

Memorandum of Understanding

between the Federal Minister for Research and
Technolôgy and the Federal Minister of Transport
of the Federal Republic of Germany

on the one hand

and the Department of Transportation of the United
States of America

on the other hand

concerning the extension and modification of the
June 12, 1973 Memorandum of Understanding regarding
cooperation on the development of advanced ground
transportation

The Federal Minister for Research and Technology (BMFT) and the Federal Minister of Transport (BMV) of the Federal Republic of Germany

on the one hand

and the Department of Transportation (DOT) of the United States of America

on the other hand,

hereinafter called the parties,

- desiring to continue the fruitful cooperation of the parties under the June 12, 1973 Memorandum of Understanding on the development of advanced ground transportation, particularly tracked, levitated, high-speed transportation systems,
- considering it useful to extend their cooperation to further areas in the field of advanced ground transportation,

have agreed as follows:

1. The June 12, 1973 Memorandum of Understanding is hereby extended for an indefinite term. Each party has the right to terminate its cooperation after three months written notice to the other parties.
2. Cooperation in the development of advanced ground transportation is not limited to levitated high-speed transportation systems but includes innovations in conventional rail, both as to rolling stock and propulsion systems.
3. Cooperation includes urban transportation technologies.
4. Cooperative activities may extend to motor vehicle technology and traffic engineering.
5. The terms of the September 3, 1975 Memorandum of Understanding between DOT and BMV concerning cooperation in the field of transportation, or the November 5, 1970 Memorandum of Understanding between DOT and BMV concerning cooperation in the development of experimental safety vehicles, shall remain unaffected.

6. This Memorandum of Understanding shall also apply to Land Berlin, provided that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany does not make a contrary declaration to the Government of the United States of America within three months of the date of entry into force of this Memorandum of Understanding.
7. This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of signature.

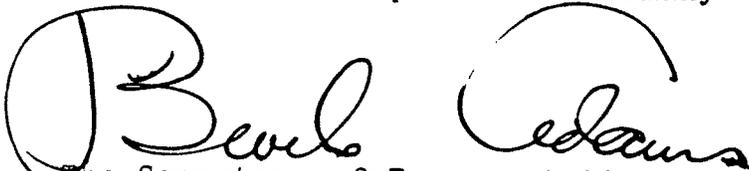
Done at Washington, D.C. and Bonn in triplicate in the English and German languages, each text being equally authentic, on July 12 and August 30, 1978 respectively.



The Federal Minister for Research and Technology
of the Federal Republic of Germany



The Federal Minister of Transport
of the Federal Republic of Germany



The Secretary of Transportation
of the United States of America