

Council on Aviation Strategic Plan

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Goal 1: Lead and influence national policy related to aviation

1.1. Influence National Policy

AASHTO members have an important stake in national aviation policy. AASHTO will monitor national and state policy and legislative activities.

Implementation Actions:

- Regularly monitor policy and legislative activities and inform membership of opportunities and concerns
- Engage membership in presentation of national and regional transportation needs to Congress
- Develop policy positions for aviation and UAS (drones)

1.2 Advance aviation as part of an integrated transportation system

The Council will continue to advance aviation as part of an integrated multimodal transportation system.

Implementation Actions:

- Collaborate with other AASHTO councils and committees to ensure a multimodal approach to transportation policy
- Collaborate with other AASHTO councils and committees on establishing UAS (drones) User Work Group

Goal 2: Strengthen the Council on Aviation's leadership role within AASHTO and among other national organizations, institutions, and groups with complementary purposes and goals

The Council will continue to create and maintain partnerships with external organizations to effectively leverage the Council's resources and extend the Council's reach.

Implementation Actions:

- Convene meetings/summits around key aviation issues to collaboratively set priorities
- Collaborate with national organizations such as FAA, FHWA, NASAO, ARBTA, AGC, and other stakeholders regarding UAS (drones)

Goal 3: Identify and promote research and develop educational resources to support aviation

The Council will identify aviation research priorities to help member agencies develop and implement effective aviation and multimodal transportation solutions.

Implementation Actions:

- Identify research related to aviation
- Work with other AASHTO councils and committees to develop and implement effective multimodal research
- Disseminate domestic scan information on state use of UAS (drones)

Goal 4: Provide high quality technical assistance and support to State DOTs in their delivery of aviation programs

The Council will focus on identifying and addressing the needs of the organization's members related to aviation.

Implementation Actions:

- Improve communication opportunities with/for membership
- Hold webinar(s) on priority topics
- Hold peer exchange on priority topics

Goal 5: Leverage the expertise of State DOT professionals to work with the Council and to serve in leadership roles

The Council will focus on increasing participation among the member departments in general and among leadership positions.

Implementation Actions:

- Encourage State DOTs to name a member from their state to the Council
- Solicit nominations from members and select a steering committee
- Educate members and CEOs about available services and resources related to aviation
- Solicit membership for the UAS (drones) User Work Group
- Continue working with the Committee on Materials and Pavements