

DOT challenges cities to envision future transportation

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The Department of Transportation is challenging cities to envision how new technologies and data can improve the movement of people and goods.

The department is offering up to \$30 million to the midsized city that comes up with the best plan. Vulcan Inc., a company started by Microsoft founder Paul G. Allen, is kicking in another \$10 million. Cities are expected to show how their plans will reduce congestion, keep travelers safe, protect the environment, respond to climate change and benefit the economy.

Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said [self-driving cars](#), cars that communicate with each other to enhance safety and speed traffic flows and [electric vehicles](#) may be some of the technologies cities will consider.

But he emphasized that cities will have wide latitude regarding the technologies they embrace.

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