# Highways Subcommittee on Right of Way, Utilities and Outdoor Advertising Control

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## Work Planned for Year 2016-2017

Committee Business:

- Election of Officers: Terms for chair and the three vice chairs expire on June 30, 2016. Elections for these positions will be held at the Subcommittee's Annual Conference in May 2016.
- Continue working with AASHTO on the new structure for Committees and Subcommittees.
- Continue working with FHWA on the Every Day Counts initiative to identify and resolve key issues effecting Right of Way, Utilities, and Outdoor Advertising Control.
- Continue to provide strategic communication and information exchange through the Subcommittee website, located at http://rightofway.transportation.org/, and the online "Clearinghouse" resource for query, compilation, and distribution of results from topic-specific surveys submitted by the member states. The Subcommittee's goal is to transition this activity to the AASHTO Share Point site in the near future.
- Continue to integrate Outdoor Advertising Control into the Subcommittee operations and structure including the consideration of expansion of the Subcommittee Executive Board to include Outdoor Advertising representation for each of the AASHTO regions.
- Continue working on bringing active members to the Subcommittee and to the Executive Board.
- Continue to work with the various states on supporting the implementation of SHRP II products.

Research Activities:

- The Subcommittee and NAHBA remain very active in national research through partnerships with FHWA and AASHTO. The Subcommittee has volunteers actively participating in these and many other studies and pilots. NAHBA, with Subcommittee support, will be once again pursuing funding to identify and collect data and facts to establish standards and practices adopted by the Federal/State Agreement in each state and to analyze that data and effective

control measures utilized by the states in order to establish a consistent federal standard for effective control of the federally mandated outdoor advertising control program nationwide.

- The Subcommittee and NAHBA will participate in the overall AASHTO effort to improve research communication and understanding of research opportunities including funding opportunities, topic selection and research dissemination.

- Continue to work with TRB on the development, refinement, and search for funding for prioritized research topics as developed by TRB and the Subcommittee's technical councils.

- Committee members will continue to serve on various panels and advisory committees of NCHRP, NHI and FHWA.

Technical Councils:

- The information exchange and policy development focus of the Technical Councils will continue through 2016.

Awards:

- At the 2017 conference, the awards program will include Excellence in Right-of-Way, Excellence in Utility and the NAHBA Awards of Excellence. The Right-of-Way and Utility Awards are solicited, reviewed and winners selected jointly between FHWA and the Subcommittee. The NAHBA Awards are solicited, reviewed and winners selected jointly between FHWA and NAHBA.

- Additional information on these awards is available at: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/utilities/2014awards.pdf
  http://nahba.org
  http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/real_estate/

Future Meetings:

- The Subcommittee's 2017 Executive Board Meeting will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana January 8-12, 2017.

- The annual meeting of the Subcommittee will convene in Indianapolis, Indiana April 30 - May 5, 2017.