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The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
United States Senate
170 Russell Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
United States Senate
530 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Capito and Senator Whitehouse:

The American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) supports the nomination of Mr. Sean McMaster to be administrator of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). We urge the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee to consider and favorably report his nomination as soon as possible.

Because of leadership from you and many of your colleagues in the 2021 reauthorization of the federal surface transportation programs, FHWA is currently responsible for administering historic levels of federal-aid highway funding. Mr. McMaster is well prepared for that challenge, and we are also confident he will work with stakeholder partners in identifying and implementing reforms necessary for expediting the delivery of transportation improvement projects.

Mr. McMaster's professional background includes senior positions at the U.S. Department of Transportation, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and high-profile industry companies. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. McMaster served as a key contact for ARTBA in Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao's office. During that difficult period, he was among those working with us to ensure transportation projects continued moving forward while safeguarding worker safety and health.

We believe Mr. McMaster will bring this thoughtful, collaborative approach to FHWA, emphasizing safety, innovation and cost-effectiveness. We hope to begin working with him again soon.

Thank you for considering our views on Mr. McMaster's nomination.

Sincerely,

David C. Bauer
President and CEO