

## **WASHTO RESOLUTION 1-09**

### **A Resolution in Support of the Appointment of Victor Mendez as FHWA Administrator**

WHEREAS, the Western Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (WASHTO) is the acknowledged leader in transportation issues affecting Western States and is an advocate for transportation excellence on behalf of its member departments; and

WHEREAS, WASHTO's purpose includes contributing to national policies on transportation issues that are responsive to the needs of Western states as well as working in partnership with the US Department of Transportation and its modal agencies; and

WHEREAS, the WASHTO organization and its members have benefited when the leadership of the Federal Highway Administration understands the unique issues faced by Western states as transportation policy is developed within the US Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Victor Mendez served as a member of the Board of Directors for WASHTO during his tenure as Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation; and

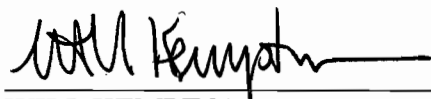
WHEREAS, Victor Mendez is nationally recognized as a leader in public policy in transportation, engineering and business; and

WHEREAS, Victor Mendez has been nominated by President Barack Obama to become the Administrator for the Federal Highway Administration; and

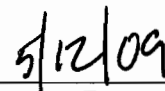
WHEREAS, Victor Mendez would bring comprehensive knowledge and skills to the position of FHWA Administrator because of his experience leading the Arizona Department of Transportation making him a valuable and critical partner in rebuilding our country's transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, transportation issues affecting Western States would be understood by a leader such as Victor Mendez thus providing benefit to the WASHTO organization and its members.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the WASHTO Board of Directors supports the nomination of Victor Mendez as Federal Highway Administration Administrator and encourages his confirmation by the US Senate.



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WASHTO President



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