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Betty Sutton Sworn-in as New Saint Lawrence Seaway Administrator

U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx today administered the oath of office to former U.S. Congresswoman Betty Sutton who becomes the tenth Administrator of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC).

"We are pleased to welcome Betty Sutton to the Department as the new Administrator of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation," said SLSDC Deputy Administrator Craig H. Middlebrook. "She brings a wealth of experience from her years of service at the city, county, state and federal levels of government. She is well versed in the issues of maritime commerce and will be an innovative leader of the SLSDC."

Administrator Sutton represented Ohio's 13th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2007 – 2012. Among her Congressional accomplishments, she spearheaded the successful "Cash for Clunkers" program that created or saved over 60,000 auto industry jobs. Ms. Sutton was a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee and was co-chair of the Congressional Jobs Task Force.

"I want to thank President Obama for appointing me to this critical position at the Department of Transportation," said Administrator Sutton. "I look forward to continuing my role in public service as the Administrator of the SLSDC. Coming from the Great Lakes region, I fully appreciate the importance of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway System not only to international commerce and to our national transportation system, but to the economic vitality of the Great Lakes area."

From 2001 to 2006, she worked as an Attorney at Faulkner, Muskovitz, & Phillips LLP. Ms. Sutton was a Representative in the Ohio State House of Representatives from 1993 to 2000. From 1991 to 1993, she was a member and then Vice President of the Summit County Council. Ms. Sutton served as a member of the Barberton City Council from 1990 to 1991. She received a B.A. from Kent State University and a J.D. from the University of Akron School of Law.

SLSDC Deputy Administrator Craig Middlebrook has served as Acting Administrator since May 2012.

The Great Lakes Seaway System annually sustains 227,000 U.S. and Canadian jobs, \$35 billion in transportation-related business revenue, \$14 billion in personal income, and \$5 billion in federal, state, provincial, and local taxes each year.

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U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx swearing-in Betty Sutton as Administrator of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation. Her husband Doug Corwon holds their family Bible.