

Policy Resolution PR-8-08
Title: Long Term Maintenance of LRFD Design Specifications

WHEREAS, Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) Specifications are published by AASHTO; and

WHEREAS, NCHRP has assisted in the development and maintenance of LRFD Specifications, through its Project 12-42, since 1995; and

WHEREAS, NCHRP Project 12-42 funding ceased in July of 2002; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Highway Administration now requires all new Federal-aid funded State bridge projects designed after Oct, 2007 be designed using the Load Resistance Factor Design.

WHEREAS, There was a need to continue the maintenance and development of LRFD Specifications; and

WHEREAS, The AASHTO Highway Subcommittee on Bridges and Structures convened a Bridge/ Structures Technical Service Program Fund to maintain the LRFD specifications and support other activities of the subcommittee. The Subcommittee will also establish an Executive committee with members from the full subcommittee to manage this pooled fund. Each member department would be invoiced for a voluntary yearly contribution of \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, The AASHTO Subcommittee on Bridges and Structures supports the action to continue funding the maintenance and development of the Load and Resistance Factor Design Specifications until 2012 at which time the Subcommittee will reevaluate the need to continue the technical service program. During this reevaluation the Subcommittee will provide a report on its accomplishments and make a recommendation to sunset or continue support of the program; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the AASHTO Board of Directors supports the establishment and continuation of a technical service program and to solicit voluntary contributions from the member departments to continue the program.