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Welcome to the Standing Committee on Rail Transportation (SCORT).

This New Member Reference booklet is designed to familiarize readers with the committee, its workings, and its purpose.

■ ■ ■ Introduction to SCORT

SCORT addresses all policy, regulatory, safety, and enforcement issues impacting the ability of states to develop and maintain their portions of an efficient national freight and passenger rail transportation network. SCORT serves as the rail modal lead for the AASHTO Freight Transportation Network and Special Committee on Intermodal Transportation and Economic Expansion. Members of SCORT include all 52 AASHTO participating transportation departments (all states including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico).

■ ■ ■ Joining SCORT

Individuals are appointed for membership by their respective states. In order to complete the entrance process, new members must register for an AASHTO account at this website. Doing so enables you to receive e-mail updates on news and upcoming events, as well as queries and the latest surveys from SCORT. Being a member also gives you access to a nationwide network of experienced and knowledgeable freight professionals and leaders in the field. Since many of AASHTO's initiatives involve interactions and partnerships with federal agencies, SCORT continually operates at the strategic intersections of state-federal and public-private policy.

Along with having the ability to access a broad range of informative and technical resources, members can collaborate and bring key best practices and insights back to their states. Members have the capability to use their AASHTO account to log-in and contribute materials to the committee's website. Another venue facilitating these discussions is AASHTO's Rail Resource Center, supported by SCORT. The Center fields questions from member states and

collects responses, reports, and presentations on an ongoing basis to assist peer exchange. Common activities include webinars and on-line training tools, publications, and technical assistance to assist states in meeting the growing necessity of freight movement and passenger rail.

■ ■ ■ Member Responsibilities

SCORT encourages active participation from its members. Attending meetings, participating in conference calls, and posing and answering technical queries for the Center are just a few avenues to provide input and value to the committee. To the extent possible, engaging with liaisons and fellow members about developments in your state is always appreciated.

■ ■ ■ Meetings

A SCORT member state hosts the SCORT National Meeting each fall, convening committee members with public- and private-sector rail industry stakeholders for a premier national rail conference featuring critical discussions on policy and regulatory issues impacting the movement of freight and passenger rail. Each winter, SCORT also convenes in Washington, D.C., for a members-only debrief and networking meeting with key federal, congressional, and rail industry leaders. Specific details about the next meeting will be posted on the committee's website.

Additionally, AASHTO convenes various annual meetings, which serve as beneficial opportunities to learn about developments occurring within other modes of transportation. Information about these events can be found on the Meetings and Registration page of AASHTO's website.

■ ■ ■ **More Information**

If you have further questions about the committee,
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