



HENRY DARGAN McMASTER
GOVERNOR

June 2, 2025

The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Nomination of Tony Cox; Docket No.: DOT-OST-2025-0038; U.S. Department of Transportation Advisory Board

Dear Secretary Duffy:

It is my privilege to submit a letter of nomination on behalf of Tony K. Cox for the USDOT Advisory Board. Mr. Cox has served the state of South Carolina in a variety of capacities, and his work has been instrumental in advancing many crucial projects that improved the quality of life for American families and brought to life President Trump's vision for big, beautiful infrastructure. Here are just a few of the career achievements I think will make him an asset to your board:

- More than 35 years as a successful real estate developer and Executive Vice President of Burroughs and Chapin Company in Myrtle Beach, helping develop the Grand Strand into the national destination it is today.
- Led the development efforts on the Multi-County Park Expansion of Myrtle Beach, transforming more than 20,000 acres into a residential and commercial development including a 200-acre mall, 350-acre commercial resort complex and numerous retail and commercial centers. In addition, the project had a large infrastructure component, expanding and improving the road network for residents and visitors to a booming area.
- Served on the RIDE Committee for Horry County, locally driving large-scale projects and creatively leveraging money to make transformative infrastructure improvements in the region.
- Elected as Chairman of the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission twice during his eight-year tenure. Provided oversight and leadership for tremendous reform of statewide legislation to advance transportation in South Carolina and deliver projects quickly.

- Graduated the University of South Carolina with a B.A. in Public Administration, Certified Commercial Investment Member, and recipient of the Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian honor in the state of South Carolina.

As the Co-Chair of the National Governors Association Economic Development and Revitalization Task Force, I fully endorse Mr. Tony K. Cox as an impressive nominee from South Carolina who shares the vision of the Trump Administration. I affirm that this nominee meets all of the Committee eligibility requirements, and I have included his contact information below at your request. I appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this nomination. Please do not hesitate to call on me if I can be of assistance to you on this and other endeavors.

Yours Very Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry Dargan McMaster". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Henry" being the most prominent.

Henry Dargan McMaster

Contact Information for Nominee Tony K. Cox

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