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The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
U.S. Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Beyond Traffic – Choosing the Future

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Advanced Transit Association welcomes your report *Beyond Traffic, 2045, Trends and Choices*. It is a much-needed wakeup call. However, while it briefly recognizes recent trends towards driverless automobiles and cautiously speculates as to how they may impact transportation in the future, it does not recognize similar trends in transit and the potentially huge impact driverless vehicles could have as part of advanced transit systems. In addition, while it recognizes that our transportation infrastructure is crumbling, it never considers that the time may be ripe for a change toward a different infrastructure. Finally, while it seeks public input, it does so in an unstructured manner and without providing the public with alternative future scenarios from which to choose.

We have developed the enclosed white paper, *Beyond Traffic – Choosing the Future*, to highlight different driverless car-centric and driverless transit-centric futures that could emerge. We feel that consideration should be given to these different futures and which may be preferred. We owe it to our children to seek out the best future transportation scenario and strive to bring it about.

Please review the white paper and consider how the suggestions could be implemented. The Advanced Transit Association is prepared to play a significant role in all of the processes outlined.

Yours sincerely,

*Original signed by:*

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cc: Beyond Traffic – Choosing the Future