



**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ**

The Department of Transportation of the United States of America and the Ministry of Transportation of the Republic of Iraq (hereinafter referred to as "the Participants");

Taking note of the General Agreement for Technical Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Iraq signed in Baghdad, on April 10, 1951, and the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Iraq on Commercial, Economic and Technical Cooperation signed in Washington, D.C., on August 26, 1987;

Understanding that development of efficient transport systems promote economic growth, job creation and international trade and that new development in the field of transportation technology can make important contributions toward the continuance of promoting, encouraging, and advancing safe, accessible, economical, efficient, and environmentally sound transportation systems; and

Desiring to promote cooperation and collaboration in the field of transportation the Participants have reached an understanding as follows:

Section I

The Participants intend to undertake cooperation and collaboration in transportation on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit under this Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as Memorandum).

Section II

The Participants intend to cooperate and collaborate in the following fields as well as other areas of mutual interest:

1. Surface transportation:
 - a. Development of safety standards and enforcement; and
 - b. Commercial development.

2. Aviation transportation:
 - a. Assistance with development of Air Navigation Services (ANS);
 - b. Assistance with support of the ANS infrastructure;
 - c. Professional mentorship and training;
 - d. Assistance in developing a Flight Safety program, covering Flight Standards; airworthiness and pilot standards and oversight; and
 - e. Development of an airports regulatory program and training to implement and provide oversight.
3. Maritime transportation:
 - a. Waterway Navigation and Safety;
 - b. Vessel Operations including environmental compliance;
 - c. Terminal Development and Cargo Operations;
 - d. Port and Maritime Security; and
 - e. Intermodal Operations and Systems Development.
4. Rail transportation:
 - a. Development of safety standards and enforcement;
 - b. Commercial development;
 - c. Best practices in railroad infrastructure rehabilitation and development;
 - d. Training; and
 - e. Intermodal operations and systems development.
5. Intermodal transportation.
6. Safe transportation; and
7. Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS).

The Participants may identify specific projects for cooperation in transportation within the above-mentioned fields.

Section III

The Participants may pursue cooperation through one or more of the following methods:

1. Exchange of scientific and technical information on subjects of mutual interest;
2. Exchange of specialists, delegations, and scientific and technical personnel;
3. Joint organization of symposia, seminars, and other meetings;
4. Joint research in science and technology transportation; and
5. Other fora of cooperation as mutually agreed.

Section IV

With regard to the cooperative activities under this Memorandum, the Participants may allow, as appropriate, the participation of other relevant sectors of the transportation and research establishment, including government agencies, researchers, organizations, universities, national laboratories, and the private sector.

Section V

In order to coordinate the cooperative and collaborative activities, each Participant may designate a representative to be responsible for determining the particular directions of cooperation and for ensuring the effectiveness of exchange. The representatives of the Participants or their designated coordinators should consult with each other and define the cooperative activities and other related matters. When necessary, they may meet to consider matters related to the implementation of this Memorandum.

Section VI

The cooperation is subject to the availability of funds and personnel.

Section VII

Specific cooperative projects and activities may be embodied in separate memoranda, arrangements, or plans between the Participants, which may cover the subject, procedures and terms of cooperation to be undertaken, the entities involved, funding, and other appropriate matters related to the conditions of such cooperation.

Section VIII

The Participants may consult as appropriate with respect to any matter that may arise from or in connection with the Memorandum.

Section IX

Scientific and technical information of a non-proprietary nature derived from the cooperative and collaborative activities conducted under the Memorandum may be made available to the public through customary channels and in accordance with the normal procedures and law of the Participants and other governmental entities involved in the cooperative activities.

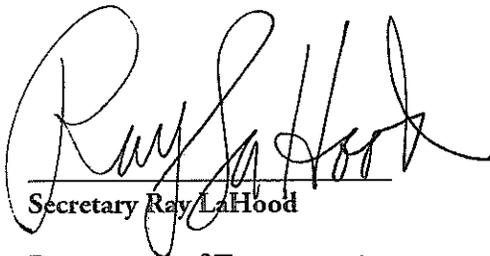
Section X

Information transmitted by one Participant to the other under this Memorandum should be accurate to the best knowledge and belief of the transmitting Participant, but the transmitting Participant does not intend to warrant the suitability of such information for any particular use or application by the receiving Participant.

Section XI

The activities under this Memorandum may commence on the date of signature below. Either Participant may end its cooperation under this Memorandum at any time, but should attempt to provide sixty (60) days prior written notification to the other Participant. The Participants should endeavor to complete or continue specific activities then underway, if they so choose.

Signed in Washington, DC on February 23, 2010, in the English and Arabic language both texts being equally authentic.



Secretary Ray LaHood

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