



**Memorandum of Understanding  
between the  
American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials  
and  
Task Force 13**

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and Task Force 13 hereby establish a Memorandum of Understanding to promote collaboration between the two organizations in undertaking their respective tasks.

AASHTO is a non-profit, non-partisan association representing highway and transportation departments in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. AASHTO represents all transportation modes and has a primary goal to foster the development, operation, and maintenance of an integrated national transportation system. AASHTO's vision is to provide “improved quality of life through leadership in transportation” by “supporting state DOTs to connect America with the transportation system of today and tomorrow.”

Task Force 13 ([www.tf13.org](http://www.tf13.org)) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that coordinates with highway safety advocates to promote standardized specifications and drawings for bridge and road hardware used by highway and transportation agencies on roadways worldwide to ensure optimum function, aesthetics, and economy. It consists of an organization of concerned and experienced representatives from industry, academia, and state/federal transportation departments.

The two organizations agree to formalize our partnership to work together to foster a safe and efficient transportation system by supporting collaborative initiatives to improve road safety, traffic engineering, maintenance, and other fields, and by expanding and strengthening the skills and knowledge of transportation providers through research, technology transfer, a series of Standardized Guides for Roadside Hardware Systems, and technical guidance development.

The two organizations have the following shared goals:

- Facilitate communication on roadside safety hardware among all levels of transportation related interests, especially between State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) and industry.
- Establish effective communication links among Task Force 13, AASHTO, FHWA, and the State DOTs to mutually support the provision of technical guidance development and technology transfer.
- Encourage members of Task Force 13 and AASHTO to collaborate on roadside safety initiatives.

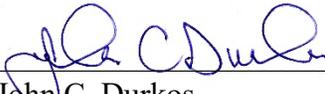
In particular, the two organizations agree to:

- Invite representatives of the partner organization, including members and/or staff, to participate in the meetings of the other organization.
- Communicate among members and staff of the two organizations on technical and policy issues of interest to both organizations.
- Promote the use of appropriate informational resources of the partner organization by the other, including the Task Force 13 *Guide to Standardized Highway Barrier Hardware* and the AASHTO *Roadside Design Guide*. Such resources include technical publications, software, on-line Hardware Guides, and other informational materials.
- Seek and consider input from the partner organization in the scoping and development of new and updated technical publications and software.

Each organization will review progress annually on the various elements of this agreement and provide recommendations for amendment, if desired. This agreement will remain in effect for a period of five years from the date of signature below and may be renewed upon mutual agreement of both parties.

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