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Unions Praise Confirmation of Peter Rogoff as FTA Administrator

WASHINGTON, DC – Edward Wytkind, President of the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO, issued the following statement today in reaction to U.S. Senate confirmation of Peter Rogoff as Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration:

"As we enter into new era of public transportation in America, a new champion for mass transit has arrived. Transportation unions congratulate Peter Rogoff, a leader with the right experience at a time when the future of our federal transit and highway programs is being debated in Washington.

"Mass transit agencies across the country face counterintuitive budget shortfalls despite the fact that ridership is at a record high. Rogoff's many years of experience in the field of transit funding and finance will be invaluable as transit systems and their employees navigate these difficult times and seek ways to prevent damaging service and job cuts.

"Transportation labor looks forward to working together with Peter Rogoff and the FTA to deliver first-class mass transit service for the American people."

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