



# The U.S. – China Transportation Forum Newsletter

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## USDOT and USTDA joint project on developing China's railways and ports:

During the 5th TF in Hangzhou, USDOT and USTDA announced two separate activities that will advance transportation development in China, while providing business opportunities for American companies.

Highlights include:

1. A technical workshop focused on heavy rail development in China.
2. A "Green Ports Study Tour" to assemble DOT policy experts and green tech manufacturing firms with key Chinese decision makers.
3. A Heavy Haul Technical Workshop organized by the National Electrical Manufacturing Association (NEMA).

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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

I am delighted to announce that the Department of Transportation will host the 6th U.S. – China Transportation Forum in Chicago, Illinois on October 28 through October 30 at the Westin Michigan Avenue Chicago. I am especially pleased to write that this year's Transportation Forum will be held in conjunction with the "Sino-American Logistics Conference" and the "Yangtze Mississippi Rivers Forum."

The Transportation Forum is an invaluable mechanism from which we can identify mutual areas of interest with our Chinese counterparts. Thanks to your support and commitment, its growth over the years has been significant.

As the Transportation Forum continues to evolve, I am confident that our dialogue with China can help us better address transportation challenges, foster economic growth, and achieve our international trade policy objectives. Without such strong collaboration with our private sector partners, such a dialogue would not be possible.

In that spirit, I am very much looking forward to seeing you in Chicago this fall.

Sincerely,

Susan L. Kurland  
Assistant Secretary for Aviation  
and International Affairs





## 2012 in Review

The 5th meeting of the U.S.-China Transportation Forum in Hangzhou, China focused on the importance of technology and innovation.

In Hangzhou, Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, Susan Kurland and Vice Minister of Transportation Weng Mengyong agreed on the importance of using technology to further integrate and enhance transportation systems.

As part of his keynote speech, Weng highlighted the Chinese government's plans to invest over three billion dollars to develop China's inland waterways, on developing navigable channels within China, widening gates and shipping lanes at the Three Gorges Dam, encourage private industry to invest in ports and land infrastructure, and developing Smart Cities by analyzing real-time traffic data.

## 2013: What's Ahead?

We're excited to report that the 6th U.S. – China Transportation Forum will this year be hosted by the U.S. Department of Transportation and will be held at the Westin Michigan Avenue Chicago on October 28 - 30.

Hotel reservations should be made directly with the hotel, prior to September 30, by calling 1-888-627-8385. Please reference "6 U.S.-China Transportation Forum in order to receive the government per diem rate of \$209 and corporate group rate of \$219 per night.

**Questions?** Contact Ms. Ronâle Hoes at [US-ChinaTF@dot.gov](mailto:US-ChinaTF@dot.gov) or by phone at (202) 493-0157 for related information.

## *What is the TF?*

*The U.S. - China Transportation Forum is a by-product of the Strategic and Economic Dialogue (S&ED). Initiated in 2008 upon the signing of a "Joint Declaration on Transportation Cooperation", today the TF serves as the ideal Forum for high-level, multi-modal transportation discussion between the U.S. and China. Through the TF, we work with our Chinese counterparts to develop productive, proactive, and mutually beneficial solutions to common transportation challenges.*

*This important annual bilateral serves to review progress made among the various TF Working Groups and has launched such past deliverables as Memorandums of Cooperation between transit authorities, as well as cooperation on research, best practices, and data exchange.*

## *Registration*

***Please use the following link to register for the 6<sup>th</sup> Transportation Forum:***  
***<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/USChinaTF>***

***Please note that each participant must register for each event.***

## The Transportation Forum over the Years



The U.S.-China Transportation Forum was created in 2008 with the goal of advancing bilateral cooperation through collaborative dialogue. We're especially proud to report that what was once primarily a government to government forum has now grown to include robust private sector participation.

According to Deputy Secretary of Transportation, John Porcari, ***“the inclusion of the private sector is a win-win. It’s an opportunity for American companies to gain deeper insight into the Chinese ministries and regulations that impact their business operations. In turn, active U.S. industry participation helps to shape the conversation and to identify future areas of cooperation with our Chinese counterparts.”***

Since 2008, a series of working groups have been firmly established to promote and execute critical deliverables. The current TF Working Groups are:

1. New Technologies in Transport (Rail)
2. Hazardous Materials
3. Urban Congestion
4. Safety and Disaster Assistance Coordination
5. Ports and Inland Waterways Initiative

The TF was thus structured as a unique forum to address mutual issues of concern but also designed to be as flexible as possible in order to address issues through the above Working Groups and as needed. Among the many projects these Working Groups have delivered over the years are “paired cities” Memorandums of Cooperation (MOC) signed between city transit authorities and between U.S. and Chinese research institutions - all with the goal of strengthening collaboration, and exchanging data, research, and best practices on the challenges of urban congestion.

Photo: <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/u.s.-china-cooperation-at-transportation.html>

