

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

The Department of Transportation of the United States of America
and

The Ministry of Transportation of the Polish People's Republic
concerning

Cooperation in the Field of Transportation

I. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Transportation of the United States of America and the Ministry of Transportation of the Polish People's Republic/ hereinafter referred to as the Parties/ is pursuant to the agreement between the two Governments on Cooperation in Science and Technology signed October 31, 1972, and extended October 31, 1977, and sets forth the general terms and conditions governing a Program for the achievement of mutually advantageous cooperation in the field of transportation research and development. The aim of this Program will be to promote cooperation between specialists of both Parties in the field of transportation in finding solutions to problems of mutual concern, and to improve transportation systems and techniques, without costly and wasteful duplication of parallel efforts.

NOTE: This DOT working copy reflects the following revisions of the MOU: (a) extension by telegrams between Secretary and the Minister, Nov./Dec., 1976; (b) formal indefinite extension on Oct. 16, 1978, during Davenport (P-1) visit to Warsaw (see State 259874); and (c) revisions by exchange of notes - Feb. 28 and June 22, 1979 (see A-203 and A-224).

II. To realize the benefits of cooperation pursuant to this MOU, the Parties agree that:

A. They will undertake to develop subjects for cooperative research, to be carried out through exchange of information, exchange of experts, as well as through task-sharing and cost-sharing, in such fields of transportation as are identified in Article III below, or in other fields which may be agreed upon in the future. In addition, they will undertake cooperative activities involving the exchange of trainees between research institutes of the two Parties, consultation on transportation matters of mutual interest, and the loan of equipment.

B. Each research cooperation proposal, if mutually acceptable, will be the subject of a separate research agreement, describing the information and experience to be exchanged and setting forth the details of the method of financing and of any task-sharing involved. Such research agreements will become addenda to this Memorandum of Understanding. Each cooperative project proposal, if mutually acceptable, will be the subject of a separate project agreement setting forth the details of the method of financing, sharing of task, and other appropriate matters. Such project agreements will become addenda to this Memorandum of Understanding.

- C. Cooperative activities connected with this Program will be contingent upon the availability of funds.
- D. To support and facilitate this Program, each of the Parties will designate an appropriate representative as Program Coordinator. The Program Coordinators will be authorized by each of the Parties to:
 - 1. Facilitate visits and direct contacts, as well as communication, between specialists of each Party;
 - 2. Conclude cooperative project agreements and monitor and coordinate their implementation;
 - 3. Facilitate contacts for the other Party in making detailed arrangements for, and coordinating, Program activity even when such activity involves other agencies than the Parties; and
 - 4. Arrange for regular reviews of the status and achievements of the overall Program and its component cooperative tasks at least once annually, which shall alternate between Washington and Warsaw as mutually agreed.
- E. Any provisions related to technical documents, patents and other technical data and experience which restrict their use by the receiving Party or restrict their delivery to a third party shall be respected by the Parties.

III. The following have been identified as the initial areas of mutual interest:

- A. Biomedical and human factors relating to the operation of motor vehicles and railroad operations;
- B. Railroad transport, including construction of railroad track, road bed, car suspension, electrification and operations;
- C. Road transport including road traffic safety; and
- D. Surface design and materials for road construction; construction and maintenance.

IV. This MOU will enter in force upon signature and will remain in force indefinitely subject to the right of either Party to terminate it after giving 90 days notice to the other Party of its intention to do so.

Done at Warsaw on this 3rd day of November, 1971, in the English and Polish languages both texts having equal validity.

(signed by John Volpe)

UNITED STATES
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

(signed by Minister Bejm)

POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION