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U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy Confirmed by Senate



Photo: Sean Duffy Speaks during his confirmation hearing for U.S. Secretary of Transportation on January 28, 2025.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Sean Duffy was confirmed as the U.S. Secretary of Transportation on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, by a Senate vote of 77-22. He now joins a list of key cabinet officials including Marco Rubio (State), John Ratcliffe (CIA), Pete Hegseth (Defense), Kristi Noem (Homeland Security), Scott Bessent (Treasury), Lee Zeldin (EPA Administrator), and Doug Burgum (Interior Secretary, the most recent confirmation). The Navajo Nation welcomes opportunities to collaborate with Secretary Duffy and the Department of Transportation (DOT) to advance infrastructure improvements and transportation initiatives that will benefit the Navajo Nation and tribal nations across the United States.

As Secretary of Transportation, Duffy will oversee the nation's vast transportation infrastructure, while setting safety standards for trains, automobiles, and commercial trucking. His confirmation comes at a time where the country grapples with increased demands for modernized infrastructure and improved transportation safety—issues that are often exacerbated in rural areas of the United States like the Navajo Nation.

A Wisconsin native and father of eleven, Duffy served as the U.S. Representative for Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District from 2011 to 2019 and was re-elected in November 2024 before accepting his cabinet nomination. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota and a J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law. Beyond politics, Duffy shares an unconventional background with President Trump, having been a former reality TV personality and ESPN commentator. Most recently, he co-hosted "The Bottom-Line" on Fox News.

In his first act as Secretary, Duffy rolled back fuel mileage standards previously enacted by the Biden administration, signaling a shift in regulatory priorities aimed at reducing industry restrictions. With transportation infrastructure playing an increasingly role in economic development and quality of life for the Navajo people, the Navajo Nation looks forward to potentially working with Secretary Duffy to advocate for highway improvements, rural road safety, tribal transit systems, and greater access to air travel for Navajo communities.

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