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**CTAA Applauds Obama Administration's Oil Tax Proposal**

*Washington, D.C. – February 10, 2016.* On behalf of its more than 3,000 members and affiliates nationwide, the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) applauds President Barack Obama for his ambitious proposal to introduce a \$10-per-barrel tax on oil to deliver urgently-needed investment to the nation's transportation network. CTAA first supported a similar tax on oil companies in its 2009 recommendations for federal surface transportation policy, *A New Surface Mobility Vision for America*:

([http://www.ctaa.org/webmodules/webarticles/articlefiles/A\\_New\\_Surface\\_Mobility\\_Vision\\_for\\_America.pdf](http://www.ctaa.org/webmodules/webarticles/articlefiles/A_New_Surface_Mobility_Vision_for_America.pdf))

At a time when more people than ever rely on community and public transportation options to get to work, life-saving health care, community services and businesses – among many other vital destinations – public resources to support these crucial options are severely limited at all levels of government. The President's proposal would provide immediate and lasting capital and operating investment to urban and rural communities to purchase new vehicles, build new bus and rail rapid transit lines, construct new stations and facilities, hire more drivers and mechanics, maintain and expand service, prevent fare increases and support transit-oriented development projects nationwide. The result of this investment would mean more jobs, better access



to medical care, greater options to avoid growing traffic congestion and cleaner air through reduced emissions.

“The President’s proposal represents a major step forward in properly investing in our nation’s transportation options,” says CTAA Executive Director Dale J. Marsico, CCTM. “It provides crucial funding beyond the limited levels of investment provided in the recent FAST Act legislation. Increased support for community and public transportation providers will return immediate dividends by improving the quality of life of millions of Americans and fostering more economically vibrant communities throughout the country.”

The Community Transportation Association, established in 1989, is a national non-profit, membership association committed to removing barriers to isolation and improving mobility for all people. The Association provides informational resources, technical assistance, training and certification, and many additional resources to communities, transportation providers, and other groups to increase mobility and improve the quality of community and public transportation.