

**3RD UNITED STATES – CHINA TRANSPORTATION FORUM
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JOINT STATEMENT

BRINGING TOGETHER

POLICYMAKERS, RESEARCHERS AND BUSINESS PRACTITIONERS

At the 3rd United States-China Transportation Forum (TF) held in Shenzhen, China December 9-10, 2010, the United States and China agreed to continue to deepen as well as expand our current partnerships under the aegis of the TF.

We recognized the important contribution that business practitioners and academia bring to our discussions and we welcome their participation in the TF. We agreed that greater engagement with the private sector is critical in consideration of future TF's activities. We directed the Working Group Co-chairs to seek opportunities to integrate and increase industry and researchers active participation in the TF over the next twelve months, as appropriate.

We acknowledged that participation by other relevant government agencies adds value to the work of the Working Groups and we welcome their formal and active participation under the umbrella of the TF. We instructed the Working Group Co-chairs to seek broader government participation with relevant agencies.

We directed the Working Groups to exchange best practices and to develop initiatives that contribute to greater energy efficiency and sustainable transportation systems as our two countries strive towards a low-carbon energy future.

We noted that the TF is an evolving forum which was structured to address new areas of mutual interest as they arise and to sunset Working Groups as they fulfill their purpose.

We once again applauded the work of the Working Groups and recognized the achievements each has made in their respective area of expertise over the last year; recognizing that the TF not only provides an opportunity for the United States and China to collaborate on broad-based transportation issues, but also offers an opportunity for our respective experts to foster professional relationships. It is these relationships that ultimately strengthen the ties between the United States and China as we strive together to improve the transportation system for all of our citizens.

TRANSPORT OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

We applauded the progression of the Transport of Hazardous Materials Working Group and reaffirmed our commitment to support this critical work to promote the safe, secure and reliable transport of hazardous materials through the international harmonization of hazardous materials principles. The work of this Working Group is imperative for facilitating trade between our two countries.

We are pleased to have announced that the North American Emergency Response Guidebook, for use by first responders at the scene of a transportation incident involving a

hazardous material, has been translated into Chinese and is now available to first responders in China.

We noted the two joint Hazardous Materials Workshops that took place in Washington, D.C. during 2010. The workshops enjoyed participation by key stakeholders, including delegations led by China's Ministry of Transport (MOT), representing more than 15 transportation logistics companies. The workshops focused on the safe international transport of hazardous materials, resulting in an enhanced understanding of the elements that factor into the safe global transport of hazardous materials and helped to strengthen the ties between the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and MOT in relation to this important aspect of international trade.

We directed the Working Group to continue to partner with industry professionals and stakeholders and seek out opportunities for further engagement as the Working Group continues to its work over the next twelve months. Areas of shared interest include safety fitness reviews, enforcement collaboration and training initiatives.

URBAN CONGESTION

We applauded the great efforts of the Urban Congestion Working Group including: technology exchanges; conducting a joint United States–China Urban Congestion Workshop; hosting technical site visits in each country and facilitating five Memorandums of Cooperation (MOC). These tangible relations between American and Chinese cities and research institutes signifies one of the most important roles of the TF – bringing together policymakers, researchers and practitioners to improve the lives of our citizens. As the facilitator of these relations, we look forward to next year's report as work is developed under the following MOCs.

- **Los Angeles-Beijing:** Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Beijing Municipal Commission of Transport.
- **San Francisco-Shenzhen:** San Francisco County Transportation Authority and Shenzhen Municipality Transport Commission.
- **New York-Beijing:** New York Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Beijing Municipal Commission of Transport.
- **MTI-CATS:** The Mineta Transportation Institute (MTI) and the China Academy of Transportation Sciences (CATS).
- **USF-CATS:** The University of South Florida (USF) the China Academy of Transportation Sciences (CATS).

We also urged the Working Group to continue its level of substantial exchanges of technical information on projects of mutual interest including Intelligent Transportation Systems, Bus Rapid Transit systems, database management, transportation planning and standards, transportation development strategy, capacity and efficiency of transportation systems, Transportation Demand Management, parking management, green transportation system and capacity building.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE

We voiced our strong support for the ongoing and substantive exchanges, discussions and cooperation within the Disaster Assistance Working Group. We noted that two joint United States–China Disaster Assistance Workshops had been successfully organized. The work by the Working Group increases mutual learning and sharing from both

nations' experiences in disaster preparedness, mitigation, training, exercises, response and recovery. This work aids to strengthen the ability of each of our nation's transportation infrastructure systems to recover rapidly during disasters, bringing vital resources to impacted communities.

We encourage the Working Group to continue their work, sharing best practices concerning techniques to improve disaster response, and to continue small group and individual exchanges, as appropriate, to share and coordinate crisis preparedness. We also encourage the Working Group to strengthen emergency response training by organizing technical visits and training programs.

NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN TRANSPORT

We thanked the New Technologies in Transport Working Group for their efforts to develop and engage in exchanges of ideas and best practices in the area of new technologies that will increase rail safety and efficiency. Most notable was the exchange at the Volpe Center in Cambridge, Massachusetts where experts from the Federal Railroad Administration and the Volpe Center met with experts from China's Ministry of Railways and China Academy of Railway Sciences to share information on the development of high speed rail standards. Additionally, information was exchanged on locomotive technology and operating practices to enhance energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gases. This symposium has increased the mutual understanding for each other's railway development.

We directed the Working Group to expand upon these exchanges on freight and high speed rail technologies and operating practices that will ultimately enhance energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gases. We look forward to more substantial exchanges on the safety standards and railway scientific research.

MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION

We noted the good work of the Multi-Modal Transportation Working Group and agreed to cease its work under the umbrella of the TF. However, we are pleased to announce that multimodal collaboration will continue under the aegis of the United States-China Ten Year Framework for Cooperation on Energy and Environment (TYF). Separately, within the TYF we will address each country's concepts of "Livable Communities".

INNOVATIVE FINANCING

At this 3rd TF we thanked the members of the Innovative Financing Working Group (IFWG) for their contribution to the TF in sharing ideas and data on each country's efforts to stimulate our economies through large-scale infrastructure projects. This dialogue has deepened our knowledge and understanding of our respective investment methods, which contributes to discovering innovative transportation financing solutions.

Although we agreed to sunset the IFWG, we recognized that the expertise of this Working Group may be called upon in the future to contribute to the work of ongoing TF Working Groups where relevant and feasible.

PORTS AND INLAND WATERWAYS INITIATIVE

As a means of expanding two-way commercial links and providing benefits for domestic consumers, the United States and China have agreed to a new initiative promoting closer government and private sector ties in the areas of ports, inland waterways and related aspects of multimodal freight transportation. As demonstrated by the recent

Yangtze-Mississippi Cooperation Forum, China and the United States share the view that governmental and private sector exchanges on ports and inland waterways can benefit economic development, regional growth, and “green” transportation alternatives in their markets. This new initiative will be addressed through the mechanism established under the United States–China Bilateral Maritime Agreement and will include periodic progress reports to the TF.

We directed the designated representatives to the Bilateral Maritime Agreement to advance the Ports and Inland Waterways Initiative through interaction with stakeholders to improve and promote competitive inland water freight networks and related intermodal connectivity, helping to make imports more accessible to business and individual consumers and assisting exporters to get their goods to market more efficiently.

CONCLUSION

We reaffirmed to work on a bilateral basis and to carry our collaborative work in other appropriate international organizations (e.g. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) to advance our mutual transportation interests. We also reiterated that as challenges arise and priorities are adjusted, the objectives of the TF and its Working Groups can evolve upon mutual agreement. We reaffirmed to support the TF through cooperation and coordination of appropriate institutional resources.

It is our intent that the fourth meeting of United States–China Transportation Forum will convene in the United States in 2011.

Signed in Shenzhen, China in duplicate, on December 10, 2010 in the English and Chinese languages.

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