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IBTTA Statement on Confirmation of Anthony Foxx

Outgoing Secretary Lahood Points to Alternative Options Like Tolling to Address Nation's Transportation Challenges

WASHINGTON – After the U.S. Senate's vote to confirm Anthony Foxx as the next Secretary of the U. S. Department of Transportation, [Patrick D. Jones](#), Executive Director and CEO of the [International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association \(IBTTA\)](#), the worldwide association representing toll facility owners and operators and the businesses that serve them, released the following statement:

"IBTTA congratulates Secretary Foxx on his confirmation today as the next U. S. Secretary of Transportation. Secretary Foxx's leadership comes at a time when our nation confronts unprecedented transportation infrastructure funding challenges. We look forward to working with Secretary Foxx to overcome the transportation funding crisis, to improve transportation safety, to use innovative technologies to enhance the capacity of our road network and to rebuild our transportation infrastructure as an engine for jobs and economic growth."

"We also extend our gratitude to outgoing Secretary Ray Lahood for his outstanding record of public service, his leadership of the department and his steadfast commitment to advance highway safety through his Distracted Driving Initiative. We agree with Secretary Lahood that we as a nation must explore alternative funding options, including tolling, to address our nation's transportation infrastructure challenges. IBTTA wishes him well in the next chapter of his life."

In an interview earlier this week with the [Detroit News](#), outgoing Transportation Secretary Lahood acknowledged the need for Congress to look toward new revenue funding options to fix America's crumbling infrastructure. In the story, Lahood is quoted as saying, "Eventually people in the communities are going to persuade their members of Congress: We're willing to raise taxes, we're willing to pay tolls, we're willing to go to vehicle miles traveled because we want better roads, better bridges."

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About IBTTA

The International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA) is the worldwide association for the owners and operators of toll facilities and the businesses that serve tolling. Founded in 1932, IBTTA has members in more than 20 countries and on six continents. Through advocacy, thought leadership and education, members are implementing state-of-the-art, innovative user-based transportation financing solutions to address the critical infrastructure challenges of the 21st century. For more information, visit www.ibtta.org or join us on Twitter [@IBTTA](https://twitter.com/IBTTA) or #TollRoads.