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| **U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood To Resign**This morning, United States Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood announced that he is resigning from his Cabinet post, but will stay on as Secretary until his successor is confirmed by the U.S. Senate. In his four-plus years as Secretary, LaHood has presided over the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) which created the TIGER grants program, and the implementation of a new surface transportation bill, MAP-21, which included our agency’s board approved America Fast Forward program. There is wide speculation as to who President Obama will nominate to join his cabinet as the new Transportation Secretary. The Obama Administration has declined to comment on naming a successor to Secretary LaHood. We thank Secretary LaHood for his outstanding leadership at the U.S. Department of Transportation and look forward to continuing our positive working relationship with him and his staff during the balance of his tenure. Ray LaHood became the 16th Secretary of Transportation on January 23, 2009. In nominating Ray LaHood, President-elect Obama said at the time, “Few understand our infrastructure challenge better than the outstanding public servant that I’m asking to lead the Department of Transportation.” |
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