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TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) provides a conceptual framework for partnership between the **European Conference of Transport Research Institutes (ECTRI)**, an international non-profit association, and the United States' National Academy of Sciences, a private tax-exempt corporation, through the **Transportation Research Board (TRB)**, henceforth referred to as "the Parties."

CONSIDERING that the Parties share mutual objectives to foster progress in transport research activities and disseminate their findings,

ACKNOWLEDGING:

- their desire to foster and facilitate greater synergies for information exchange and cooperation, and
- their position of being representatives of a substantial part of the transport research community in their respective regions; and

RECOGNISING the benefits of:

- establishing an institutional arrangement with respect to coordinating exchanges of information on research and development projects,
- facilitating regular contacts between European and American researchers in the field of transport,
- cooperating in the preparation of the next generation of transport researchers in Europe and the US, and
- exchanging experiences concerning the management of transport research;

HEREBY, the Parties agree as follows:

1) Cooperation among the Parties' Committees

The Parties wish to establish a framework for the mutual exchange of information and cooperation in the area of transport research and the management of research. The Parties will encourage coordination between the ECTRI collaborative groups (e.g.: task forces and thematic groups) and the corresponding relevant TRB committees to the extent consistent with the procedures of each organization. Members of ECTRI collaborative groups who are members or friends of relevant TRB committees will be encouraged to serve as liaisons between the relevant ECTRI and TRB committees and collaborative groups to facilitate the exchange of information and cooperation between those groups.

2) Dissemination of Information and Research Results

The Parties will endeavor to make available relevant published reports and articles that will be useful to the committees of the other Party.

The Parties will coordinate to submit information on research reports as well as information on the activities of the other Party, for inclusion in their newsletters and other appropriate publications (e.g. the TRB's bimonthly journal *TR News* or ECTRI's quarterly newsletter).

Each Party's website will include a reference to the areas of cooperation between the Parties and a link to the other Party's website.

3) Organization of joint or participation in, select activities

The Parties will work to jointly organize activities of common interest, or may invite representatives of each other to participate in their activities when such participation would be beneficial or appropriate in the context of this MOU. Specific areas of cooperation will be identified through a three-year action plan and approved by the TRB Executive Director and ECTRI President. The progression of activities pursued through the action plan will be evaluated on an annual basis at which time the action plan may be amended and reapproved by the TRB Executive Director and ECTRI President. Each project or activity will be subject to review by the governing body of each Party.

4) Costs of Participation

Each Party will be solely responsible for the administration and expenditure of its own resources associated with activities conducted under this MOU, and the MOU does not create any legal or binding commitments on either Party.

5) No Agency

This MOU shall not be interpreted or construed to create an association, joint venture or partnership between the Parties or impose any partnership obligation or liability on a Party.

6) Effective Date

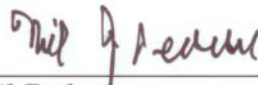
This Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective upon complete execution by the cooperating Parties, and any dispute arising from the interpretation or application of this MOU shall be resolved by the parties through mutual agreement.

7) Revision or Termination of this Memorandum of Understanding

This MOU will remain in effect for a period of five years. This period may be extended subject to a further agreement by each Party. Participation by any Party may be terminated on three months' notice to the other Party, provided such termination shall not impair any obligations or commitments already validly incurred in accordance with the MOU. This MOU is subject to mutually acceptable written revision or written modification at the request of each Party.



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Signed in Washington, DC
12 January 2017