

RESOLUTION 08-12

AASHTO Highway Subcommittee on Maintenance **Establishment of a Technical Service Program to Advance Equipment** **Technology**

WHEREAS, The Statement of Purpose of the AASHTO Highway Subcommittee on Maintenance states that the Subcommittee shall prepare, publish and keep current data on new types of equipment that will further mechanize and reduce the costs of maintenance operations, and

WHEREAS, The vision of the Highway Subcommittee on Maintenance is that the Highway Subcommittee on Maintenance will be the voice for system preservation and maintenance, and a champion for institutional and technical excellence, and

WHEREAS, Equipment fleet comprises a significant asset investment and is a large portion of all public works agencies' budgets and expenses, and the effectiveness of such equipment fleet operations affect the public works agencies' ability to adequately perform normal public works activities and successfully respond to emergency situations, and

WHEREAS, The technology associated with roadway construction and maintenance equipment used by public works agencies is continuously advancing, and

WHEREAS, The volume and rate of occurrence of this advancing innovation and technology is such that it is nearly impossible for individual public works agencies' equipment management organizations to stay abreast of the latest technologies, evaluate the technologies, and implement the most cost effective beneficial technologies to gain the advantages that the new technologies provide, and

WHEREAS, the AASHTO Planning Committee on Asset Management concurs in the need and effectiveness for establishing such a technical services program as proposed by the AASHTO Highway Subcommittee on Maintenance,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AASHTO Highway Subcommittee on Maintenance approves and recommends to the AASHTO Standing Committee on Highways the establishment of a voluntary AASHTO Technical Services Program for advancing asset management principles in the management of the fleet and for Advancing Equipment Technology, of which the Subcommittee will oversee and of which the Equipment Focus Group of this subcommittee will support and coordinate the activities of this program and along with the AASHTO staff to manage the administration of the program. The Equipment Focus Group will report progress and accomplishments of the program to the AASHTO Subcommittee on Maintenance at the annual summer meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that AASHTO Member Departments will be asked to sponsor this Technical Services Program by contributing a voluntary assessment of \$3,000 per sponsor annually to fund the establishment and ongoing activities of the program.

Submitted by:

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