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## ITE Applauds the Nomination of Shailen Bhatt to Lead FHWA

**Washington, DC** - The Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) is pleased to see Shailen Bhatt nominated to lead the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Bhatt, who currently serves as Vice President of global transportation innovation at the engineering firm AECOM, has a long history of public service. He led the Colorado Department of Transportation as its Executive Director and the Delaware Department of Transportation as its Secretary. Earlier in his career, he worked in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Bhatt also has significant federal government experience, previously serving as a presidential appointee at the U.S. Department of Transportation including as the FHWA Associate Administrator for Policy.

"I was fortunate to work closely with Shailen while serving as FHWA Executive Director. I saw firsthand the passion and vision he has for transportation and in ensuring that all Americans benefit from a safe, sustainable, and equitable transportation system," said ITE Executive Director and CEO Jeff Paniati. "His extensive leadership experience at the federal and state levels and in the private sector make him an excellent choice to serve as the FHWA Administrator." We look forward to Shailen's quick confirmation by the Senate and working with him on the implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and improving transportation for all."

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