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### **U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx Will Deliver Remarks At Envision America Workshop** *Workshop open to registered participants and press only – not open to public*

**Charlotte, NC** – U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx will deliver remarks at the Envision America workshop on Thursday, January 14 at 9:00am in Charlotte. The Secretary will highlight the impacts of innovative technology in transportation. The three-day workshop - being held at the UNC Charlotte Uptown campus at 320 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street - **is closed to the public. Members of the press are invited to attend the workshop with registration at <http://envisionamerica.org/press>.**

“Secretary Foxx has been a leader as Charlotte’s mayor and as US Secretary of Transportation in advocating for innovative solutions that build better communities for people. We are thrilled that he is going to be with us during the Envision America workshop,” says Amy Aussieker, Executive Director of Envision Charlotte, host organization for the Envision America workshop. ([envisioncharlotte.org](http://envisioncharlotte.org))

Municipal leaders, smart technology experts and private sector allies will collaborate to help kick start smart city initiatives from ten U.S. communities during the three-day Envision America workshop in Charlotte from January 12-14. The workshop will leverage the success of Envision Charlotte to accelerate deployment of innovative technologies in urban centers to tackle energy, water, waste, and air challenges.

During the Envision America workshop, over 275 participants will work with leading experts from industry allies and academic partners to diagnose needs, workshop solutions, and develop new smart initiatives for their community. In addition, they will receive technical assistance throughout the year to support the implementation of their plans. Descriptions of city initiatives and a tentative workshop agenda are available at [envisionamerica.org](http://envisionamerica.org).

Communities participating in Envision America include: Cambridge, MA; Dallas, TX; Greenville, SC; Los Angeles, CA; Milwaukee, WI; New York City, NY; Pittsburgh, PA; Portland, OR; San Diego, CA; Spokane, WA. Corporate allies participating in Envision America include: Accelerated Innovations; AT&T; Autodesk; Bank of America; Black & Veatch; Cisco; Duke Energy; Esri; GE; IBM; Intel; Itron; Landis+Gyr; Microsoft; OSIsoft, LLC; Qualcomm; SAS; ThingWorx; Wells Fargo.

Envision Charlotte began in 2011, with a goal of reducing energy use by 20% within the center city over five years. Reductions of 16.1 percent across 61 buildings within the Envision Charlotte footprint were announced in June 2015, representing savings of \$17 million in energy costs and putting the initiative on track to meet its goal. Duke Energy, Charlotte Center City Partners, the City of Charlotte, Cisco, Verizon Wireless, the U.S. Green Building Council, Intelligent Buildings and UNC Charlotte collaboratively created and launched Envision Charlotte.

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