

**Memorandum of Understanding
On Partnering Activities
Between
American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
And
National Local Technical Assistance Program Association**

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and the National Local Technical Assistance Program Association (NLTAPA) hereby establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to promote collaboration between the two organizations in undertaking their respective tasks.

AASHTO is a non-profit, non-partisan association representing highway and transportation departments in the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

AASHTO represents all transportation modes and has a primary goal to foster the development, operation, and maintenance of an integrated national transportation system. AASHTO's vision is to support members by "providing improved quality of life through leadership in transportation." AASHTO's values of safety; diversity, equity, and inclusion; collaboration; transparency; and trust and integrity are the foundation of its mission to support state departments of transportation to connect America with the transportation system of today and tomorrow.

NLTAPA is a non-profit, non-partisan association representing 58 Local Technical Assistance Program centers (LTAPs) and Tribal Technical Assistance Program centers (TTAPs) in the 50 states, Puerto Rico, and tribal nations.

NLTAPA's mission is to foster a safe, efficient, and environmentally sound surface transportation system by improving skills and increasing knowledge of the transportation workforce and decision makers. NLTAPA's vision is: "We will improve the quality and safety of the surface transportation system through interactive relationships and information exchange. We will be driven by these relationships and known for our ability to enrich the knowledge base of our stakeholders."

The two organizations formalize our partnership to work together to foster a safe, efficient and environmentally sound transportation system by supporting collaborative local, state and federal initiatives to improve road safety, traffic engineering, maintenance, and other fields, and by expanding and strengthening the skills and knowledge of state, local and tribal transportation providers through training, technical assistance and technology transfer.

The two organizations have the following shared goals:

- Facilitate communication among all levels of transportation-related interests, especially between state departments of transportation (DOTs) and local and tribal governments.
- Establish effective communications links among NLTAPA, AASHTO, and individual Local Technical Assistance Program centers (LTAPs) and state DOTs to mutually support the provision of training, technical assistance, and technology transfer.
- Support technology implementation and use of research results by state, local, and tribal transportation agencies through technology transfer activities and adapting products and tools as appropriate for implementation for local and tribal governments, state DOT district offices, and others.
- Encourage continued and increased federal and state technical, policy, and funding support for LTAP and TTAP centers.
- Encourage members of NLTAPA and AASHTO to collaborate on the development and implementation of strategic highway safety plans (SHSPs) with regard to local and tribal highways and leverage LTAP connections to local agencies to increase local stakeholder participation in and support of local, state, and national safety initiatives.

To collaborate, the two organizations agree to:

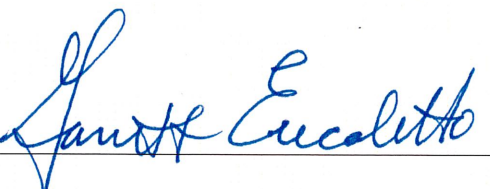
- Invite representatives of the partner association, including members and staff, to participate in the meetings and work of appropriate standing and advisory committees, task forces, and subcommittees of the other association. NLTAPA representatives may include local and tribal government officials served by the Local and Tribal Technical Assistance Programs.
- Promote the participation of members in each other's national and regional meetings.
- Communicate among members and staff on technical and policy issues of interest to both associations.
- Extend invitations to appoint members to serve as a member, liaison, or other type of representative as appropriate to promote coordination and interaction with committees in order to facilitate discussion of and input to topics and activities of interest to both organizations.
- Promote the dissemination and use of appropriate information resources of the partner association by the other association. Such resources include training materials, publications, and software.
- Jointly develop strategies for furthering local and tribal transportation providers' knowledge and application of topics which align with initiatives that are of mutual concern to both associations, such as safety, sustainability, highway maintenance, traffic engineering, performance management, asset management, workforce planning and development, work zones, knowledge management, and technology implementation.


- Collaborate on safety issues, in particular to promote state department of transportation interaction with local highway agencies and Local Technical Assistance Program centers on safety topics.
- Collaborate on workforce development and knowledge management issues to share information, experiences, and successful strategies.
- AASHTO will provide NLTAPA members and LTAP centers with the AASHTO member discount on AASHTO publications.

It is agreed that the associations will jointly develop a tri-annual Action Plan within the framework set forth in the MOU and within the constraints of available resources, monitor and review progress on the various elements of the Action Plan, and provide a year-end report on the Action Plan to both Associations, including recommendations for the next updated Action Plan.

Each organization will be solely responsible for the administration and expenditure of its own resources associated with activities conducted under this MOU. This MOU does not create any legal or binding commitments on either party. This MOU shall not be construed to create an association, joint venture, or partnership between AASHTO and NLTAPA or impose any partnership obligation or liability on either. Any dispute arising from the interpretation or application of this MOU shall be resolved by the parties through mutual agreement.

This MOU shall be effective upon the signature execution by the representatives of AASHTO and NLTAPA and remain in effect through December 31, 2027. Either party may terminate this MOU on three months' notice to the other in writing, provided such termination shall not impair any obligations or commitments already validly incurred in accordance with the MOU. This MOU may be extended upon mutually acceptable terms agreed to by each organization. This MOU is subject to mutually acceptable written revision or written modification at the request of each organization.

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