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THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS PRAISES MAYOR FOXX’S SELECTION AS THE NATION’S TRANSPORTATION CHIEF

USCM President Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter Congratulates Mayor Foxx on Appointment

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) President Philadelphia Mayor Michael A. Nutter today congratulated Charlotte, NC Mayor Anthony Foxx on being nominated by President Obama to serve as U.S. Secretary of Transportation and issued the following statement:

“The nation’s Mayors today commend President Obama for naming a Mayor from a major metropolitan area to his cabinet. Foxx, like all mayors, is pragmatic and knows what it takes to get things done.

“During his tenure with The Conference of Mayors, Mayor Foxx has been a very active member. Elected to serve on the organization’s Advisory Board, then appointed as past Co-Chair of the USCM Small Business and Franchising Task Force, and now as Chair of the USCM Advanced Manufacturing Task Force, as well as a member of the new Infrastructure Financing for Cities Task Force, Foxx is a natural leader who quickly made his mark on the organization.

“As an executive, Mayor Foxx is keenly aware of the connection between transportation investment, economic growth and job creation, and he understands how critical transportation investment is to cities and metropolitan areas in fueling economic growth and recovery.

“One example of his leadership is his strong advocacy for his 2030 Transit Corridor System Plan, a growth stimulating investment in his region’s public transportation network that includes 25 miles of commuter rail, 21 miles of light rail, 16 miles of streetcar, 14 miles of bus rapid transit, and an expanded network of buses and other transit services.

“Mayor Foxx brings a wealth of experience to the table and I look forward to working with my friend and Secretary in the future. More importantly, the nation’s mayors stand ready to work with Mayor Foxx for the good of all of our local economies to ensure a sustained national recovery, develop creative ideas to fund infrastructure improvements and fully support his efforts to put Americans to work with good jobs.”

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