

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

Between the

**Secretariat of Communications and Transportation
of Mexico**

And the

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
of the United States**

The Secretariat of Communications and Transportation of Mexico and the Department of Transportation of the United States (the Participants), recognize the need for, and importance of, reliable, relevant, and timely information, to support transportation decision making. To this end, the Participants desire to share information and technical expertise, in the area of transportation statistics and analysis.

This Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) is in furtherance of the Ministerial Declaration of the Western Hemisphere Transportation Ministerial, signed in New Orleans on December 16, 1998, which accorded transportation statistics and information an important role and agreed to develop a Western Hemisphere Transportation Statistics System. In addition, this MOC reinforces the ongoing bilateral and trilateral initiatives of the North American Transportation Statistics Interchange, including the development of a North American Transportation Statistics project.

ARTICLE I – SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES

The participants are interested in accomplishing the following:

- Promoting effective communication between the relevant agencies of both countries, concerning transportation statistics and information;
- Facilitating the exchange of experience, techniques, observers and staff, to enhance the Participants' statistical capabilities; and
- Facilitating the coordination and planning necessary to further ongoing work in the area of North American Transportation Statistics and related initiatives.

ARTICLE II - IMPLEMENTATION

The Participants intend to establish a Joint Working Group consisting of members from each of the respective agencies, to help achieve the goals and purpose of this MOC.

Each Participant intends to identify individuals responsible for the above areas, within sixty days of the effective date of this MOC.

The Participants reserve discretion as to the nature of the information to be disclosed.

ARTICLE III - FUNDING

This cooperative effort is to be conducted on a non-reimbursement basis, although nothing in this MOC prevents such reimbursement pursuant to a separate agreement, and is subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Any differences arising from the interpretation or application of this Memorandum of Cooperation should be resolved by mutual consent of the Participants, attempting, in the first instance, to reach consensus in the Joint Working Group.

ARTICLE IV - DURATION AND MODIFICATION

The activities under this MOC should commence on the date of signature below. Either Participant may end its cooperation under the present MOC at any time, but should attempt to provide sixty days prior written notification to the other Participant. However, the Participants should endeavor to complete, or continue, specific activities then underway, unless they agree the contrary.

Signed at Washington, DC, in duplicate, in English and Spanish, this day May 18, 2000.

The Honorable Rodney E. Slater
Secretary
Department of Transportation
United States of America

The Honorable Carlos Ruiz S.
Secretario
Communications and Transportation
Mexico