



# 6<sup>th</sup> U.S. – CHINA TRANSPORTATION FORUM



Chicago, IL | October 28-30, 2013  
Westin Michigan Avenue Chicago Hotel



# Background

## **U.S.-China Transportation Forum (TF)**

The TF serves as the principal forum for high-level multi-modal transportation discussions involving U.S. and China government and industry experts. Through the TF, officials work to develop mutually beneficial solutions to common transportation challenges. This annual high-level bilateral event serves as the primary mechanism from which to review progress made among the various TF Working Groups: 1) Safety and Disaster Assistance and Coordination; 2) Urban Congestion; 3) Hazardous Materials; 4) New Technologies in Transport (Rail); and 5) the Ports and Inland Waterways Initiative.

The 6<sup>th</sup> U.S.-China Transportation Forum will be hosted by the U.S. Department of Transportation on October 28-30, 2013 in Chicago, Illinois in conjunction with two other significant U.S. and China transportation-related events: The “Yangtze-Mississippi River Forum” and the “Sino-American Logistics Conference and Exhibition.” The U.S. delegation will be led by U.S. Deputy Secretary of Transportation, John Porcari while the Chinese delegation will be led by Vice Minister of Transport, Gao Hongfeng. Other participants will include U.S. Government officials from USDOT, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency, as well as the Departments of State and Commerce, among others.

The confluence of these three major international transportation events presents a unique opportunity for the public and private sectors from both the U.S. and China to engage on critical transportation issues; some 150 participants are expected to attend.

As with past TF events, we welcome private sector and non-profit participation. Areas of particular interest from which attendees can engage include the U.S. Business Breakfast Roundtable, scheduled Working Group meetings, and the formal TF event on October 30<sup>th</sup>. We welcome your suggestions on how to make the TF useful for industry and promoting U.S. goods and services.



## Networking Opportunities

### **Speaking Roles for U.S. Private Sector & Related Networking Opportunities**

#### **Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

Transportation Forum Welcome Reception:

- 150-200 TF participants including USG, PRC and private industry representatives.
- Potential for welcome remarks by host(s).

#### **Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

U.S. Business Breakfast Roundtable:

- Roundtable Discussion with the USDOT Deputy Secretary, followed by Q&A
- 35-70 participants (U.S. industry, U.S. government officials).
- Potential for welcome remarks by host(s)

Additional opportunities to sponsor coffee / tea breaks (2 breaks) for TF attendees.

## REGISTRATION

To ensure your registration to the Transportation Forum and all related events, please complete the enclosed registration form by October 9 at the following link:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/USChinaTF>

Hotel reservations should be made directly with the hotel prior to September 30 – either through the following link:  
<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/uschinatransportation> or by calling 1-888-627-8385. When calling the hotel, please use the group code “**6<sup>th</sup> U.S.-China Transportation Forum.**”

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## Working Groups

### **Hazardous Materials**

#### **Working Group Co-chairs:**

- Mr. Delmer Billings, Senior Regulatory Advisor, Office of Standards and Rulemaking, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, USDOT
- Mr. Chen Zhengcai, Director, Waterway Transport Bureau, China MOT

### **New Technologies (Rail)**

#### **Working Group Co-chairs:**

- Ms. Barbara Pelletier, Director, International Programs, Federal Railroad Administration, USDOT
- Mr. Wang Jiayu, Deputy Director-General, International Cooperation (TBC)

### **Ports and Inland Waterways**

#### **Working Group Co-chairs:**

- Mr. Paul Jaenichen, Acting Administrator, Maritime Administration, USDOT
- Mr. Song Dexing, Director General, Water Transportation Bureau, China MOT (TBC)

### **Safety and Disaster Management Assistance**

#### **Working Group Co-chairs:**

- Mr. Michael Lowder, Director, Office of Intelligence, Security and Emergency Response, Office of the Secretary, USDOT
- Mr. Weng Lei, DDG, Safety Supervision Department, China MOT

### **Urban Congestion**

#### **Working Group Co-chairs:**

- Mr. Robert Hicks, Office of the Secretary, USDOT
- Ms. Jiang Yulin, Director, China Urban Sustainable Transport Research Center, China Academy of Transportation Sciences, Ministry of Transport

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## Working Group Overview

### Hazardous Materials

#### ***Enhancing Private Sector Participation***

The Hazardous Materials Working Group engages U.S. and Chinese government and industry stakeholders with the mission of promoting the safe transport of hazardous materials by all modes. This work includes efforts to decrease the amount of unapproved fireworks that are exported from China and imported into the United States; streamline the approval process for consumer fireworks; and to encourage and enhance private sector participation in the Working Group. Through regulatory support and the sharing of information and best practices the Hazardous Materials Working Group is helping to enhance compliance with international safety regulations and advance critical safety issues relating to the transport of hazardous materials affecting U.S. – China trade.

This Working Group's major objectives include:

- Engage in outreach and safety awareness efforts with industry stakeholders in the US and China on the safe transport of hazardous materials.
- Share information and tools to enhance compliance with domestic and international hazardous materials safety regulations.
- Collaborate on domestic hazardous materials regulatory development methods, best management practices and improving multimodal and international enforcement of hazardous materials regulations.
- Promote sound regulations and consistent enforcement that enables both countries to focus on shared challenges and safety goals.

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### **New Technologies (Rail)**

As identified during the first meeting of the Transportation Forum in Beijing on December 3, 2008, the U.S. and China share challenges, experiences and unique needs in improving the efficiency of existing transportation networks through innovative technology. As a result, both countries committed to establishing a “Working Group on New Technologies in Transport” with a specific focus on rail in order to provide a mechanism for the U.S. and China to share information on innovative technologies designed to increase the efficiency of the transportation network.

In 2014, the Working Group will continue to foster exchange and collaboration for the three rail research topics of track inspection and maintenance standards, transportation capacity, and vehicle qualification. They will also seek to initiate communications and information exchange for the remaining two rail research topics of track structure and risk analysis as well as any topics of mutual interest identified at the TF.

This working group’s major objectives include:

- Track Inspection and Maintenance Standards.
- Track Structure for High Speed and Higher Speed Rail.
- Risk Analysis for Safety Assurance.
- Transportation Capacity of HSR Railways – Analysis and Simulation.
- Vehicle Qualification (dynamic performance safety assurance – Testing and Analysis).

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### **Ports and Inland Waterways Initiative**

#### ***Improving Trade Facilitation, Economic Development, and the Environment***

Ports and inland waterways play a critical role as a strategic means of expanding both bilateral and international trade. Efficient inland maritime transportation networks and related intermodal connections can dramatically benefit economic development and regional growth, while serving as a “green” transportation alternative. The PIWI serves to continue these mutually beneficial exchanges among national and sub-national officials and local stakeholders, including the business sector.

This working group’s major objectives include:

- Promote sustainable growth and operation of inland river ports, terminals and intermodal centers which contribute to more efficient national freight transportation systems.
- Promote foreign and domestic commerce, economic development and job creation throughout the inland waterway system.
- Promote river- and port-related commercial and industrial development throughout the inland waterway system.
- Educate policy makers and the general public on the environmental and economic advantages of the inland rivers, ports and terminals.
- Effectively market national inland waterway systems to encourage new and existing business opportunities.

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## Working Group Overview

### **Safety and Disaster Assistance Coordination**

#### ***Helping our citizens during the times of greatest challenge***

The Safety and Disaster Management Working Group Workshop will take place in New Jersey on October 26 - 29. This year's Workshop will focus on the theme of "Lessons Learned: Surface and Maritime Transportation Damage from Hurricane Sandy".

This Working Group's goal is to "Improve transportation safety and disaster preparedness in both nations through mutual learning." The Working Group's many Reverse Trade Missions and related activities over the years have promoted best practices and improving transportation and disaster response management within and between the two countries. The Working Group will continue to strengthen exchanges on transportation safety supervision and facilitate technical cooperation in safety and disaster response between American and Chinese transportation institutes.

The Working Group's major objectives include:

- Provide opportunities for businesses to offer products and services that could improve safety and disaster preparedness, for consideration by government officials.
- Conduct workshops on specific topics related to transportation safety and disaster assistance (the Sixth Annual Safety and Disaster Assistance Workshop will be conducted in China during 2014).
- Conduct study tours and research projects where transportation officials from one nation can learn by interacting with officials of the other nation regarding technical and research information.
- Follow up research and coordination resulting from learning experiences of the 2013 Study Tour on Highway Safety and Accident Investigation will continue.
- Employee exchanges or longer-term study opportunities may be pursued.

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### Urban Congestion

#### ***Decision Maker's Toolbox to Solve Urban Congestion***

The Urban Congestion Working Group will be focused on national government strategies for encouraging local government actions on congestion that reduce greenhouse gas and other emissions. This would include discussion and research of the experience with regulatory, incentive, capacity building, and infrastructure measures relevant to development of national urban green transport initiatives that reduce VMT.

There is a rich body of U.S. experience in this area that would be relevant to China's national green urban transport policy initiative development. The working group will exchange best practice in workshops and personnel exchanges in the U.S. and/or China involving national, state, and regional or local officials would be appropriate.

#### Proposed Topics Include:

- Institutional Challenges to Implementing Congestion Charging in China and the United States.
- Strategies to Manage Car Usage to Minimize Congestion.
- Transportation Management and Operations.
- Innovative Parking and Public Space allocation strategies in Urban Areas.
- Public Transit Prioritization.
- Sustainable Urban Planning Strategies (Green Cities).

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## John Porcari

### Deputy Secretary

### US Department of Transportation

John D. Porcari has served as the 19th United States Deputy Secretary of Transportation since June 1, 2009.

As Deputy Secretary, Porcari is the Department of Transportation's chief operating officer with responsibility for day-to-day operations of the 10 modal administrations and the work of more than 55,000 DOT employees nationwide and overseas. Porcari is focused on transportation's key role in economic development and providing the foundation for America's future prosperity.

Before becoming Deputy Secretary, Porcari served an unprecedented two tours as Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation from January 2007 to June 2009 and between 1999 and 2003. As MDDOT Secretary, Porcari was responsible for an integrated, multi-modal, statewide transportation system that included highways, transit, the Port of Baltimore, Baltimore-Washington Thurgood Marshall International Airport, a statewide general aviation system, Maryland's toll authority and its Motor Vehicle Administration.

Between 2003 and 2007, Porcari served as vice president for administrative affairs at the University of Maryland, College Park. He previously served as Deputy Secretary of Transportation for Maryland and as Assistant Secretary for Economic Development Policy at the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development. Prior to his positions in the state government, he served as vice president of a civil engineering and land use consulting firm and at the local government level.

Porcari received his B.A. degree from the University of Dayton and his Master of Public Administration from the Rockefeller College, State University of New York at Albany.



GAO Hongfeng  
Vice Minister  
China Ministry of Transport

GAO Hongfeng, MOT Vice Minister and member of MOT Party Leading Group.

Born in Dec. 1953 in Inner Mongolia. A member of the Chinese Communist Party. Graduated from Inner Mongolia Hydra-electric Power College in 1974 and the distance-learning course of Central Party School. He was director of Organization Department of Central Party Committee, DG of CAAC department of Personnel, Deputy Administrator of CAAC. He was appointed Vice Minister of MOT in March, 2008.

A member of CPPCC, he is in charge of policy and regulation, science and education, financial management, internal auditing, press and public affairs and professional civilization construction.