

**Memorandum concerning Cooperation in the Field of High-Speed Rail
Transportation
between
the High Speed Rail Authority of the Government of the State of California of the
United States of America
and
the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of Japan**

The High Speed Rail Authority of the Government of the State of California of the United States of America (hereinafter referred to as the "CHSRA") and the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of Japan (hereinafter referred to as the "MLIT");

with awareness of the potential economic, social and environmental benefits to be derived from the development of rail transportation;

express here their intention to promote a cooperative relationship as follows:

1. Purpose

The CHSRA and the MLIT intend to enter into a co-operative relationship with regard to:

- 1) establishing and developing a collaborative relationship in the field of high-speed rail transportation, and;
- 2) sharing publicly available information related to the planning, technical standards, procurement, funding, operation and maintenance of high-speed rail transportation systems, which will be exchanged on a voluntary basis, and where such exchange is neither prohibited by the respective laws and regulations nor against public policy.

2. The Technical Investigation Committee

The CHSRA and the MLIT confirm a mutual intention to launch a Technical Investigation Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee") headed by each member from the CHSRA and the MLIT with extensive experience and technical expertise in the field of high-speed rail transportation.

The Committee's purpose will be the mutual exchange of information on topics and trends considered to be of common interest in the field of high-speed rail transportation, as well as on any relevant topics which are considered to be useful and helpful for participants.

Signed in duplicate at San Francisco on September 28, 2005.



For the High Speed Rail Authority of the
Government of the State of California of the
United States of America



For the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and
Transport of Japan