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Statement on Nomination of Anthony Foxx as Next Secretary of Transportation

WASHINGTON, DC—The following statement was issued today by Edward Wytkind, president of the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO (TTD), in reaction to the nomination of Charlotte Mayor Anthony Foxx as Secretary of Transportation:

"I want to congratulate Mayor Anthony Foxx for his nomination by President Obama as the next Secretary of Transportation. Mayor Foxx is assuming a critical job during a critical time as our transportation system is suffering from underinvestment due to Washington's obsession with austerity.

"We need leadership from this Administration on how to fund the nation's long-term, multi-modal transportation operating and infrastructure needs. Report after report concludes that a lack of new investments in transportation is harming our economy and competitiveness, and slowing job creation. We also hope the next Transportation Secretary will take on some pressing and overdue transportation safety reform initiatives.

"I look forward to discussing with Mayor Foxx the nation's mounting transportation challenges, many of which he has experienced first-hand as the Mayor of Charlotte."

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