Closing Remarks

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The participants of this summit have formed a unique new community that includes representatives of groups responsible for defining and delivering education and training at all levels, the business and labor communities, and diversity groups, as well as federal, state and local of governments. You heard over and over the need to have all of these groups at the table for discussions of supply and demand for education and training in transportation. We are proud that this summit successfully brought the group together. We need to keep the dialog ongoing because industry, life styles, and global economies are continuously changing.

The immediate next steps for the summit planning and steering committees are to prepare a document that call's the community to action.

We will be working with experts to prepare a summary of the challenges, strategies, and action items in the form of a call to action and draft of the strategic framework for preparing the transportation workforce.

In addition we will edit the video recordings of the opening panels and make those available to a broader audience.

Our next follow on steps involve discussions on how we can build upon the connections we have built. We will be discussing the role of CUTC in making a change. We will be look at what we can do to start to have an effect. We will be looking at which of the initiatives we might implement.

One last note, Holly Bolton from ARTBA will be sending out an evaluation survey. Please take a moment to respond. We want to know your thoughts. Many participants at this summit are working on initiatives and programs to address the challenges that were identified. We will use the survey to collect and connect those activities.

Finally our summit theme is connecting the pathways. As you leave today, I hope you are taking with you new ideas, new contacts, and new partners so that you can be more effective in connecting your workforce efforts to the overall pipeline.

Thank you. Safe travels and let’s stay connected.