

# AASHTO Special Committee on Freight



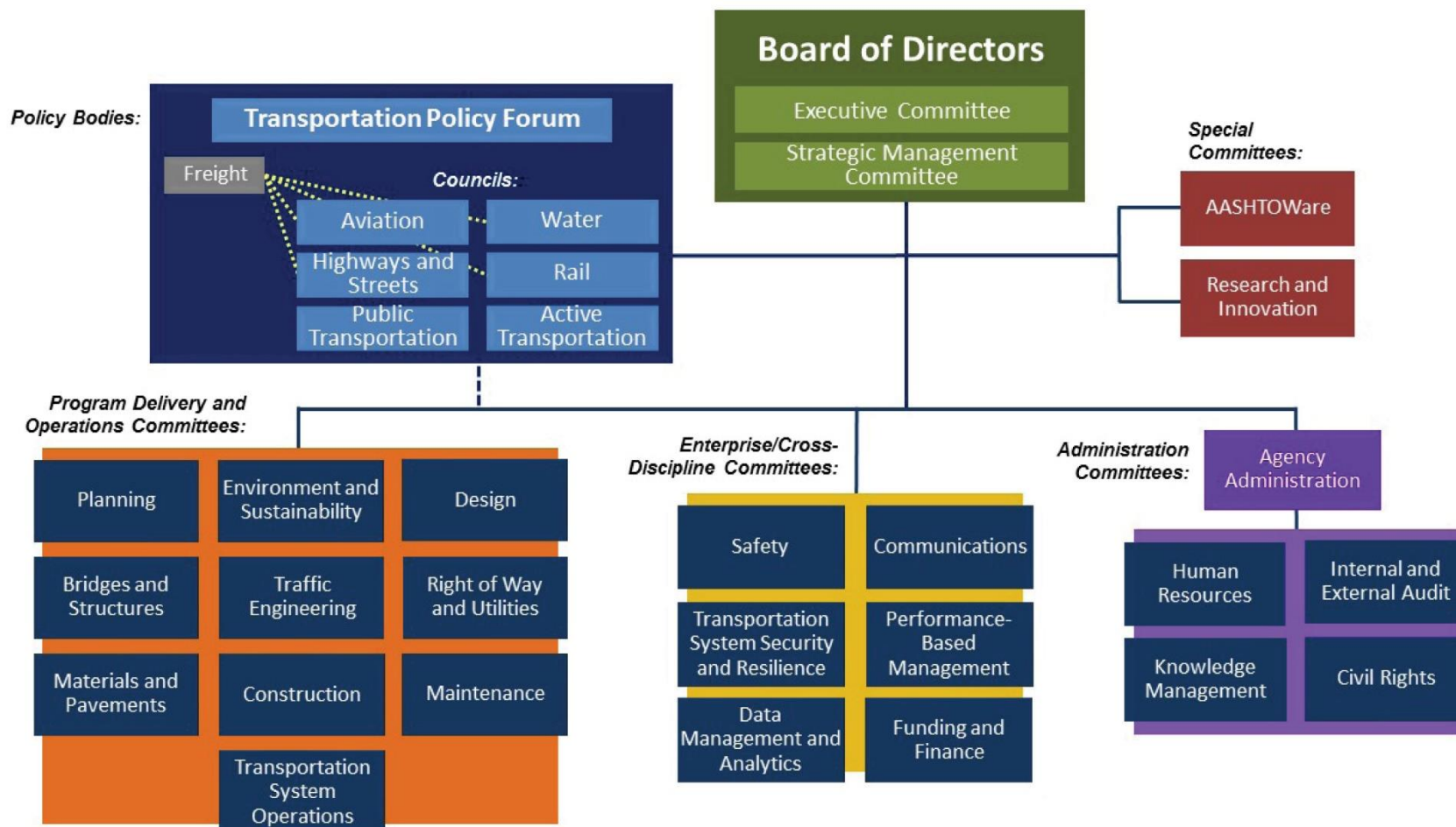
# AASHTO at a Glance

- Nonprofit, nonpartisan association
- Represents highway and transportation departments in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico
- Represents all transportation modes including air, highways, public transportation, active transportation, rail, and water
- Primary goal to foster the development, operation, and maintenance of an integrated national transportation system



# Approved AASHTO Committee Structure

November 2016



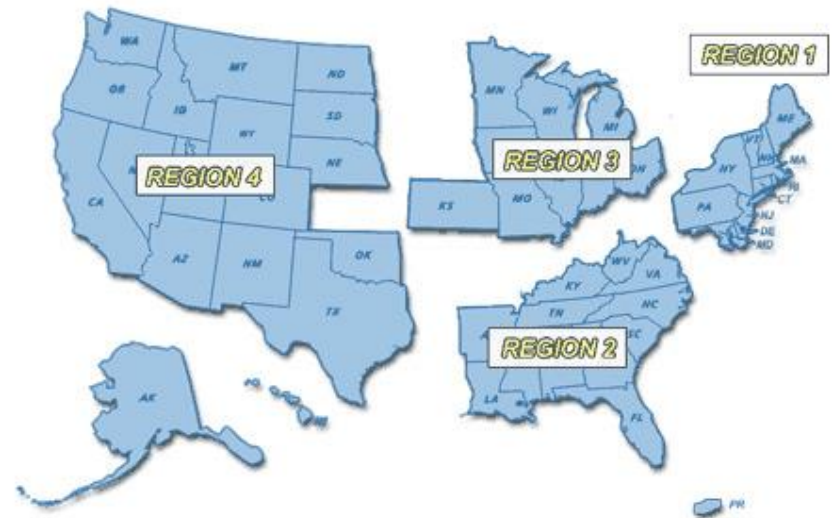
# Freight at AASHTO

- Special Committee on Freight
  - Chair: Luke Reiner, Wyoming DOT
  - Vice Chair: Caroline Mays, Texas DOT
  - AASHTO Staff Liaison: Caroline Kieltyka
- Committee on Planning, Freight Planning Task Force
  - Chair: Tom McQueen, Georgia DOT
  - AASHTO Staff Liaison: Matt Hardy
- Working Group on Freight Operations
  - Co-Chairs: Geno Koehler, Illinois DOT & Dave Huft, South Dakota DOT
  - AASHTO Staff Liaisons: Gummada Murthy & Pat Zelinski



# Special Committee on Freight

- Regional Representatives
- Modal Representatives
  - Trucking
  - Freight Rail
  - Waterborne Freight/Ports
  - Air Cargo
  - Active (Bike/Ped)



# Special Committee on Freight

- **Goal 1:** Develop and support legislation, regulation, and other policy matters related to the efficient, safe, and sustainable multimodal movement of goods.
- **Goal 2:** Improve freight transportation planning practices through the enhancement of freight data and analytical methods and the dissemination of best practices.
- **Goal 3:** Increase the understanding of emerging technologies and issues related to freight transportation and their implications for State DOTs.
- **Goal 4:** Improve urban, rural, multi-state, cross-border, and international freight mobility.
- **Goal 5:** Promote a freight transportation system that supports community and environmental goals.
- **Goal 6:** Inform member departments of federal and state regulatory, policy, and program requirements and funding opportunities related to freight transportation.



# NCHRP Program

- Funding: 5.5% of each state's State Planning & Research (SPR) funds
  - SPR is 2% of federal aid funds
  - Total Annual Program: \$40M
- NCHRP is an applied research program
  - Priority 1: Important to State DOTs
  - Priority 2: National, shared issues
- Research is performed by contractors
  - Technical oversight/guidance by expert panels
  - Facilitation and contract management by TRB staff



# NCHRP Program

- Research Proposals Submitted by:
  - State Departments of Transportation
  - AASHTO Councils & Committees
  - Federal Highway Administration
- Selected by the AASHTO Special Committee on Research & Innovation (R&I)
- Approved by AASHTO Board of Directors (requires 2/3rds vote on each problem)
- NAS and FHWA also approve





# Special Committee on Freight

- Other Activities
  - Surface Transportation Reauthorization
  - Priority Tasks
    - MPO Outreach
    - Webinar Series Development
    - Truck Parking
    - Economic Impacts of Freight System Improvements
  - National Freight Strategic Plan



*Save the Date!*

# AASHTO 2020 Joint Policy Conference

## "Connecting the DOTs"

Committee on Planning / Special Committee on Freight  
Committee on Transportation System Security and Resilience  
Committee on Environment and Sustainability / Council on Active Transportation

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*September 29–October 1, 2020 at the  
Hyatt Regency New Brunswick, New Jersey*

- **Meet and Greet** reception the evening of September 28<sup>th</sup> for those arriving early.
- **Pre- and post-conference** workshops and meetings.
- **More information** available at the conference website.

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