AASHTO

Special Committee on Transportation Security (SCOTS)
History

- Task Force formed in October 2001 (fifteen states)
- SCOTS formed in 2004
  - Regional and Committee Representation (21 members)
  - 3 task forces:
    - Emergency Response
    - Risk Assessment/Infrastructure Protection
    - Training
History

- SCOTS Reconstituted in 2006
  - Up to 3 Representatives from each member State
  - Multi discipline membership
SCOTS Initiatives

- Works with:
  - NCHRP 20-59
  - TCRP-J
  - ABE 40

To develop research agenda
SCOTS Initiatives

- Sponsored various “Guides” (Risk Assessment, Emergency Transportation Operations)
- Sponsored Training (Security Awareness)
- White Papers
- Surveys of Transportation Agencies
- Regional Workshops (Emergency Management, Contra Flow)
- Joint Meetings (Systems Operations and Management (SSOM), Freight)
SCOTS Initiatives

- Representation on National Committees (DHS-SAFECOM, National Infrastructure Protection Plan)
- Professional Capacity Building
- Security Awards
Vision, Mission, Goals, Objectives, and Strategies
Vision

The Special Committee on Transportation Security (SCOTS) is the voice and resource for state departments of transportation (DOTs) to improve transportation security across all modes.
Mission

SCOTS advocates for a secure transportation system by coordinating and collaborating with AASHTO, its members, and other agencies and professional organizations.
GOAL ONE

ESTABLISH THE KEY ROLE OF TRANSPORTATION IN HOMELAND SECURITY
GOAL 1

Objective 1.A.
Achieve internal consensus among SCOTS members on a comprehensive, yet clear definition of state DOT’s role in homeland security that acknowledges their role as initial responders.
GOAL 1

Objective 1.B.
Promote external awareness about DOT’s role in homeland security via strategic alliances between AASHTO/SCOTS and federal agencies and other associations.
GOAL TWO

ASSURING A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF RESEARCH
GOAL 2

Objective 2.A.
Work with National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP), Transit Cooperative Research program (TCRP), Transportation Research Board (TRB), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and other partners to ensure continued growth of a comprehensive and effective transportation security research program that supports all SCOTS goals.
GOAL 2

Objective 2.B.
Incorporate appropriate security research results into AASHTO specifications, guides, and other information documents

Objective 2.C.
Help all states to complete multimodal risk assessment approaches and emergency management strategies that address security, and support appropriate participation by DOTs in response to efforts by DHS to develop and implement the National Response Plan (NRP) and National Incident Management System (NIMS)
GOAL THREE

SHAPE POLICY, LEGISLATION, FUNDING, AND REGULATORY DEVELOPMENT
GOAL 3

Objective 3.A.
Define and implement an outreach and advocacy program targeted to Congressional/federal agencies

Objective 3.B.
Support state DOTs in securing federal funding for key security initiatives on modal transportation systems
GOAL FOUR

DEVELOP AND PROMOTE AWARENESS, EDUCATION, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
GOAL 4

Objective 4.A.
Share security-related information among state DOTs, AASHTO committees to encourage greater awareness about security and keep AASHTO members and committees informed about opportunities to influence legislation, regulation, and policy.
GOAL 4

Objective 4.B.
Coordinate outreach presentations at regional meetings, other events, and other organizations

Objective 4.C.
Participate in, sponsor, or lead a variety of training for state DOTs and their partners
SCOTS Breakout Session

- 3 Groups
- Consider:
  - Issues/Challenges from the morning State’s Reports
  - Existing Strategic Plan & Subcommittee Structure
- Report out at least 3-5 recommendations to:
  - address issues/challenges
  - revised strategic plan