

HIGHWAY SAFETY & RELIABILITY

TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

STATEMENT OF DIRECTION

The purpose of the Highway Safety & Reliability Technical Working Group is to serve as liaison between the State Highway and Transportation Departments and Administrations to provide technical and policy operational guidance that will enhance highway safety by reducing risk to travelers and workers and ensure year round reliable traffic flow. The operational guidance will promote environmental stewardship, sustainability and accountability through performance management. The TWG will accomplish these functions through the following efforts:

- Promote the implementation of performance-based standards and measures that will:
 - improve the health and condition of highway system operations
 - increase focus and awareness of the importance of safe maintenance work zones;
- Improve and promote highway safety by:
 - promoting the AASHTO “Toward Zero Deaths” initiative by providing support and guidance for safe and efficient work areas for maintenance stationary and mobile activities
 - promoting a better understanding of driver behavior
- Reduce congestion and improve reliability of year-round, all-weather traffic flow through:
 - increasing connectivity and collaboration among all groups with shared safety, reliability, sustainability and summer/winter maintenance interests
 - improving traffic incident scene management
- Promote accountability and transparency by encouraging the implementation of performance management strategies and best method practices;
- Strengthen workforce development to ensure state maintenance forces and their contractors maintain a well-qualified and competent workforce; and
- Advance environmental stewardship by promoting environmental awareness and best method practices currently in use and being proposed in sustainable maintenance operations.
- Develop an effective training, outreach and collaboration programs for the six focus areas listed above.

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