

December 14, 2018

Judith S. Kaleta
Designated Agency Ethics Official and
Deputy General Counsel
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. Kaleta:

I am committed to the highest standards of ethical conduct for government officials. The purpose of this letter is to describe the steps that I will take to avoid any actual or apparent conflict of interest in the event that I am confirmed for the position of Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration at the U.S. Department of Transportation.

As required by 18 U.S.C. § 208(a), I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter in which I know that I have a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the matter, or in which I know that a person whose interests are imputed to me has a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the matter, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualify for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2). I understand that the interests of the following persons are imputed to me: any spouse or minor child of mine; any general partner of a partnership in which I am a limited or general partner; any organization in which I serve as officer, director, trustee, general partner or employee; and any person or organization with which I am negotiating or have an arrangement concerning prospective employment.

Within 90 days of my confirmation, I will divest from interests in the following funds: Blackstone Strategic Partners Secondaries VII Trust Class A, Blackstone Alternatives Solution IV, L.P., and SOF Global Real Estate XI, L.P. With regard to each of these funds, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to my knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of these funds or their underlying holdings until I have divested them, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualify for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2).

In addition, within 90 days of my confirmation, I will divest my interests in the following municipal bonds: Maine Municipal Bond Bank bonds and the Ohio State Infrastructure Bank bond. Until I divest these interests, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to my knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the marketability or market resale value of any of these bonds or on the ability or willingness of the issuers to pay their debt obligations to me, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualify for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2).

I understand that I may be eligible to request a Certificate of Divestiture for qualifying assets and that a Certificate of Divestiture is effective only if obtained prior to divestiture. Regardless of

whether I receive a Certificate of Divestiture, I will ensure that all divestitures discussed in this agreement occur within 90 days of confirmation and that all proceeds are invested in non-conflicting assets.

If I have a managed account or otherwise use the services of an investment professional during my appointment, I will ensure that the account manager or investment professional obtains my prior approval on a case-by-case basis for the purchase of any assets other than cash, cash equivalents, investment funds that qualify for the exemption at 5 C.F.R. § 2640.201(a), or obligations of the United States.

I will meet in person with you on the first day of my service in the position of Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration to complete the initial ethics briefing required under 5 C.F.R. § 2638.305. If circumstances do not permit a first-day meeting, I will meet with you during the first week of my service. Within 90 days of my confirmation, I will also document my compliance with this ethics agreement by notifying you in writing when I have completed the steps described in this ethics agreement.

I understand that as an appointee I will be required to sign the Ethics Pledge (Exec. Order No. 13770) and that I will be bound by the requirements and restrictions therein in addition to the commitments I have made in this ethics agreement.

I have been advised that this ethics agreement will be posted publicly, consistent with 5 U.S.C. § 552, on the website of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics with ethics agreements of other Presidential nominees who file public financial disclosure reports.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nicole R. Nason".

Nicole R. Nason