

## **MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSPORT CANADA**

WHEREAS the Department of Transportation of the United States of America and Transport Canada desire to enhance collaboration on transportation matters of mutual interest including:

- the need to address solutions for resolving current and future North American transportation issues;
- the need to develop a common border/corridor strategy and for better coordination between the United States and Canada;
- the need to cooperate on developing and implementing national policies on intermodalism; and
- the need for more frequent high-level communication between Transport Canada and the U.S. Department of Transportation;

AND WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Transportation and Transport Canada recognize that the significantly increased trade flows and passenger flows between the United States and Canada are exerting pressure on our shared land border and that the resulting border delays have a negative impact on the logistics supply chain and the economy;

AND WHEREAS establishment of common data elements, data identification, collection, and analysis are of paramount importance in understanding, planning and deployment of interoperable transportation systems of the future;

AND WHEREAS transportation research and development, including intelligent transportation systems (ITS), is a high priority for both the U.S. Department of Transportation and Transport Canada.

The Department of Transportation of the United States of America and Transport Canada intend to enhance collaboration and cooperation on:

- i. corridor/border projects and new programs of mutual interest;
- ii. mapping freight flows, collecting data and identifying data gaps that need to be filled to help identify pressure points on the transportation and intermodal freight system in North America;
- iii. the development of an ITS architecture for North America which includes common data elements and a common border architecture, intermodal freight architecture, and

- commercial vehicle architecture; and the use of this architecture to guide deployment of interoperable strategic ITS applications along the border;
- iv. the development of North American standards for intelligent transportation systems which focus on priorities of mutual interest and avoid duplicative efforts.
  - v. development of uniform approaches to expedited processing of commercial vehicles through border crossings, while satisfying the requirements of all governmental jurisdictions: federal, state and provincial;
  - vi. increasing the degree and speed of communication between the two departments to ensure that each is kept apprised of developments and initiatives in the other country, and
  - vii. meeting more regularly to conduct information exchanges and discuss issues of mutual concern.

Signed in Washington, DC, on this 13 day of October 2000.

For the Department of Transportation  
of the United States of America



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