

**Proposed Resolution**  
**Joint Technical Committee on Hydrology and Hydraulics**  
**Formation of a Joint Task Force on Pipe**  
**July 2009**

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**WHEREAS**, There is recognized a need for communication between AASHTO Highway Subcommittees on issues concerning the use, design, ~~and testing~~, and installation of all types of drainage pipes and culverts, manholes, catch basins, and liners; and

**WHEREAS**, There is also recognized a need for peer support when making decisions on recommended standard practices and materials and design specifications dealing with pipe issues; and

**WHEREAS**, There is also a need for a formal cross-cutting task force to recommend needed research on pipe issues, review ongoing research and current state practices, provide a platform for cooperative review of publications to be balloted by AASHTO, and to ~~help coordinate~~ provide guidance for the review ~~process~~ and approval of new and innovative pipe products and technologies;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, On the occasion of the 2009 Subcommittee on Design meeting, the members in attendance express their support for the formation of a Joint Task Force on Pipe that will include members of the Highway Subcommittee on Bridges and Structures, the Highway Subcommittee on Materials, ~~and~~ the Highway Subcommittee on Design, the Highway Subcommittee on Construction, and the Highway Subcommittee on Maintenance; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the members of the Joint Task Force on Pipe will be appointed by the chairs of each of the Subcommittees involved. Each subcommittee will appoint up to four (4) members, ~~one from each AASHTO region~~. The chair of the task force shall be appointed by an agreement of all ~~three~~ five of the controlling Subcommittee chairs. In order to minimize member travel, most if not all the work will be done by holding conference calls or through other such means. Any need for a face-to-face meeting of this joint task force would be held during one of the three parent Subcommittee summer meetings. This task force will sunset in 2013 unless the three supporting subcommittees agree there is a need to continue this joint task force for a specific time period.