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Freight Advocacy Coalition Congratulates Secretary-designate Pete Buttigieg on Nomination to Lead USDOT

WASHINGTON, DC (December 16, 2020) – The Coalition for America’s Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) commended President-elect Biden on his nomination of Pete Buttigieg to lead the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT).

“Secretary-designate Buttigieg’s experience developing infrastructure projects at the local level will lend important perspective to policy and programming decisions made in Washington. The former South Bend, Indiana mayor’s national reputation will elevate the country’s infrastructure dialogue and aid in the advancement of an infrastructure-based economic recovery,” said Elaine Nessle, Executive Director of the Coalition. “Secretary-designate Buttigieg will be leading USDOT at an exciting time. Not only will he be an architect of President-elect Biden’s Build Back Better plan, but he will also have the opportunity to develop a surface transportation authorization proposal in advance of the FAST Act’s September 30, 2021 expiration. Robust federal investment in supply chain infrastructure should be the hallmark of both plans.”

“The COVID-19 pandemic has heightened awareness of our national supply chain’s critical function. Unique from other types of infrastructure investment, investment in the nation’s multimodal freight network is an economic multiplier. Not only are jobs created immediately in the construction phase, but an efficient goods movement system will attract and retain U.S. businesses and benefit the economy for years to come. CAGTC stands ready to assist the new Administration and looks forward to working with the 117th Congress to prioritize investment in our multimodal goods movement system. As our nation charts a path for economic recovery, much will be asked of our multimodal freight system. Sustained, dedicated investment in critical supply chain infrastructure will support our return to prosperity.”

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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