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AIANTA Executive Director Appointed to National Advisory Committee on Travel and Tourism Infrastructure

Albuquerque, New Mexico (November 15, 2016) – U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx announced the inaugural members of the National Advisory Committee on Travel and Tourism Infrastructure (NACTTI), including Executive Director of the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association Camille Ferguson, who will represent Indian Country tourism on the national committee.

The NACTTI was established by the Surface Transportation Bill of 2015 and is designed to assist the U.S. Department of Transportation in developing policies, recommendations and strategies to improve travel infrastructure and mobility within the United States.

“AIANTA congratulates all of the travel professionals and tourism leaders appointed to NACTTI,” said Ms. Ferguson. “I look forward to serving on this national committee that addresses the infrastructure and transportation needs that will improve and grow tourism that will benefit tribal communities and the nation's economy.”

AIANTA is the only organization specifically dedicated to advancing Indian Country tourism across the United States and serves as the voice and resource for tribes and tribal organizations engaged in cultural tourism. AIANTA helps tribes develop, sustain, and grow tourism destinations through technical assistance, training and educational resources.

The inaugural committee members are:

Chair: Mr. Rossi Ralenkotter, President & CEO, Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority

Vice Chair: The Honorable Mark Begich, President & CEO, Northern Compass Group, LLC

Ms. Rosemarie Andolino, President & CEO, MAG USA

Mr. Todd Davidson, Chief Executive Officer, Travel Oregon

Mr. Brad Dean, President & CEO, Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce

Mr. James Dubea, Deputy Executive Director, Canaveral Port Authority

The Honorable Buddy Dyer, Mayor, City of Orlando

Ms. Camille Ferguson, Executive Director, American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association

Mr. Sean Fitzgerald, Vice President, Enterprise Holdings, Inc.

Mr. Ford Fuchigami, Director, Hawaii Department of Transportation

Ms. Gladys Gillis, Chief Executive Officer, Transportation Demand Management, Inc.

Mr. Bryan Grimaldi, Chief Operating Officer & General Counsel, NYC & Company, Inc.

The Honorable Mitchell Landrieu, Mayor, City of New Orleans

Ms. Valarie Long, International Executive Vice President, Service Employees International Union



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Mr. Joseph Lopano, Chief Executive Officer, Tampa International Airport

Mr. Jim Mathews, President & CEO, National Association of Railroad Passengers

Mr. Sean Menke, Executive Vice President, Sabre

Mr. Peter Pantuso, President & CEO, American Bus Association

Ms. Sharon Pinkerton, Senior Vice President, Airlines for America

Mr. John Potter, President and CEO, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority

Ms. Cathy Ritter, Director, Colorado Tourism Office

Mr. Jim Sayer, Executive Director, Adventure Cycling Association

Ms. Anne Taber Klenke, Tourism Director, Lake Charles/Southwest Louisiana Convention & Visitors Bureau

Ms. Diana Threadgill, President & Executive Director, Mississippi River Corridor - Tennessee

Mr. Charles Zelle, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Transportation

Committee members will serve two-year terms. The Department selected individuals with in-depth knowledge of their respective industries or government sectors. Members are nominated through a full and open process published in the Federal Register.