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U.S. Transportation Secretary Foxx to Headline Chamber Annual Meeting

Wilmington, NC—Area business leaders will gather on Friday, February 21st from 12:30-2:00 pm at the Wilmington Convention Center (515 Nutt Street) for the 147th Annual Meeting of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, to hear a keynote address from U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. Foxx leads an agency with more than 55,000 employees and a \$70 billion budget that oversees air, maritime, and surface transportation. His primary goal is to ensure that America maintains the safest, most efficient transportation system in the world.

Foxx joined the U.S. Department of Transportation after serving as the mayor of Charlotte, North Carolina, from 2009 to 2013. During that time, he made efficient and innovative transportation investments the centerpiece of Charlotte's job creation and economic recovery efforts. These investments included extending the LYNX light rail system, the largest capital project ever undertaken by the city, which will build new roads, bridges, transit as well as bicycle and pedestrian facilities; expanding Charlotte-Douglas International Airport, the sixth busiest in the world; and working to accelerate the I-485 outer belt loop using a creative design-build-finance approach, the first major project of its kind in North Carolina.

In addition to the keynote address, Rickey Godwin (McGladrey LLP) will be introduced as the 2014 Chamber Chairman, as will new board members. Items from the Chamber's 2014 areas of focus will also be reviewed.

Media interested in attending the Chamber Annual Meeting should RSVP to Scott Czechlewski at 910.762.2611 ext. 216 or czechlewski@wilmingtonchamber.org.

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