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# Memorandum

Subject: **INFORMATION:** Notification of Status Review  
of the Designated High-Speed Rail Corridors  
Project Number: 02C3006C000

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The Office of Inspector General will conduct a review of the designated high-speed rail corridors in the United States. The objective is to assess the status of each of the designated corridors, focusing on demand studies performed to date, expense projections, estimated capital requirements, and proposed implementation schedules. Additionally, we will evaluate the implications these projects may have on Amtrak and options for restructuring passenger rail service.

The review will be conducted in Washington D.C. and selected field sites. We will collect information by analyzing reports and conducting interviews of key staff associated with these projects, including the Federal Railroad Administration, state Departments of Transportation, Amtrak, freight railroads, and other organizations. Stuart Metzger, Program Director for this assignment, will arrange an entrance conference through your audit liaison.

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