

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION**  
**of**  
**THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**AND**  
**THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR PUBLIC WORKS**  
**AND WATER MANAGEMENT**  
**of**  
**THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, PUBLIC WORKS AND WATER MANAGEMENT**  
**OF THE NETHERLANDS**

This Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as the Memorandum) is entered into between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) of the United States Department of Transportation and the Directorate General for Public Works and Water Management, (RWS) of the Dutch Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management (the Participants).

Desiring to enhance cooperation in finding solutions to problems of mutual concern and to improve transportation systems and techniques without the costly and wasteful duplication of parallel national efforts.

In furtherance of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Participants, signed at Washington and The Hague on October 6, 1977, which envisaged a program to achieve mutually advantageous cooperation in transportation research and development,

The Participants intend to promote cooperation as follows:

### **Section 1 Purpose**

The purpose of this Memorandum is to encourage collaboration and exchange of information and to enable the Participants to benefit from one another's experience and expertise through and to improve the quality of each Participant's research on projects for current and future clients.

### **Section 2 Areas of Cooperation**

The Participants intend that their cooperation under this Memorandum and the MOU may be conducted in the first two years of activity in the following areas:

- a. Linking transportation performance and accountability: increasing transparency, accountability, and performance in delivering a transportation program, and
- b. Roadway safety: national safety trends, user acceptance and adaptation, development of countermeasures, and capacity development.

The Participants intend for the following topics to be revised and new initiatives identified by mutual understanding following a biennial progress review. Subsequent topics that may be addressed in future years include:

- a. Climate change: transportation policies and strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adaptation of transportation networks to climate change impacts, and
- b. Congestion: managing and reducing congestion through policy, pricing, technology and multimodal solutions, consideration of the role of reliability.

### **Section 3 Forms of Cooperation**

The Participants intend to strengthen cooperation in mutually-understood areas in the following manner:

- a. Working meetings: The Participants intend to organize annual working meetings of technical experts and partners. The meetings may be held, on an alternating basis, in the United States and The Netherlands. The areas of cooperation may be refined for the meetings to reflect the current national priorities of each country. During the meetings, the areas of cooperation may be explored through a formal exchange of information on current and planned future research and practice.

- b. Connecting professionals: The Participants are currently working on similar topics in highway transportation management, research, and practice. Through this Memorandum, the Participants intend to develop a system through which technical specialists may develop contacts with each other and regularly exchange information on projects and research of mutual interest.

It is the mutual understanding of the Participants that the cooperative activities under this Memorandum may depend on the respective internal circumstances in The Netherlands and the United States and may be affected by factors, such as differences or divergences in regulatory priorities, availability of funds, and any difficulties that could arise during the course of this cooperation.

#### **Section 4 Funding**

As under the MOU, pursuits of cooperative activities under this Memorandum are subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Each organization may bear its own labor, travel and other costs in support of information sharing. Funding for future projects that may arise out of this Memorandum may be accomplished by reaching separate funding agreements.

#### **Section 5 Limitations**

Cooperative activities undertaken under this Memorandum, including exchange of information, are subject to the applicable laws, regulations, policies and procedures of each of the Participants.

Personnel performing services under this Memorandum are intended to retain their status as employees of their respective governments. The supervision and administration of the personnel are intended to be in accordance with the policies and procedures of the agencies through which they are employed.

It is intended that all shared information will be considered public information. To the extent permitted by law, each of the Participants intends to honor disclosure restrictions as requested by the other.

**Section 6**  
**Points of Contact**

The points of contact are the coordinators of the activities undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum:

For FHWA: Director of the Office of International Programs.

For RWS: International Account Manager of the Rijkswaterstaat Centre for Transport and Navigation.

**Section 7**  
**Duration**

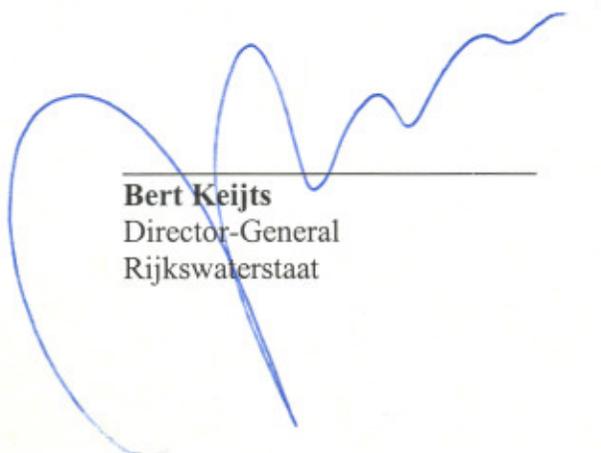
This Memorandum should commence upon the date of signature below of both Participants. The Memorandum continues for a period of 6 years, and may be revised at any time by mutual consent of the Participants in writing. Each Participant may terminate its cooperation upon ninety (90 days) written notice by either Participant. The Memorandum is expected to be evaluated every two years. The Participants intend to decide whether to extend the work in the selected areas of cooperation or modify the areas to include new topics of interest. Representatives of each Participant may select the best choice of action following the biennial progress review.

This document is being executed in counter-part originals. Each Participant will retain an original.

Dated: November 17, 2009, in Washington, D.C.



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