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Office of the Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: U.S. Department of Transportation Advisory Board and solicitation of nominations for membership,  
Docket No.: DOT-OST-2025-0038

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of the American Public Works Association (APWA) and its 32,000 members across North America, we nominate City of Milwaukee Public Works Commissioner Jerrel Kruschke, PE, to serve as a member of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Advisory Board. APWA is a member organization serving those who design, build, operate and maintain our nation's vast infrastructure network. Our members serve in both the public and private sectors with expertise at the local, state and federal government levels and is the only association representing all facets of public works.

As a member of the USDOT Advisory Board, Commissioner Kruschke would bring a wealth of experience and expertise gained by serving at the local government level for a major metropolitan area. Below is a summary of his experience and background that we believe will be an asset to the Advisory Board.

Jerrel Kruschke is the current Commissioner of Public Works for the City of Milwaukee. As Commissioner he heads the Department of Public Works with an annual operating and capital budget of approximately \$520 million and more than 2,000 employees in four divisions: Administrative Services, Infrastructure Services, Operations, and Water (Milwaukee Water Works). With more than 20 years' experience in construction and management, he most recently served as Interim Commissioner of Public Works until he was selected, and unanimously confirmed, for the permanent role on September 1, 2022.

Jerrel first joined the Mayor's Cabinet in January 2021, upon his appointment as City Engineer. As City Engineer, he led the Infrastructure Services Division, which includes local road construction, the city parks division (MKE Parks), street lighting, sewer engineering, and facilities management for city properties including City Hall. He previously served as Public Works Coordination Manager for the City of Milwaukee, where he oversaw public works permitting and managed the public works aspects

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of special projects. First coming to the City of Milwaukee Department of Public Works (DPW) in 2007, Jerrel's career also includes positions as Street Services Manager, Structural Design Manager, Central Drafting and Records Manager, and Structural Design Project Manager. In addition to leading the DPW, Commissioner Kruschke serves on the City's Capital Improvements Committee, which is responsible for reviewing and approving capital funding allocations. In 2024, when Milwaukee hosted the Republican National Convention, he played a key role in ensuring the city's infrastructure and essential services were fully prepared to accommodate the influx of visitors. This included planning and coordination around parking, traffic flow, and other critical logistical needs. Commissioner Kruschke currently serves on the Menomonee Valley Partners Board of Directors and is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Wisconsin. A proud graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Jerrel earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering after years of part-time studies as he transitioned from a successful career in the trades as a carpenter.

Currently as part of APWA, Commissioner Kruschke is a member of our Big Cities and Counties Forum which brings together public works leaders serving cities and counties of large populations.

Local government leaders balance resources and services directly affecting the daily lives of those they serve. As outlined, Commissioner Kruschke's experience and his being responsible for providing essential services and successfully operating and maintaining the interconnected infrastructure for the City of Milwaukee will make him a highly effective Advisory Board member. He possesses a keen understanding and strategic mindset to help the Advisory Board achieve its stated goals of identifying key investment opportunities in transportation technology and innovation, providing insights into regulatory and policy improvements to enhance efficiency and reduce bureaucratic obstacles, and advising public-private partnerships needed to maximize funding and impact.

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Thank you for your time and consideration of APWA's nomination of Commissioner Kruschke to serve on the USDOT Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dominick A. Longobardi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "L".

Dominick A. Longobardi  
APWA President

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Scott D. Grayson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "S" and "G".

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