

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AND

THE DIRECTION DES TRANSPORTS TERRESTRES
OF THE MINISTERE DE L'EQUIPEMENT, DES TRANSPORTS ET DU LOGEMENT

I. AUTHORITY

This Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as this Agreement) is entered into pursuant to Article II (D) of the Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Cooperation in the Field of Transportation between the Department of Transportation of the United States of America and the Ministère de l'Équipement, des Transports et du Logement of the French Republic, signed at Washington, DC, February 14, 1972.

II. PURPOSE

This Memorandum intended to establish cooperation between the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) of the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Direction des Transports Terrestres (DTT) of the Ministère de l'Équipement, des Transports et du Logement of the French Republic, hereinafter referred to as the Participants.

III. COOPERATIVE FRAMEWORK

Desiring to coordinate, as much as possible, developments by the two countries in the field of mass transit ;

Acknowledging a mutual interest in the exchange of national information concerning urban mass transportation development ; and

Recognizing an advantage in undertaking certain new programs jointly or in coordinating work on programs already in progress ;

The Participants agree to cooperate as hereinafter set forth.

A. The Participants, either directly or through their designated representatives, will maintain regular contact to :

- exchange information and review, discuss and compare FTA and DTT initiatives leading to innovations in mass transportation services ;
- arrange, where feasible, the mutual exchange of experts for studies, conferences, seminars, training, and visits to transit facilities in both countries ;

- coordinate the dissemination of urban transportation operations and research data and innovations undertaken by other organizations within their respective countries ;
- as appropriate, combine their work and resources or coordinate investigation into urban transportation issues ; and
- consult on the management of joint activities

B. Cooperative activities will be held preferably by different task groups composed of administration officials, transit operators, industrial partners, research institutes, or other interested parties. Each task group would have a precise assignment defined by the two countries.

C. The designated administrative coordinators for this Agreement are :

For FTA : The Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration

For DTT : Le Directeur des Transports Terrestres

D. Meetings between the Participants may be arranged as deemed necessary. These meetings will be held alternatively in the United States and in France at mutually agreed times.

IV. AREAS OF COOPERATION

• The Participants will promote cooperative activities within, but not limited to, the following areas of mutual interest :

- Safety and Security (anti-terrorism) ;
- Environment :
 - Environmental impact studies ;
 - Urban travel schemes
 - Clean vehicle
 - Energy conservation
- Innovative technology :
 - Fully automated mass transit systems ;
 - Automatic fare collection systems
 - Telecommunication and signaling
 - Integrated Management Information Systems
 - Standards and regulations
- Economics
 - Economic and financial analyses of new major capital investments
 - Patronage studies and forecasts (ridership studies and forecast)
 - Ways and means of improving operating revenues in mass transit
 - Role of private sector in operating and financing mass transit investments
 - Marketing

V. FUNDING

In order to carry out the provisions of this Memorandum, each Participant will bear the cost of the work carried out in accordance with specific tasks identified in paragraph IV. Each Participant will fund the costs of its respective activities under this Agreement, including transportation between the two countries.

A Participant's obligations under this Agreement will be subject to its applicable laws and regulations and the availability of appropriated funds.

VI. EXCHANGE OF PERSONNEL

Exchange of personnel for work described in the appendices may be arranged under this Memorandum in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and practices of the Participants.

VII. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

In connection with exchanges of technical data between FTA and DTT, any conditions or limitations placed upon further dissemination of the data by the providing Participant will be respected by the other Participant in accordance with applicable domestic laws.

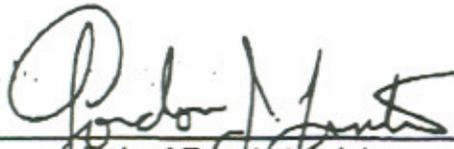
VIII. LIABILITY

The Participants will make a best effort to ensure the accuracy of all data, but the accuracy of such data is not guaranteed. Each Participant will use the other's data at its own risk and may not hold the other Participant responsible in the event of claims arising out of the use of said data.

IX. DURATION

This Memorandum of Cooperation shall commence and continue upon signature and shall remain in force for a period of four (4) years. It may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the Participants in writing, and either Participant may terminate it at any time providing sixty (60) days notice in writing.

Done in Paris, France, in duplicate, this 27, October 1999, in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authentic.



Federal Transit Administrator
U.S. Department of Transportation
United States of America



Le Directeur des Transports Terrestres
Ministère de l'Équipement, des Transports
et du Logement