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To: Members AASHTO Subcommittee on Highway Transport

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Chair

Subject: Procedures for future emergency responses

Based on the experience with emergency response to hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the assessment of that experience through the survey conducted by the Subcommittee, and conversations with federal emergency response officials, the Executive Board of the Subcommittee proposes the following procedures for future emergency responses:

1. Upon the declaration of a national emergency the Vice-Chairman of the AASHTO Subcommittee on Highway Transport (or in his absence, the Chair of the Task Force on Oversize/Overweight Permitting) will convene a conference call of Subcommittee members to discuss communication and coordination to facilitate the response to the emergency.
2. Regular conference calls will be held until the declaration expires as long as needed.
3. AASHTO staff will provide information on federal, state, and private sector responses to the hurricane to Subcommittee members by email.
4. AASHTO staff will activate a web page to provide information on federal, state, and private sector emergency response activities to Subcommittee members and others concerning the hurricane response.
5. AASHTO staff will establish a point of contact for commercial vehicle permitting at each of the federal emergency response agencies, including, but not limited to, the Department of Transportation, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the Federal Emergency Management Administration, and the Department of Defense.
6. AASHTO staff will compile, maintain, and provide to the federal emergency response agencies and member states a contact list of state oversize-overweight permitting officials. This list will be updated regularly.

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7. AASHTO will inform the federal emergency response agencies that in cases where a special circumstances when a route is required for an individual load on very short notice that the routing will be coordinated by permitting official in the state of origin with the permitting officials of the states on the route to the destination.

These procedures will be adjusted as needed, based on future experience and additional information.