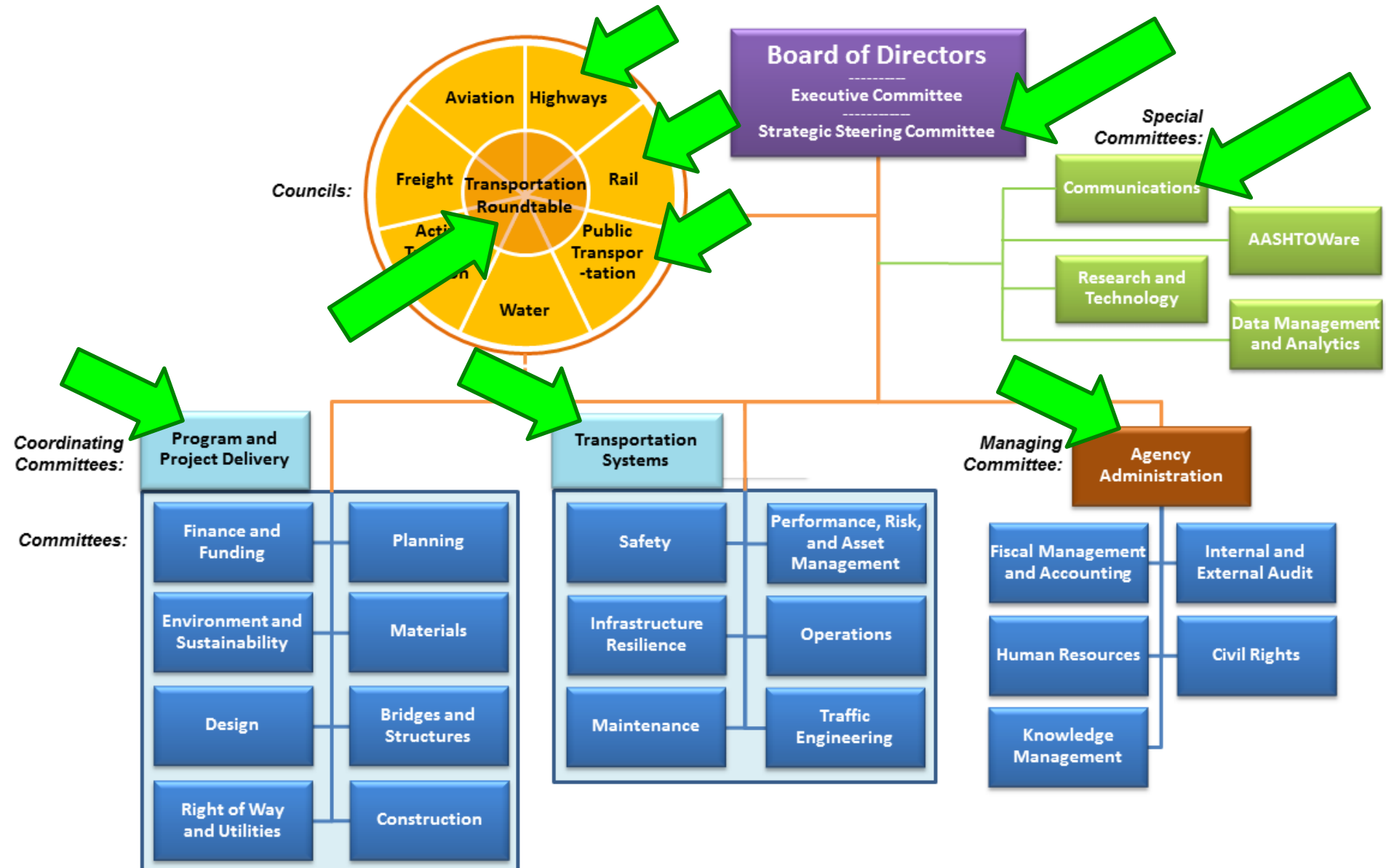
- Increase communication and collaboration between committees to ensure stronger decision-making and improve coordination of cross-cutting and emerging issues, including the following:
  - Technology
  - Administration
  - Multi-modal Considerations
  - Environment
  - Performance
  - Safety and Security
  - Economics
  - Outside Input



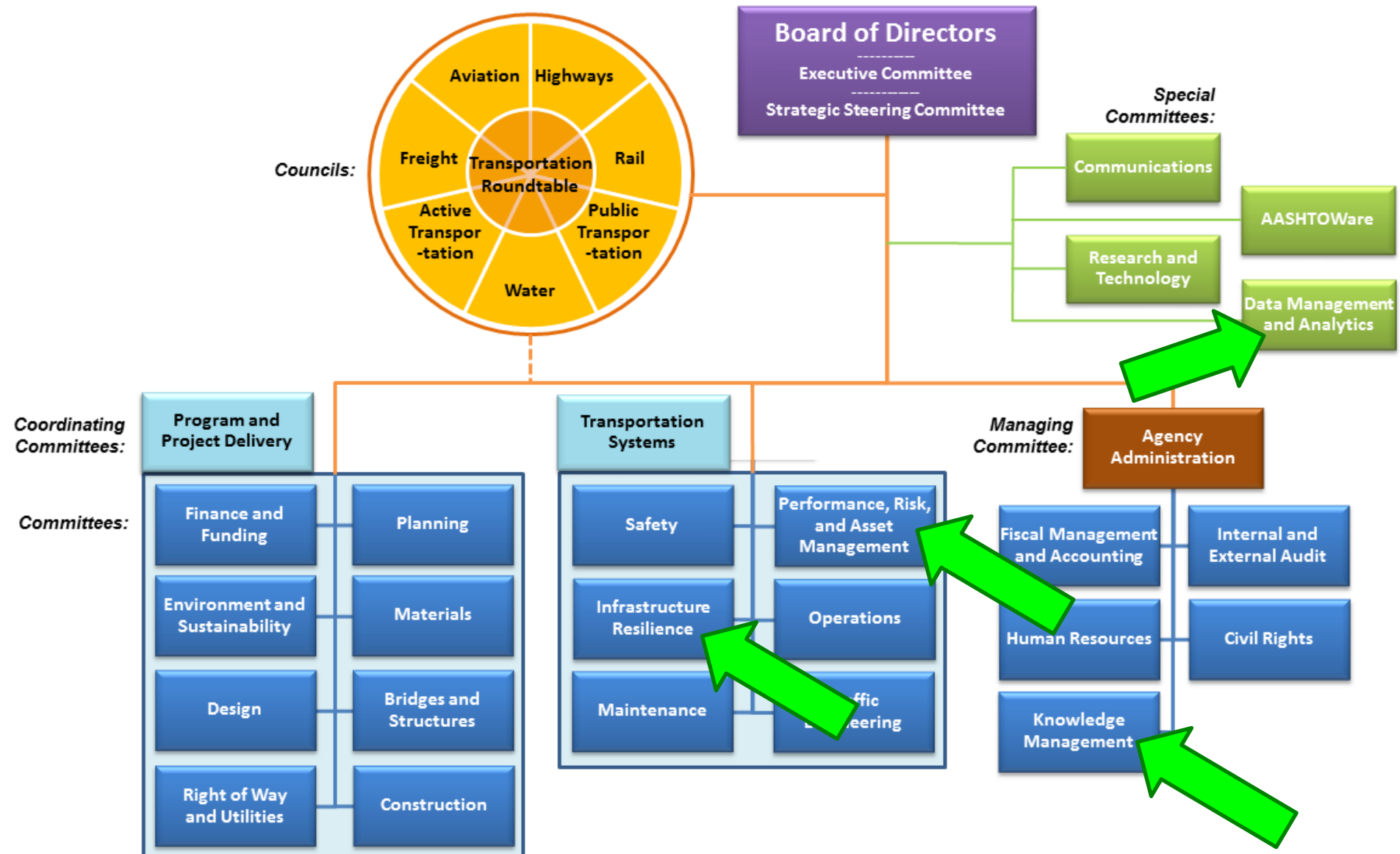




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# Proposed Restructuring Scenario

## Procedural Changes

- Better defining committee roles/responsibilities
- Establishing committee work plans and annual activity reports
- Improving direction from parent committees to subgroups on priorities
- Establishing “steering committees” within committees for nimbleness
- Appointing committee liaisons for cross-cutting issues
- Encouraging groups to operate virtually

# Proposed Restructuring Scenario

## Procedural Changes

- Establishing “Communities of Practice”
- Establishing ad-hoc, short-term task forces to address specific matters
- Requiring technical service programs to report to committee(s)
- Requiring chairs/vice-chairs be members of the parent group
- Formalizing the role of the Associate Members
- Providing for private sector participation

# Proposed Restructuring Scenario Outcomes

1. Organizational Structure: provides an organizational structure that ensures committees can **operate efficiently** and be **nimble, adaptable, and forward looking**.
2. Committee Priorities: **Prioritize the activities** and resources required to support and conduct committee activities, while representing the diverse views of **member states**.
3. Cross Committee Interactions: Provide for **increased communication** between committees if and as needed.

# Member Feedback



- Survey in April of over 2,500 State DOT volunteer committee members
- 223 responses from 48 member departments and all levels within the committee structure
- Most respondents supportive of changes
- Concerns to address:
  - Increased engagement
  - Overlap in membership
  - Broadness of scopes
  - Nimbleness vs. involvement
  - Highway orientation
  - Addition of new topics
  - Need for more details
  - Implementation





# Current and Next Steps

## Reviewing Scenario Feedback

### Summer 2016

- Regional & Committee meetings

### Early Fall 2016

- CCR Steering Committee deliberations

### November 2016

- Recommendations to the Board of Directors

### 2017 and Beyond

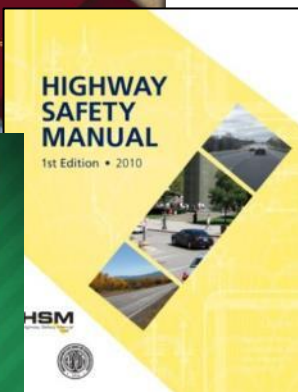
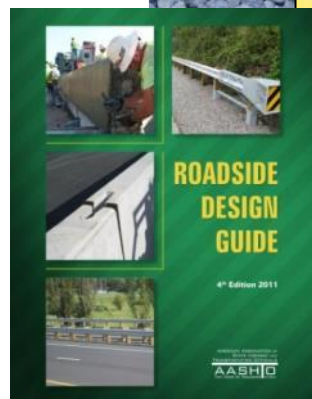
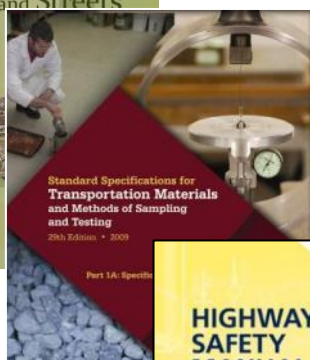
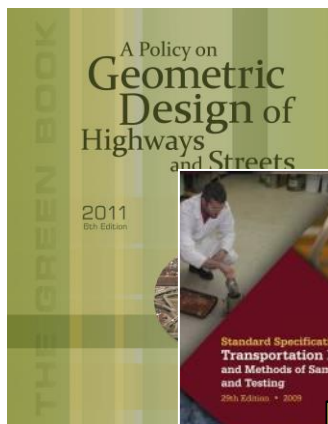
- Implementation Plan with all committee members participating to align charters







# Critical Role of AASHTO Committees and Volunteers



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# Questions & Comments

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*Thank You!*

