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Tri-State Transportation Campaign Statement on Nomination of Peter Buttigieg as U.S. Secretary of Transportation

Yesterday, President-elect Biden nominated Peter Buttigieg as U.S. Secretary of Transportation, signaling the start of a new era in federal transportation policy. In response, Tri-State Transportation Campaign released the following statement:

"Tri-State Transportation Campaign applauds the nomination of Pete Buttigieg to become the next Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation. The rebuilding of America's crumbling infrastructure is vital to the economic recovery of the nation, especially as we struggle in the wake of the COVID-19 global pandemic, but it will be no easy task.

"With Buttigieg at the helm, we look to him to support the much needed emergency funding for our county's transit systems, which have suffered dramatically since March 2020 and are the backbone of the economy. Investments in our transportation network, such as the urgently needed Gateway Program and as well as the implementation of policies that reduce tailpipe emissions and stop traffic deaths, must be at the forefront of the Biden Administration.

"We look forward to working with the new Administration to make the United States a global leader in sustainable and equitable transportation."

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Tri-State Transportation Campaign is a 27-year old advocacy organization that fights for an equitable, safe, multi-modal transportation network that provides options and supports the economies of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. TSTC works to fix our commutes, meet our climate goals, stop traffic deaths, and make transportation fair.