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STATEMENT OF ITS AMERICA PRESIDENT & CEO SHAILEN BHATT ON CONFIRMATION OF PETE BUTTIGIEG AS SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

"ITS America congratulates Mayor Pete Buttigieg on being confirmed as Secretary of Transportation. During his confirmation hearing, he expressed support for many of the priorities ITS America supports to move our country forward, including ensuring the safety of our transportation system and harnessing innovation to encourage new mobility modes and models. He also noted the role the Department of Transportation can play in creating jobs and revitalizing communities that have been left behind, which will be critical as we emerge from this pandemic.

"We look forward to working with Secretary Buttigieg to help ensure the U.S. transportation system is safer, greener, smarter and more equitable."

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The Intelligent Transportation Society of America advances the research and deployment of intelligent transportation technologies to save lives, improve mobility, promote sustainability, and increase efficiency and productivity. Our vision is a better future transformed by intelligent mobility: safer, greener, smarter. For more information, please visit <u>www.itsa.org</u>