SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION SECURITY
SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRAINING

TITLE: PROPOSED POLICY RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR A SECURITY AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, state departments of transportation (DOTs) recognize the need to enhance their security and emergency response capabilities in a variety of areas, including inter-agency coordination, interoperability, evacuation planning, operational methods to secure facilities, vulnerability assessment, and incorporating security into plans and studies; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that existing training and other resources are inadequate to address these needs fully; and

WHEREAS, a coordinated professional capacity building (PCB) program of training, technical assistance, peer networking, information dissemination and other resources is an appropriate and effective response to the security and emergency response needs of state DOTs; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan for a Security and Emergency Response PCB Initiative presents a multi-year plan for providing state DOTs with a trusted, reliable, and reasonably comprehensive source of information and assistance for their security and emergency response needs; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan was developed with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) support by the U.S. Department of Transportation Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, working closely with the Training Subcommittee of the Special Committee on Transportation Security (SCOTS), and the Transportation Research Board (TRB); and

WHEREAS, SCOTS fully supports the concept, approach, content, and implementation process described in the Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, AASHTO as the primary professional organization for state DOTs is uniquely qualified to provide input, expertise, and support that will ensure successful implementation of the Strategic Plan’s recommendations; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that SCOTS endorse the Strategic Plan for a Security and Emergency Response PCB Initiative; and

RESOLVED, that SCOTS recommend that AASHTO commit to partnering with FHWA, the Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Research Board, and other security program stakeholder interests to implement the Strategic Plan.