

SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION ANDREW CARD
WABASH TUNNEL CEREMONY
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Event: 2-3 minute remarks.

Thank you ... I'm here today to make good on my commitment to Senator Specter not only to cut red ribbon but also to cut red tape so we can get this project started. He made good on his commitment to vote for my confirmation so it is only fitting that I make good on mine.

The public hearing that is scheduled to take place in a couple of weeks in connection with the Wabash Tunnel/Fort Pitt Bridge Bridge project, is the culmination of extraordinary cooperation between the FTA/FHWA on the federal side and the Port Authority of Allegheny County and the Penn DOT on the local side.

By working together we produced an alternative analysis in less than half the time normally expected for a project of this type. This is cooperative planning at its very best -- as envisioned by ISTEA.

Although this tunnel was rebuilt to use as an access to the airport, it was never used -- today we are changing that.

This tunnel will now serve as a bus and HOV link to the new airport terminal. In short, it serves as another example of intermodalism -- the creation of a seamless transportation network.

Thank you and good morning.

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