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Biography:

J. Bruce Bugg, Jr. is the current Chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission, that oversees the statewide activities of TxDOT. He was appointed by Governor Greg Abbott as commissioner on Feb. 13, 2015 and confirmed by the Texas Senate for a six-year term. On Sept. 19, 2017, Governor Abbott appointed Bugg as chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission. On Feb. 23, 2021, Governor Abbott reappointed Bugg to a new six-year term to continue serving as chairman and was confirmed by the Texas Senate. His current term is to expire on the date of Feb. 1, 2027.

Previously, he was appointed to serve as chairman and president of the Texas Economic Development Corporation and a senior advisor to Governor Perry on the State of Texas' economic development strategies and initiatives from 2012 to 2014. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Bugg was appointed to serve as the governor's appointee on the Board of Directors of Humanities Texas.

He is the chairman, president, and chief executive officer of Southwest Bancshares, Inc., a Texas bank holding company for Texas Partners Bank, and chairman and chief executive officer of Texas Partners Bank. In addition, Bugg also serves as chairman and chief executive officer of Argyle Investment Co., L.L.C., a private investment firm.

Bugg is also chairman and trustee of The Tobin Endowment, a private charitable foundation, in San Antonio, Texas and founding chairman and co-founder of the Bexar County Performing Arts Center Foundation, owner of the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts in San Antonio.

He currently serves as a trustee of the Board of Trustees of the McNay Art Museum, a member of the Board of Directors of the Texas Cultural Trust, and a member of the Board of Directors of The Santa Fe Opera in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He is a former board member of San Antonio Chamber of Commerce and former officer and trustee of the Texas Research and Technology Foundation.

Chairman Bugg is a member of the State Bar of Texas and holds juris doctorate and Bachelor of Business Administration degrees from Southern Methodist University. He is married to Alethea Bugg and has two sons, Jim and Tom. Bugg is an Eagle Scout.

Statement:

I, Greg Abbott, affirm that the nominee, J. Bruce Bugg, Jr., meets all advisory board eligibility requirements.

Signature:



Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas



May 21, 2025

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

RE: Nomination to U.S. Department of Transportation Advisory Board, Docket No. DOT-OST-2025-0038

Dear Secretary Duffy,

I am writing to express my strong support for the nomination of J. Bruce Bugg, Jr. to the U.S. Department of Transportation Advisory Board. As Chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission, he leads a five-member body that oversees the transportation vision and priorities of Texas, including the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and its more than 13,000 dedicated employees.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Chairman Bugg for nearly thirty years. Over that time, I have watched him become a respected leader in transportation for one of our nation's largest and fastest-growing states. Under his leadership, TxDOT builds, maintains, and operates over 200,000 miles of roadway and 56,000 bridges. Just last year, Chairman Bugg led the approval of a record-setting \$148 billion 10-year infrastructure investment to meet Texas's growing demands. Time and again, he has demonstrated his ability to deliver critical transportation projects for Texans.

As the former Secretary of Commerce under President George W. Bush, I understand how a strong economy depends on a robust transportation system—to create jobs, promote American goods, and connect residents to vital services. Chairman Bugg shares these goals. He has prioritized reducing congestion in Texas's metro areas while also securing historic funding for rural regions. He understands that there is no one-size-fits-all approach to transportation—especially in communities like mine in the Permian Basin.

Texas's transportation system plays a vital role in supporting the state's energy sector. Under Chairman Bugg's leadership, the 2025 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) includes \$2.7 billion for safety and maintenance on state highways in energy-producing regions, with \$1.3 billion allocated directly to the Permian Basin. As a member of the Advisory Board, he would be a strong advocate for giving states and local communities the flexibility to use federal funding in ways that best address their unique needs.

I respectfully urge you to give his nomination your highest consideration. There is no transportation challenge that Texas has not taken on, and the U.S. Department of Transportation would greatly benefit from Chairman Bugg's vast experience and insight.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Don Evans', written over a horizontal line.

Don Evans
Chairman, Permian Strategic Partnership

cc: J. Bruce Bugg, Jr., Chairman, Texas Transportation Commission