Resolution 08-10
AASHTO Highway Subcommittee on Maintenance

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT NATIONAL 511 COALITION

WHEREAS, safe and reliable highway transportation depends on timely, accurate and easily accessible traveler information; and

WHEREAS, the 511 Coalition was formed to develop and implement this source of traveler information; and

WHEREAS, Jim Wright, Director of the National 511 Coalition, provided a July 15, 2008 update on the status of the 511 System to the AASHTO 2008 Joint Meeting of the Subcommittee on Maintenance, the Standing Committee on Environment and the Subcommittee on Asset Management, in Monterey, California; and

WHEREAS, his update indicated there were critical gaps of 511 coverage on some major cross country interstate highway routes; and

WHEREAS, very little progress has been made on closing those gaps during the past year; and

WHEREAS, those gaps caused travelers major route planning problems during recent flooding in the Midwest U.S. and could be a very serious problem in future homeland security mobility; and

WHEREAS, the AASHTO HSCOM Snow and Ice Task Force at its meeting on July 16, 2008 discussed this problem and believe 511 system needs to be fully supported by all the state DOTs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Highway Subcommittee on Maintenance should show its support for the establishment of the 511 system nationwide; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this support be conveyed to the Standing Committee on Highways; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this support be conveyed to the National 511 Coalition that the Highway Subcommittee on Maintenance stands ready to help the 511 Coalition with implementation and will assist with appropriate support.

July 16, 2008
Monterey, California

Championed by: Bill Hoffman, NvDOT
Chair, Snow and Ice Task Force