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TRB ABC Joint Subcommittee Members, Liaisons, and Friends:

Effective June 25, 2022, the TRB Joint Subcommittee on Accelerated Bridge Construction, AKB00(2), under the Bridges and Structures Section, AKB00, and the Construction Section, AKC00, will be sunset. Consequently, there will not be a Subcommittee meeting scheduled in January 2023 at the 102nd TRB Annual Meeting. This sunsetting action is consistent with TRB's policy related to subcommittees as described in the *TRB Leadership Guide*: "Subcommittee appointments are for the period necessary to complete the assignment. All subcommittees should be discharged when they have completed their assignments."

As Subcommittee Chair, I initiated this request for the Subcommittee to be sunset on behalf of the AASHTO Technical Committee for Construction, T-4, which believes that the Subcommittee has substantially accomplished its task as it relates to developing Research Need Statements (RNSs) in support of T-4. [As you know, T-4 is the focal point for ABC within AASHTO.] T-4 believes that any remaining research, session, workshop, etc., needs related to ABC can be accomplished through the existing TRB technical committee structure, e.g., Innovative Highway Structures and Appurtenances, AKB10; Steel Bridges, AKB20; Concrete Bridges, AKB30; and Construction of Bridges and Structures, AKC40. Their conclusion is consistent with now having the published *AASHTO LRFD Guide Specifications for Accelerated Bridge Construction, First Edition, 2018*.

As you may know, the *AASHTO LRFD Guide Specifications for Accelerated Bridge Construction* resulted from an RNS developed by the ABC Subcommittee, in support of T-4, when it was still a subcommittee under TRB General Structures, AFF10, just prior to the subcommittee being elevated to a section-level subcommittee. [AFF10 voted the RNS as its #1 priority in 2013; awarded to CME in 2014.] Thanks to your work, the Subcommittee has continued its successful history of funded RNSs in collaboration with other TRB committees, as documented for the last few years on the Subcommittee website (<https://sites.google.com/view/trb-aff00-2/>).

We thank you for your extensive work to accomplish enough research, technology transfer, and implementation to advance ABC technologies related to policy, planning, procurement, design, materials, construction, and contracting across the country. Implementation of ABC is ongoing and continues to need our efforts. Our work is not yet finished. Please continue to be an ABC champion in your state!

Thanks,
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