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TASK FORCE 13 MEETING MINUTES

April 29, 2015

Embassy Suites, Lincoln, Nebraska

Joint Meeting with Roadside Pooled Fund Study and Task Force 13

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TASK FORCE 13 STRUCTURE CHANGES

The Task Force is about to undergo structural changes with its constitution and structure.

For more than the past 40 years Task Force 13 has served as a Joint AASHTO-AGC-ARTBA Subcommittee on New Highway Materials and Technologies, whose mission is to develop guide specifications for new materials and technologies identified for use in highway construction projects. The present Joint Committee was established in 1972 uniting the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) committee with the American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA).

Today’s committee members lack sufficient membership from AGC & ARTBA to continue as a joint committee by either of their organizational standards. Thus, Task Force 13 must change how it is constituted. The process has been completed to sunset the formal affiliation with AGC & ARTBA. A new Task Force 13 will be re-constituted with its affiliation to AASHTO intact and form a new affiliation. Once that process has been completed, further consideration will be given to bringing in another organization such as the American Traffic Safety Service Association (ATSSA).

TF 13 will continue its mission to develop guide specifications for new materials and technologies identified for use in highway construction projects.



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KING GEE – DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL SERVICE FOR AASHTO ADDRESSED THE TASK FORCE

Future of TF13

At the 2015 Spring meeting in Lincoln, NE, King Gee addressed TF13. Formerly with FHWA, Gee is now Director of Engineering and Technical Services for AASHTO. He thanked all those in TF13 for all the hard work that they have done so far and briefed us on how our Joint Committee began as a collaboration between AASHTO and AGC in 1921. ARTBA joined the joint committee in 1972 and added a focus on New Highway Materials and Technologies. TF13's focus has been the continuous and incremental update of safety hardware. In 2002 when Art Dinitz stepped down as the long-term TF13 chair, the continuity with the Subcommittee on New Materials and Technologies was lost. Some years later, TF13 stopped reporting to the Joint Committee and AGC and ARTBA lost track of what TF13 had been doing.

According to the Joint Committee bylaws, TF13 members must be members of AASHTO, AGC or ARTBA. Since we did not meet that requirement and our activities have become self-sustaining, TF13 is in the process of reorganizing with AASHTO. The AASHTO, AGC, ARTBA logos that appear on all existing drawings are permitted to remain as historical. Future publications will not carry the AGC or ARTBA logos or designations.

Gee then went on to speak from AASHTO's perspective. They understand that it is not reasonable to expect private individuals to join AGC or ARTBA just to maintain membership with TF13. Gee is speaking with the AASHTO TCRS Chair Keith Cota to explore the first steps to restructuring TF13. Those discussions are still ongoing. Stay tuned...there's much more to come!