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USDOT Establishes Stakeholder Group to Advise On Freight

Coalition Applauds Transportation Agency for Creating National Freight Advisory Committee

WASHINGTON, DC (February 14, 2013) – U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Secretary Ray LaHood announced today the creation of a freight stakeholder group, the National Freight Advisory Committee (Committee), to work with the Department's internal Freight Policy Council. According to USDOT, the Committee will provide legislative recommendations and advice on implementation of the freight transportation requirements of MAP-21, including establishment of the National Freight Network, a National Freight Strategic Plan, and development of strategies to help States implement State Freight Advisory Committees and State Freight Plans.

"Creation of this Committee shows great leadership by the Administration and serves as further evidence of their commitment to improving U.S. freight mobility," said Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (Coalition) President and Executive Director Leslie Blakey. "Our Coalition has long-held that regular coordination and consultation between the private and public sectors at the national level would benefit freight movement and improve policy-making. This Committee will contribute practical experience to the process of implementing MAP-21 freight provisions, while helping to lay a path with creative concepts for freight in the next authorization."

The Committee will be composed of 25 members, representing various modes of freight transportation, regions of the country, and areas of freight policy expertise (such as economic competitiveness, labor, safety, and environment). Establishment of the Committee comes six months after Secretary LaHood announced formation of the USDOT's internal freight working group, the Freight Policy Council.

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About the Coalition

The Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) is a diverse coalition of more than 60 public and private organizations dedicated to increasing federal investment in America's intermodal freight infrastructure. In contrast to single mode interests, CAGTC's main mission is to promote a seamless goods movement transportation system across all modes to enhance capacity and economic growth.

For more information on the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors, please visit www.tradecorridors.org.

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