**Policy Resolution PR-1-11**

**Title: Toward Zero Deaths National Strategy**

**WHEREAS**, Highway fatalities and injuries continue to be at unacceptable levels of human and economic loss, with approximately 34,000 fatalities and 2.2 million injuries in 2009;

**WHEREAS**, In 2007 AASHTO adopted a goal of cutting fatalities in half in 20 years, at which time there were approximately 42,000 highway fatalities annually;

**WHEREAS**, The AASHTO Strategic Highway Safety Plan was completed in 1997 and updated in 2005, and in 2009 AASHTO resolved to develop an updated SHSP (PR-06-09);

**WHEREAS**, A growing number of AASHTO member departments and multiple partners, including the USDOT, other associations, agencies, and advocacy groups, have adopted a vision of moving toward zero highway deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, there are emerging but as yet unexplored new technologies and strategies that may contribute to further declines in highway fatalities and may hold great promise; and

**WHEREAS**, A National Cooperative Highway Research Program project is developing a framework for a 25-year national strategy titled “Toward Zero Deaths: a National Strategy on Highway Safety,” which builds on the existing AASHTO Strategic Highway Safety Plan and also addresses widespread ownership of the national strategy, safety culture, technology, and broadening the scope to include public health and medical trauma, local government, and other safety partners;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** AASHTO will continue to participate in the development of the TZD national strategy, and the Standing Committee on Highway Traffic Safety will lead **AASHTO’s participation in** this effort; and

**Be it further resolved,** AASHTO, through SCOHTS and its Subcommittee on Safety Management, will develop an implementation plan to guide its efforts to reach its highway safety goal using the TZD national strategy as a framework to the extent practical with respect to the responsibilities of the member departments.

**Be it further resolved,** AASHTO supports the TZD National Strategy in concept and will consider adoption as its updated Strategic Highway Safety Plan in October 2011 upon completion of the NCHRP 17-51 project;