

The National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission

AASHTO Recommendations: Team 5. Multimodal Freight Systems

Tom Norton, chairman of the Special Committee on Intermodal Transportation and Economic Expansion, headed a policy team that gave recommendations regarding freight policies and programs, including highways and trucking, intermodal connectors, freight rail, and ports. The Commission was directed to study: “The current condition and future needs of the surface transportation system including the National Highway System, Congressional high priority corridors, intermodal connectors, intermodal freight facilities, and freight rail infrastructure and facilities; expected business uses that impact the system including modes of transportation and traffic volumes; the identification of urban, rural , national and interregional needs; identification of the location of critical bottlenecks; critical multi-state, urban, and rural corridors needing capacity and operational enhancements; military deployment enhancements; policy alternatives for addressing future needs; and develop a conceptual plan to ensure that the surface transportation system will continue to serve the needs of the United States.”