

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION**  
**OFFICIALS**  
**AND**  
**INDIAN ROADS CONGRESS**

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The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and Indian Roads Congress (IRC) 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. It represents all five transportation modes: air, highways, public transportation, rail and water. Its primary goal is to foster the development, operation and maintenance of an integrated national transportation system. AASHTO's vision is: "The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials is the voice for transportation and catalyst for organizational and technical excellence."

The Indian Roads Congress (IRC) is the premier technical body of Highway Engineers in India. IRC was set up in December, 1934 on the recommendations of the Indian Road Development Committee by the then Govt. of India with the objective of Road Development in India. IRC was formally registered as a Society in 1937 under the Societies Registration Act of 1860 and has since grown into a multi-dimensional many faceted organisation, devoted to the cause of better roads & better bridges in India.

AASHTO and IRC share a number of common aims.

The two organizations agree to collaborate on the pursuit of these common aims through the exchange of information, consultation and cooperation.

In particular the two organisations agree to:

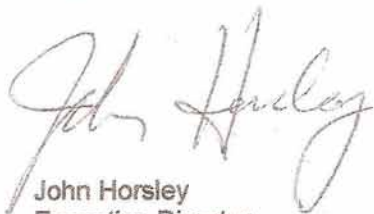
- Provide reciprocal links to their websites
- Exchange newsletters and corporate publications
- Exchange other publications on request
- Promote each others' activities in their respective countries
- Invite and participation in each others' Seminars and Conferences
- Share collaborative research on topics of mutual interest
- Facilitate contact between staff of member organizations
- Foster knowledge sharing and technology transfer
- Such other initiatives as are agreed from time to time

Areas of Near-term Focus:

- Highways Capacity Analysis for Mixed-Traffic Conditions (HCM equivalent for Developing Countries)
- Systems Operation and Management
- Pavements Technologies
- Bridges Technologies
- ITS Technologies
- Tolling Technologies
- Innovative Financing/Public-Private Partnerships
- Technology Exchange Programs
- Industry Best Practices

The Executive Director of AASHTO and Secretary General of IRC will review this partnership agreement in its third year of operation or at such earlier time as they mutually agree is appropriate.

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