

May 28, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Duffy:

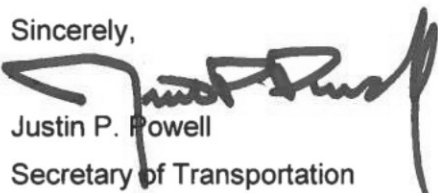
On behalf of the South Carolina Department of Transportation and the South Carolina Ports Authority, I want to extend an invitation to you and your team to join us in Charleston, South Carolina for a visit to show you the progress we are making in South Carolina. We are working collaboratively with our industry partners and entities like the Ports Authority to advance the Administration's priorities for safety, efficient delivery of innovative projects, and a focus on developing infrastructure that supports America's families with nearly \$7 billion in construction underway since 2017. The South Carolina Ports Authority is the 8th largest US container port, proactively investing in infrastructure and capacity.

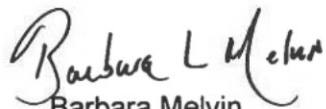
A few sites of interest for your consideration include the Wando Welch Terminal, the I-526 project corridor, and the Lowcountry Bus Rapid Transit Corridor. It would be a chance to see innovative economic and workforce development happening on the ground here. If you are able to arrange a visit to Charleston, our staff will work closely together with yours to ensure we make the most of your time here.

We were pleased to host Deputy Secretary Bradbury in South Carolina earlier this year during our inaugural Southern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) Emergency Response and Recovery Peer Exchange. In addition to addressing members of the 15 state departments of transportation at the conference, the Deputy Secretary also had an opportunity to tour the Boeing Plant and see firsthand the manufacturing economy powering South Carolina.

We appreciate your continued support of our work here in South Carolina and in the Southeastern region. I look forward to our continued partnership.

Sincerely,


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