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| **U.S. Senate Commerce Committee Unanimously Backs Transportation Secretary Nominee**  This evening in Washington, DC, the U.S. Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, led by Chairman Jay Rockefeller (D-WV), unanimously voted to endorse President Obama’s nominee to be the next U.S. Transportation Secretary. Last month, President Obama nominated Anthony Foxx, the mayor of Charlotte, North Carolina, to replace outgoing Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. The vote in the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee clears the way for a vote by the full Senate, perhaps as early as later this week. Mayor Foxx has previously worked at the U.S. Department of Justice and later served as a staff member for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary. During his tenure as Mayor of Charlotte several infrastructure projects have been advanced, including the expansion of the city’s LYNX streetcar, the creation of the Charlotte Regional Intermodal Facility and building a new runway at Charlotte/Douglas International Airport. |
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