

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

And

The National Association of State Aviation Officials

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) provides a conceptual framework for an alliance between the National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) and American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), both tax-exempt non-profit organizations.

AASHTO and NASAO agree to foster a partnership that will support the economic interests of the states through a strong and integrated national aviation system, better integrate and elevate aviation programs within the state transportation agencies, and advance the policy, organizational and technical capabilities of state aviation agencies and professionals.

AASHTO and NASAO agree to:

- Mutually create an open-ended dialog through the AASHTO Council on Aviation ("Council") and NASAO to sustain the partnership between the two organizations
- Plan and conduct a minimum of two meetings of the Council each calendar year, with one held in conjunction with the AASHTO / NASAO Legislative Conference, the other held in conjunction with the NASAO National Convention and Tradeshow.
- Provide opportunities for NASAO and AASHTO Council on Aviation members to participate in the AASHTO Spring Meeting or Annual Meeting each calendar year.
- Collaborate to form a unified voice to advocate for a strong and integrated national air transportation system.
- Collaborate on research to assess and report on air transportation system investment needs.
- Identify and conduct joint training activities that focus on a broad range of policy and technical issues pertaining to the national air transportation system and its interrelationship with other modes of transportation.
- Promote, encourage, and facilitate member participation in AASHTO and NASAO committee activities that will advance the policy, organization and technical capabilities of member agencies and professionals.
- Identify and establish policy recommendations through the Council that advance the interests of state aviation programs and their respective state transportation departments or other state agencies regarding the authorization or appropriation of programs or funds administered by the Federal Aviation Administration (i.e., the Airport Improvement Program), and collaborate on the advocacy of those policies or programs.
- Enhance the aviation planning, administration, and management capacity within state departments of transportation through:
 - Information sharing and networking with NASAO Committees and AASHTO's Transportation Policy Forum, Council on Aviation, and other relevant councils and committees.
 - Showcasing state aviation best practices on AASHTO's website;
 - Reporting in the AASHTO Journal and Daily Transportation Updates on aviation news and policy activities in Congress, the Administration and the states; and
 - Establishing links between the AASHTO and NASAO websites.
- Collaborate to promote diverse participation in the Council and NASAO meetings and committee activities.
- Actively encourage and facilitate inclusive communication and action through the Council and NASAO partnership.

Background

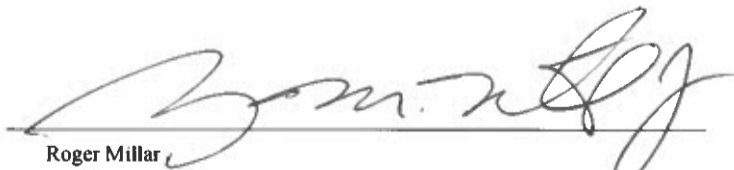
AASHTO is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association representing the state transportation departments in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, with a mission to support state departments of transportation to connect America with the transportation system of today and tomorrow.

Overseen by the Board of Directors, the AASHTO Council on Aviation ("Council") discusses and recommends policies related to aviation legislation and regulation. In addition, the Council coordinates the efforts of NASAO and AASHTO on joint aviation policy matters. The Council reviews aviation policy obtained from NASAO, suggests aviation policy for NASAO's consideration, and recommends aviation policy to AASHTO's Transportation Policy Forum, the Association's primary policymaking body. The Council also operates as a forum to exchange information, identify aviation issues of national concern, including regulatory mandates, and provides information to members on these important issues. The Council reviews and ballots technical documents as assigned by the Strategic Management Committee and provides direction and assignments to committees on aviation issues.

NASAO is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association established to ensure uniformity of safety measures, standardize airport regulations and develop a national air transportation system responsive to local, state, and regional needs. NASAO represents aviation professionals in state government aviation agencies in all 50 states, Guam, and Puerto Rico, who are dedicated to the development and maintenance of the safest and most efficient aviation system in the world.

NASAO provides advocacy and technical assistance to support and advance state aviation responsibilities including, for example, the development of aviation system plans and airport capital improvement plans, safety inspection and education programs, and maintenance of navigation aids. Several states also build, own, and operate their own airports, and ten states directly administer federal Airport Improvement Program funds. NASAO seeks to maintain and strengthen its aviation advocacy and technical assistance programs by tapping into AASHTO's expertise in such areas as Engineering, Design, Construction, and Maintenance; Asset Management; Environmental Management and Land Use Considerations; and Freight Transportation.


This MOU is effective on the day of signature and shall remain in effect for five years. Modifications to the Agreement may be proposed by either Party and shall become effective upon written approval of both parties. This MOU does not create any legal or binding commitments on either party.



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