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Statement of ITS America President & CEO Shailen Bhatt on Nomination of Former South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg as Secretary of Transportation

“Pete Buttigieg is an excellent choice to be the next secretary of transportation. As mayor of South Bend, he created safe, smart, and resilient communities through strategic investment in transportation. And as a presidential candidate, he put forth an infrastructure plan that was about more than roads and bridges – it called for connecting people with jobs and resources as well as boosting transit and passenger rail. He supports rebuilding communities and making them accessible and equitable for all.

“Technology deployment will be key to creating a world-class, 21st century infrastructure and bolster opportunities for everyone. Importantly, Mayor Buttigieg recognizes the need for new funding mechanisms to make this happen.

“He also spoke about the importance of reducing traffic fatalities, perhaps the biggest challenge facing the transportation sector – we lose more than 37,000 people every year on our roadways.

“ITS America’s vision is for a better future transformed by intelligent mobility – one that is safer, greener, and smarter. We are confident that with Mayor Buttigieg leading the U.S. Department of Transportation, our vision will move closer to reality.”

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