

**Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between  
the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)  
and  
the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA)**

**1 – Preamble**

The **American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)** is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association representing highway and transportation departments in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. It advocates transportation-related policies and provides technical services to support states in their efforts to efficiently and safely move people and goods. Its primary goal is to foster the development, operation, and maintenance of an integrated national transportation system. AASHTO is an international leader in setting technical standards for all phases of highway system development.

The **International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA)** is the worldwide association for the owners and operators of toll facilities and the businesses that serve tolling. Its mission is to advance toll financed transportation. Each year the association engages thousands of transportation professionals from toll agencies, concessionaires, and allied businesses through educational meetings, knowledge sharing, and advocacy. Founded in 1932, IBTTA has members in more than 20 countries on six continents.

Both associations seek to:

- promote safe, efficient, and sustainable surface transportation;
- advance the user-pays principle in the design, development and funding of surface transportation infrastructure;
- advance public policies, laws and regulations that allow states to use toll financing, wherever they may choose, to rebuild and maintain their existing interstate highways because traditional revenue sources – including the gas tax alone – are inadequate to meet present or future needs.

The associations agree on the following Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) aimed at the establishment of closer cooperation in the fields described below subject to the applicable internal rules and charters of both organizations: AASHTO and IBTTA.

**2 – Fields of Cooperation**

- Supporting the deployment of road tolling as a tool to fund the development, operation and maintenance of road infrastructure, with maximum flexibility for states to use this tool.
- Supporting the harmonization of laws between and among states, provinces and territories in North America to permit interoperability of electronic tolling systems including the effective enforcement of sanctions against toll violators.

- Supporting the development of road funding and financing mechanisms that allow states to develop road, bridge and tunnel infrastructure that promotes customer service, performance and sustainability.

### 3 – Methods of Cooperation

AASHTO and IBTTA will:

- Exchange calendars of important meetings and activities of both associations related to the above fields of cooperation with a view of mutual participation in these meetings whenever possible.
- Exchange data of mutual interest related to surface transportation funding, finance, operations, maintenance, security, toll enforcement and related topics.
- Establish a joint “Cooperation Committee” composed of an equal number of representatives from both associations that shall meet periodically, and at least annually, to discuss issues of mutual concern.

### 4 – Closing Clauses

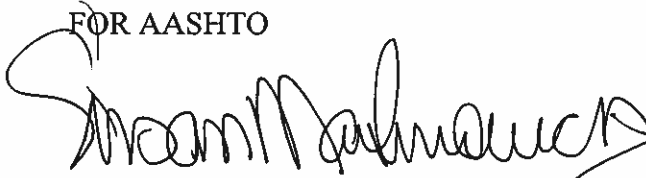
The cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding reflects the desire of both parties for joint actions in the fields described.

This MOU is perpetual. Either party may terminate this MOU on 60 days’ written notice to the other party.

This MOU will enter into force upon signature by the chief elected officers of the two organizations following its adoption by their respective boards of directors.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed the MOU in two copies in Detroit, Michigan on October 17, 2011.

FOR AASHTO



Susan Martinovich, President

FOR IBTTA



Frank McCartney, President