

**AASHTO-AGC-ARTBA Joint Committee
Joint Position Statement JPS-1-19**

Title: Use of Methods to Accelerate Construction while Maximizing Safety and Minimizing Impacts to the Traveling Public with Enhanced Partnerships

Whereas, America's highways contribute greatly to the quality of life of our citizens through improved access and mobility;

Whereas, Aging and significant wear and tear on the nation's highway infrastructure has required repair, preservation and improvement, and such work is often conducted while the facility is still being used;

Whereas, The highway community has been using numerous methods and means to accelerate construction, to mitigate delay and to improve safety for the workers and the traveling public, and these methods and means are more frequently applied as common practice in many places;

Whereas, It is in the public's interest for construction to be accelerated to maximize safety and minimize disruptions; and

Whereas, There has been sufficient experience with such methods and means to have understood limits, pros and cons and specific conditions for best use; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the AASHTO-AGC-ARTBA Joint Committee supports the use of construction acceleration methods and means statutorily allowable in each individual state that maximize safety and minimize disruption to the motoring public, and supports the appropriate use of such methods and means by forming a joint task force to accomplish the following:

- Identify parameters and conditions that are considered in the selection/use of construction acceleration methods and means, including but not limited to:
 - Contractual Alternatives: Design-Build, CMGC, Project Bundling,
 - Contractual Provisions: Incentives, Disincentives, Lane Rentals, Work Windows, Night Work, Full Closure, Valuing Safety,
 - Safety Strategies: Police Presence, ITS Warning Devices, Work Zone Configuration,
 - Construction Techniques: Sequencing, Prefabrication and Modular Construction,
 - Alternative Technical Concepts: encouraging collaboration and maintaining confidentiality as allowed by law,
 - Construction Management, Staffing, and Decision-making,This will provide guidance on benefits and use of each technique that balances the pros and cons;
- Devise a means to provide online access to the guidance that may be updated periodically;
- Develop talking points for presenting the task force results at the regional AASHTO meetings in 2020 to encourage appropriate use of the acceleration techniques within the parameters identified; and

Resolved, That AASHTO, AGC and ARTBA will collaborate with FHWA to develop and deliver a means to reintroduce and refresh partnering principles and practices with construction stakeholders to accelerate construction while also enhancing the performance, quality and safety of construction projects.