

# AASHTO Harmonization



# Phase I

- Escort Requirements Width
  - Two lane Highway
    - ❖ 12'-14' – 1 Front
    - ❖ >14' - 1 front & 1 rear
  - Multi lane
    - ❖ 12'-14' – 1 rear
    - ❖ >14' 1 front & 1 rear

# Phase I

- Escort Requirements –
  - Height
    - ❖ 14'
  - Length
    - ❖ 90'

# Phase I

- Flag Requirements
  - Size
    - ❖ 18"X18"
  - Color
    - ❖ Florescent Red, Florescent orange or MUTCD Standard
  - Location
    - ❖ All 4 corners of load or extremities

# Phase I

- Days and hours of operation
  - Daylight Monday thru Saturday
    - ❖ Sunday is discretionary
- Transport Lights
  - Flashing or strobe amber light
  - Visible for 1000', 360
- Escort Lights
  - Same as load



# Phase I

- Sign/Banner Requirements
  - Message
    - ❖ Oversize Load
  - Color
    - ❖ Black letters on yellow background
  - Banner size
    - ❖ 18"high X 7' wide
  - Size Letters
    - ❖ 10"X1.4" to 1.5"
    - ❖ >14' wide 1 front &1 rear
  - Location
    - ❖ Front and rear of transporting vehicle not covering license plate
    - ❖ Front and rear or escort vehicle or above roofline where visible front/rear

# Phase II

- Number of valid days on single trip permit
  - 5
- Permit amendments allowed
  - Weather
  - Breakdowns
- Type/size escort vehicle
  - Legal sized class 2 or 3 passenger vehicle
    - ❖ 360 visibility
    - ❖ No towing allowed



# Phase II

- Holidays

- New Years, Memorial, Independence, Labor, Thanksgiving, Christmas
- Begin at noon the day before
- End at sunrise the day after
- Unique state specific holidays accepted
- Monday observed Holidays
  - ❖ Start Friday after noon end Tuesday sunrise



# Phase III

- Conditions for allowing night movement for os/ow
  - ❖ Need a research project to review current state practices
- Route Surveys/TCP
  - ❖ Most states have decided to adopt the form because in most cases it is better than the one currently being used.
    - Recommended validity period is 30-45 days.
- Standardize Application data naming convention
  - ❖ Automation has in essence made this initiative unnecessary.
- Establish criteria for allowing electronic permits
  - ❖ Need a research project to collect data on the states that currently allow electronically displayed permits. Statutory language can be shared.
  - ❖ General consensus is that E-permits are the way of the future

# Phase III

- Establish methods for improving communications between states and industry
  - ❖ States will ensure that the following list of information is included on their website
    - Office closings
    - Staff unavailable
    - Major Restriction Information
    - Holiday Restrictions
    - Policy/Regulation/Statutory changes
    - Standard Restrictions (Bridge Clearance)
    - Links to State Law/Regulations/Policies
    - Provision sheet
- Multi State corridor Communication
  - ❖ After further discussion it was determined that this was not an issue. State already worked together sufficiently.

# Pilot Car Certification

- AAMVA was contacted to gauge interest in a possible pilot car driver designation for driver licenses. This will help solve the reciprocity issue.
- Research/survey is needed to determine which states have escort certification requirements, which don't. what is needed for reciprocity.

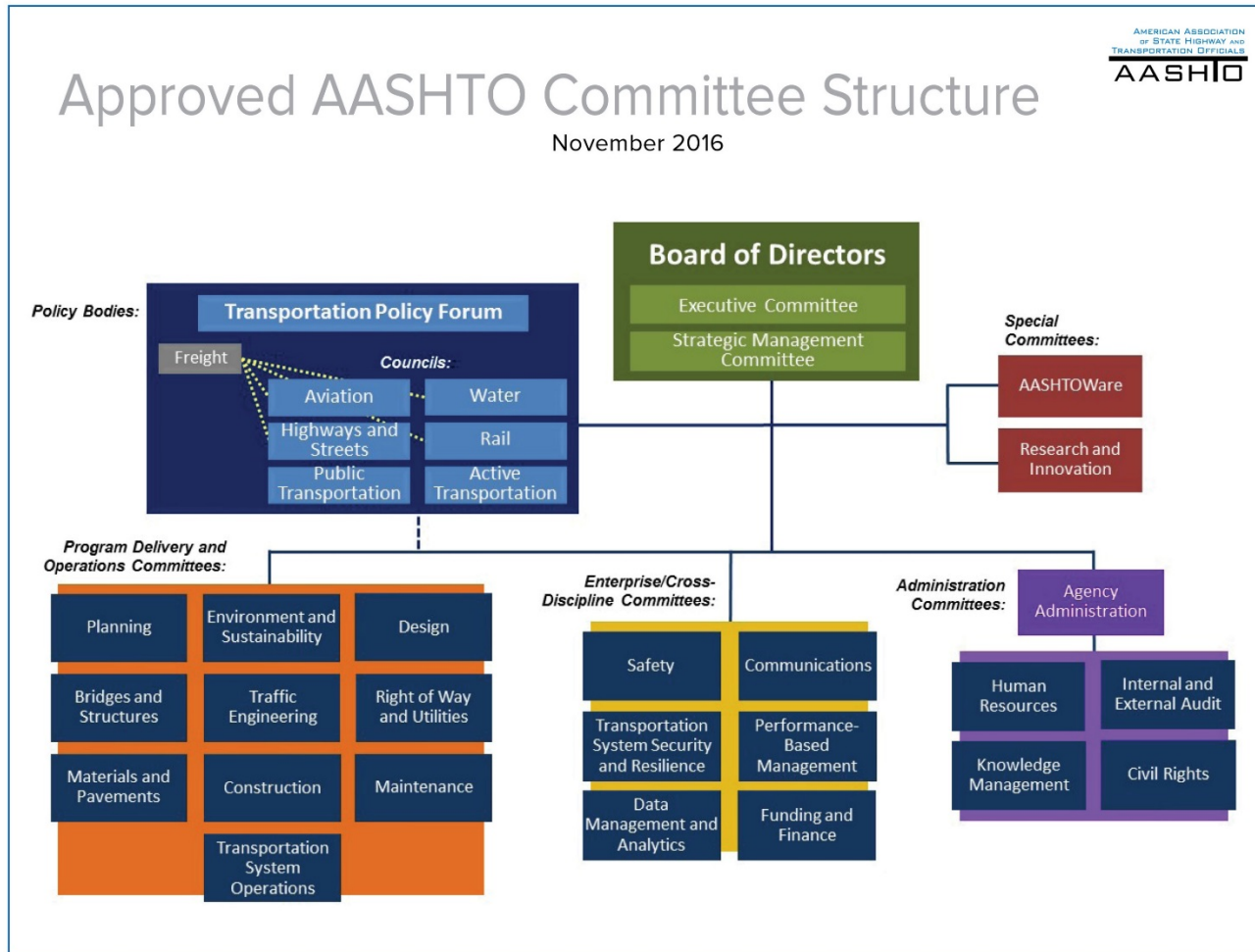


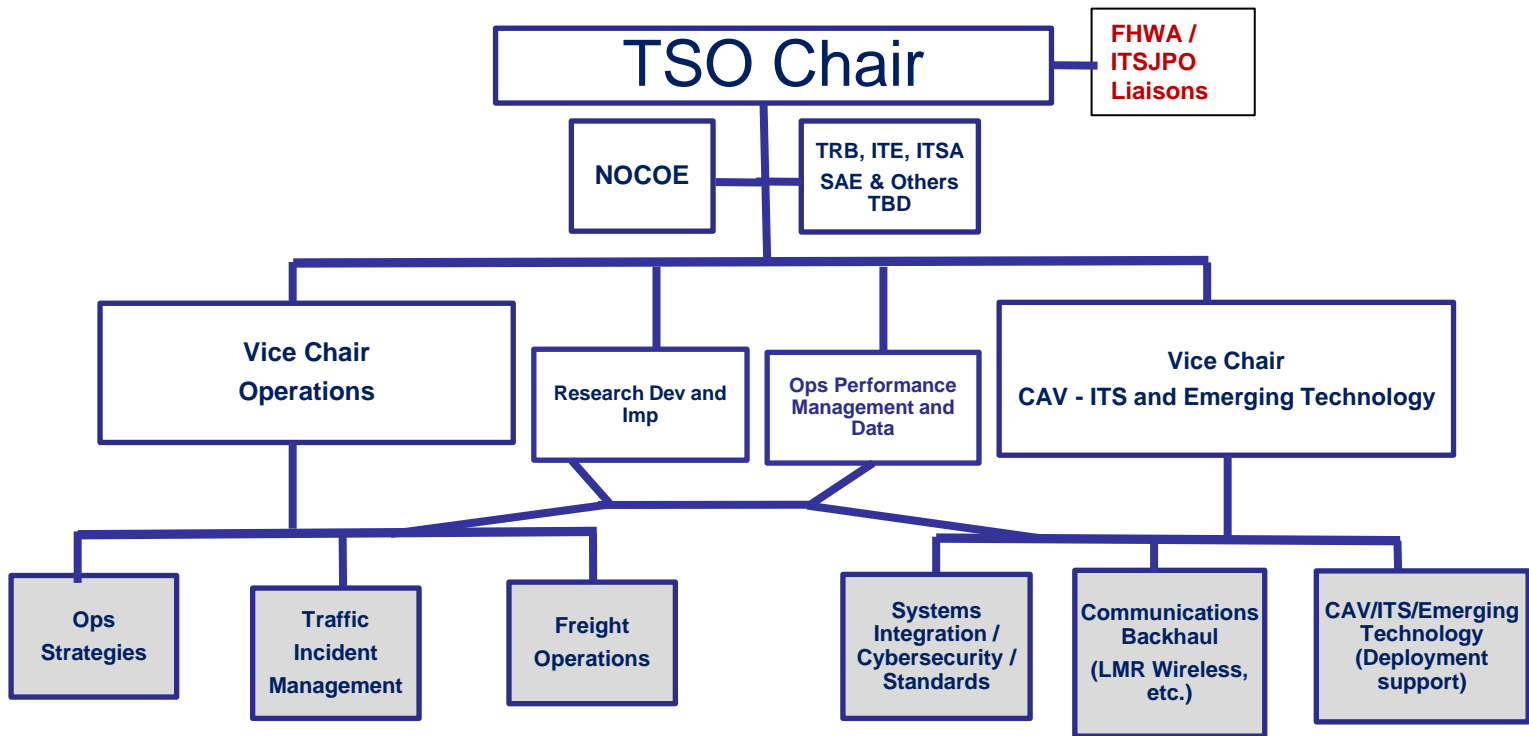
# SCOHT - TSO Task Force on Freight

- Facilitate safe, efficient movement of freight movement by truck
  - Harmonization of Oversize/Overweight movements
    - ❖ Facilitate interstate communication
    - ❖ Provide Best Practices and/or guidance
  - Emergency Response Coordination with USDOT, FEMA, and States
  - Improve Pilot car safety
  - Research and address industry concerns



# AASHTO Restructure





For Discussion at October  
TSO Steering Committee Call

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