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**COALITION PRAISES PRESIDENT BUSH'S PICK  
FOR DOT SECRETARY AND URGES SWIFT  
SENATE CONFIRMATION**

*(Washington, D.C. – September 18, 2006)* The Vehicle Traffic Information Coalition (V T I C ), the nation's leading industry group focused on real-time traffic data, praised President Bush's nomination of Mary Peters as U.S. Secretary of Transportation.

"Ms. Peters brings a wealth of transportation knowledge and experience to the job," said Mike Kanger, V T I C spokesman. Peters served as Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration from 2001 to 2005. She worked her way up at the Arizona Department of Transportation, culminating her career as the director. During her tenures at the Arizona and U.S. DOTs, Peters displayed historical support for and knowledge of real-time traffic.

“Fighting congestion is essential in the battle against rising gas prices and pollution. We’re confident that, when confirmed by the Senate, Ms. Peters will continue the Administration’s emphasis on reducing congestion across our transportation system. We strongly support her nomination,” Kanger added.

VTIC members range from automotive to navigation and technology companies that provide a range of real-time traffic information, services, products and infrastructure. The members include: ESRI, Honda, Inrix, Mark IV, NAVTEQ, Nissan, TeleCommunication Systems, Tele Atlas, Toyota, Traffic.com, Volkswagen, Wavetrionix and XM Satellite Radio.