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## **TRANSPORTATION FOR AMERICA COMMENDS OBAMA'S FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT**

**Washington, D.C.** — James Corless, Director of the Transportation for America campaign, today issued a statement in support of President Barack Obama's anticipated nomination of Victor Mendez for Federal Highway Administrator:

"Victor Mendez is a good choice to serve in this critical role at the FHWA as our country is faced with some of the biggest challenges and opportunities for our transportation system since the 1950's. Mr. Mendez is an experienced transportation hand and will be a valuable partner in the effort to build a 21<sup>st</sup> Century transportation system that works for the people who use it.

Transportation for America — a coalition of housing, environmental, equal opportunity, public health, urban planning and transportation organizations committed to moving America into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by building a modernized infrastructure — stands ready to support President Obama, Secretary LaHood and Victor Mendez in any effort to help navigate this unprecedented opportunity."

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### **ABOUT TRANSPORTATION FOR AMERICA**

Transportation for America is a broad coalition of housing, environmental, equal opportunity, public health, urban planning, transportation and other organizations focused on creating a 21<sup>st</sup> Century national transportation program. The coalition's goal is to build a modernized infrastructure and healthy communities where people can live, work and play by aligning national, state, and local transportation policies with an array of issues like economic opportunity, climate change, energy security, health, housing and community development. [www.t4america.org](http://www.t4america.org)